

**WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW  
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA**

**BUSINESS BOOT CAMP V  
(BBC V)**

**Friday, Jan. 31, 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM + Pau Hana  
Saturday, Feb. 1, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
In-Person Classes and Panels in Room CR2 & via Zoom**

This non-credit course offered live and via Zoom, introduces law school students to basic financial and business concepts. The idea is to lay the groundwork for the students' law school commercial and business courses and to help build financial literacy.

The Business Boot Camp, now in its fifth iteration, is an initiative promoted by **Dean Camille Nelson**. **Profs. Charles D. Booth** and **Miyoko Pettit-Toledo** are organizing the course. **Prof. Booth** will moderate the class sessions and the Richardson Faculty lunch panel and **Profs. Pettit-Toledo** and **Garrett I. Halydier** will moderate the professional panels.

Please review **Appendix 1**, which contains brief biographies for each speaker, and **Appendix 2**, which lists all Richardson business classes offered over the last few years.

Richardson students who complete the course will receive a Certificate of Completion to add to their resume.

If students cannot attend all the sessions, please join those of most interest to you!

**Friday, Jan. 31, 2025**

**I. Registration 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM**

Students who sign-in and attend all BBC V sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion.

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## II. Session 1: Welcome and Introduction to the Fundamentals of Business Law 9:00 AM – 9:50 AM

Introduction to BBC V and the fundamental financial and business law concepts and skills covered during the sessions.

**Dean Camille Nelson** will provide opening remarks. **Prof. Charles D. Booth** will provide an overview of BBC V, introduce basic financial concepts, and discuss how to develop financial and business literacy and basic commercial skill sets.

## III. Session 2: Business Formation, Association, and Basic Tax Concepts 10:00 AM – 11:40 AM

In the context of setting up a business, **Dean Nicholas A. Mirkay** and **Prof. Justin D. Levinson** will discuss basic taxation concepts and basic business association concepts.

## IV. Session 3: Lunch Panel: The Business Law Curriculum and Library Resources at Richardson 11:50 AM – 1:30 PM

**Prof. Charles D. Booth** will provide an overview of the business law curriculum at the Richardson School of Law. See **Appendix 2**. He will then introduce the Richardson Business Law professors: **Alina Ng Boyte, Eduardo Capulong, Richard C. Chen, The Honorable Robert J. Faris, Mark A. Levin, Justin D. Levinson, Emile Loza de Siles, Miyoko Pettit-Toledo, Melissa Stewart, and Richard Wallsgrove**; and **Dean Nicholas A. Mirkay** and **Mr. Matthew Stubenberg** – who will introduce themselves, talk about their business experiences and research interests, and preview their upcoming business classes. **Prof. Brian Huffman** will preview the library's business law resources and Richardson's Bloomberg subscription and relevant cutting-edge AI resources.

## V. Session 4: Credit Card Debt 1:40 PM – 2:30 PM

**The Honorable Robert J. Faris** will engage in an interactive presentation about credit card debt and financial literacy.

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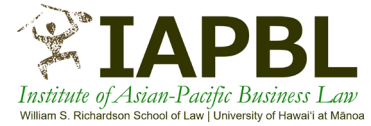
## VI. Session 5: Artificial Intelligence (AI) 2:40 PM – 3:30 PM

**Prof. Emile Loza de Siles** and **Mr. Matthew Stubenberg** will discuss AI issues that lawyers must be aware of and may expect to address in their business or government law careers. Attorneys have vital strategic, advocacy, and advising roles in responsible AI development, procurement, use, and compliance. This session will discuss these opportunities and challenges. This session will also look at some of the most popular AI legal tech tools on the market.

## VII. Session 6: Lawyers' Panel: War Stories and the Business of Law 3:50 PM – 5:30 PM

**Prof. Miyoko Pettit-Toledo** will moderate the panel. Panelists include: **Ms. Sherry Broder** (Sherry P. Broder, A Law Corporation); **Mr. Alex Chun** (Associate General Counsel, Hawai'i Gas); **Ms. Lea Hong** (Vice-President & Hawaiian Islands State Director, Trust for Public Land); **Mr. Jordan Inafuku** (McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP); **Ms. Lauren Kagawa** (Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher); **Mr. William Kaneko** (Dentons US LLP); and **Mr. Ted N. Pettit** (Pettit Law Hawai'i LLLC). The panel will discuss the business of law: how firms operate and grow, what makes a good associate, legal jobs beyond the law firm (like compliance work), and the importance of business law for public interest work.

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## Pau Hana Business Mixer for All Attendees 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM

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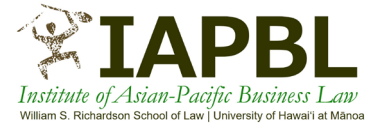
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**Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025**

**I. Registration: 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM**

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**II. Session 7: Bankruptcy Law  
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM**

The Honorable Robert J. Faris and Prof. Charles D. Booth will discuss basic bankruptcy concepts under Chapters 7, 11, and 13 of the US Bankruptcy Code; the effect of COVID-19 on filing rates and post-COVID developments; and difficulties in discharging student loans in bankruptcy.

**III. Session 8: Reading Financial Statements  
10:00 AM – 11:40 AM**

Ms. Lauren Sharkey (Case Lombardi) and Prof. Garrett I. Halydier will offer an introduction to reading balance sheets, cash flow statements, and financial statements.

**IV. Lunch - 11:50 AM – 12:40 PM**

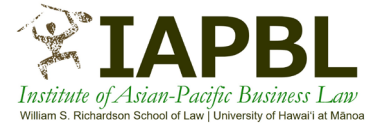
**V. Session 9: Real Estate Acquisitions and Financing  
12:50 PM – 2:10 PM**

Ms. Andrea K. Ushijima (Cades Schutte, LLP) and Mr. Tod Z. Tanaka (Schneider Tanaka Radovich Andrew & Tanaka LLLC) will discuss commercial real estate acquisitions and financing from the perspective of the acquiring borrower and lenders. They will review the process involved in the acquisition of a property for development into a mixed-use condominium project and the financing of the property acquisition and construction of the project.

**VI. Session 10: Lawyers' Panel: Corporate Counsel – Inside and Out  
2:20 PM – 4:00 PM**

Prof. Garrett I. Halydier will moderate the panel. Panelists include Ms. Nicole Kalajian (Rimon Law); Ms. Tracey Lesetar-Smith (TLSK Advisory); Mr. Brandon H.P. Lin (SPQ

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Asia Capital); **Prof. Rob Robinson** (Shidler College of Business; Hawaii Angels); and **Mr. Eric M. Van Horn** (Spencer Fane LLP).

The panel will help law students better appreciate the broader business context of legal decision-making, the role of lawyers in advising corporations on complex transactions, and some of the crunchier details of investment finance. These topics are valuable for lawyers who will interact with businesses in the course of practice, whether during corporate representation, civil litigation, non-profit management, or government regulatory work.

## Appendix 1: Speaker Biographies

**PROFESSOR CHARLES D. BOOTH** (BA, Yale University, 1981 (*summa cum laude* & Phi Beta Kappa); JD, Harvard Law School, 1984 (*cum laude*)) is the Michael J. Marks Distinguished Professor in Business Law and the Founding Director of the Institute of Asian-Pacific Business Law (IAPBL) at the Richardson School of Law. His primary research interests are comparative and cross-border insolvency and commercial law, with a focus on Asia. After law school, he practiced at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton on Wall Street (1984-1986), taught at the Richardson School of Law (1986-1989), taught in the Faculty of Law at the University of Hong Kong (1989-2005) and returned to the Richardson School of Law in 2006. He regularly teaches Secured Transactions and also teaches Debtors' and Creditors' Rights and Corporate Reorganization, Asian-Pacific Insolvency Law, International Business Law in Asia, and Comparative Law. He is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, a Member of the International Academy of Commercial and Consumer Law, and a Founding Member of the International Insolvency Institute. He has co-authored: *A Global View of Business Insolvency Systems* (2010); the *Hong Kong Corporate Insolvency Manual* (4th ed, 2018); and the *Hong Kong Personal Insolvency Manual* (3rd ed, 2023). He frequently serves as a consultant on insolvency and commercial law reform and training projects for many international organizations, including the World Bank Group, the IMF and the Asian Development Bank. He recently contributed to the new Lao Law on Rehabilitation and Bankruptcy of Enterprises and supporting regulations and co-led World Bank insolvency training seminars for judges and insolvency professionals in Beijing and Phnom Penh. He is an Advisor to the Hawai'i Bankruptcy Bar Association Board and a Member of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Center for Chinese Studies Executive Committee.

**PROFESSOR ALINA NG BOYTE** (LLB, University of London, 1995; LLM, University of Cambridge, 1996; JSM, Stanford Law School, 2000; JSD, Stanford Law School, 2004) is a Professor of Law at the Richardson School of Law, where she teaches property, land use law, urban planning and design and sustainable development, and advanced courses in intellectual property. Her research and scholarship interests include the intersection between property rights, including real and intellectual property, and sustainable development. Her work has appeared in the *Texas A&M Journal of Property Law*, *Wake Forest Journal of Business and Intellectual Property Law*, and *NYU Journal of Legislation and Public Policy*. She is working on a first-year property book on Property and Environmental Social Governance. Before joining the Richardson faculty, she was the J. Will Young Professor of Law at the Mississippi College School of Law, where she taught property and intellectual property law courses. While in Mississippi, she also founded the Changemaker Institute, a public benefit corporation supporting social entrepreneurship.

**Ms. SHERRY P. BRODER** (BA, Wellesley College, 1970 (Wellesley Scholar); JD, Boalt Hall, University of California at Berkeley, 1975 (Highest Honors & Order of the Coif)) is a legal practitioner concentrating in complex civil litigation – trials, appeals, and class actions, personal injury, medical malpractice, products liability, international law, ocean law,



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environmental law, human rights, and rights of Native Hawaiians and other indigenous people. She has extensive experience in Hawai'i real estate and business transactions and litigation, administrative law, land development, and water rights and has advised some of Hawai'i's largest hotels and resorts. She serves as a mediator, an arbitrator and a hearings officer for state and federal government agencies, the Hawai'i Supreme Court, and private parties. She was the first woman President of the Hawai'i State Bar Association and was the 2016 President of the Federal Bar Association for the District of Hawai'i. She was selected as a Finalist by Public Justice for the Trial Lawyer of the Year Award in 1994, 1995, and 1997 and was selected by the ABA as the 1992 Solo Practitioner of the Year. In 2015, the ABA awarded her the Solo and Small Firm Lifetime Achievement Award. She is a Lecturer in Law at the Richardson School of Law and teaches International Law and Ocean Law. She is currently the Chair of the Commission on Clean Water and Natural Resources, City and County of Honolulu.

**PROFESSOR EDUARDO R.C. CAPULONG** (BA, New York University, 1986; JD, City University of New York School of Law, 1991 (Patricia Harris Roberts Scholar/Davis-Putter Fellow)) directs the Richardson School of Law's experiential learning program, which consists of in-house clinics, externships, and simulation courses. Prior to joining Richardson, he was a professor, lawyering program director, and interim dean at CUNY Law; professor and associate dean for clinical and experiential education at the University of Montana Alexander Blewett III School of Law; lawyering professor at NYU Law; and public interest and public policy programs director and lecturer in law and urban studies at Stanford Law School. He was also a visiting professor at the University of the Philippines College of Law; China Youth University for Political Studies; and Universidad de Granada Facultad de Derecho, where he helped launch the school's first clinical course. Before joining the academy, he was a litigator, policy analyst, and community organizer for various nonprofits, including the Center for Constitutional Rights, Chinese Staff and Workers' Association, Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence, Community Service Society, Northern California Coalition for Immigrant Rights, Philippine Center for Immigrant Rights, and Public Interest Law Center (Manila). He is the former Karparkin Fellow at the American Civil Liberties Union and *pro se* law clerk at the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He was also co-chair of the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education and has served on the boards of the Montana ACLU, Society of American Law Teachers, National Lawyers Guild (San Francisco), International Endowment for Democracy, Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice, and Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund. He teaches and writes in the areas of legal education, lawyering, professional identity formation, law and social justice, race and racism, and dispute resolution.

**PROFESSOR RICHARD C. CHEN** (AB, Harvard University, 2002 (*cum laude*); JD, Harvard Law School, 2009 (*magna cum laude*)) is an Associate Professor of Law and Director of International Programs at the Richardson School of Law, where he teaches Contracts, Equitable Remedies, and International Economic Law. After law school, he clerked for the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and practiced in complex business litigation at Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP in Los Angeles. His research focuses on international



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investment law and international arbitration, as well as on precedent and judicial decision-making. His scholarship has appeared in the *Harvard Law Review*, *Yale Journal of International Law*, *Harvard International Law Journal*, and *Virginia Journal of International Law*.

**MR. ALEX CHUN** (BA, University of Washington, 2015; JD, Richardson School of Law, 2018) is the Associate General Counsel at Hawai'i Gas. He works on a variety of legal and regulatory matters and has responsibility in managing Hawai'i Gas' contracts program and the majority of Hawai'i Gas' litigation and claims, and in providing primary legal assistance to Hawai'i Gas' Sales and Pipeline Operations Departments. He is also the coordinator of the Hawai'i Gas' legal internship program, which invites a selected Richardson student to spend a summer in Hawai'i Gas' in-house legal and regulatory departments. He began his legal career at Carlsmith Ball, LLP, before moving to Watanabe Ing, LLP, where his practice was primarily focused on commercial litigation and corporate matters. He was included in the Hawai'i Super Lawyers®, "Rising Star" list in the practice area of Alternative Dispute Resolution (2021-2022) and in The Best Lawyers in America®, Ones to Watch list (2023) in the practice area of Commercial Litigation, and he was accepted as a fellow into the 2024 cohort of the Hawai'i State Bar Association Leadership Institute.

**THE HONORABLE ROBERT J. FARIS (US BANKRUPTCY COURT, DISTRICT COURT OF HAWAI'I)** (BA, Reed College, 1980 (Phi Beta Kappa); JD, Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, 1983 (Order of the Coif)) is a US Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Hawai'i. From 1983 until 2002, he practiced with a Honolulu law firm, emphasizing bankruptcy, insolvency, and commercial litigation. He became a bankruptcy judge in February 2002 and a member of the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in 2015. He is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and is a Lecturer in Law at the Richardson School of Law, where he teaches Debtors' and Creditors' Rights and Corporate Reorganization.

**PROFESSOR GARRETT I. HALYDIER** (BS, Liberty University, 2008; MBA, Liberty University, 2009; JD, Richardson School of Law, 2015 (*magna cum laude*)) is an Assistant Professor of Law at Ohio Northern University. He teaches courses in Business Organizations, Securities Law, Secured Transactions, Small Business & Entrepreneurship, and Cannabis Law. He previously was a Visiting Assistant Professor and Interim Director of Bar & Academic Success and the Deputy Director of IAPBL at the Richardson School of Law where he taught Business Law, Cannabis Law, Secured Transactions, Legal Analysis, and Bar Preparation, and coached the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court team. He maintains his own law firm serving corporate, real estate, and cannabis industry clients and provides business development consulting for small law firms. He was recently awarded Teacher of the Year by Kaplan, Inc., for his ongoing international work as an elite private test tutor. He previously founded the Hawai'i Dispensary Alliance, a trade association advocating for medical cannabis in Hawai'i; clerked at the Hawai'i Intermediate Court of Appeals; founded an award winning national marketing company;

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and won the Frank S. Harrison Memorial Award for Excellence in Coaching from the United States Naval Academy for coaching a repeat national champion college policy debate team. He writes on US cannabis business law, social equity in the cannabis industry, pharmaceutical industry dynamics, and market design for emerging industries. His work was recently incorporated into Hawai'i's Act 169 Dual-Use of Cannabis Task Force 2022 report to the Hawai'i State Legislature.

**Ms. LEA HONG** (BA, Rice University, 1988; JD, Richardson School of Law, 1991), has been with Trust for Public Land, a national non-profit organization dedicated to conserving land for people, since 2006 and serves as Associate Vice-President & Hawaiian Islands State Director. She previously chaired the environmental and cultural resource law practice group at the Honolulu law firm of Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing (now Dentons) and worked for the Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund's Mid-Pacific Office. She serves on the Friends of the Richardson School of Law Advisory Board and has taught classes on Environmental Litigation, Environmental Regulatory Compliance, and Conservation Transactions. She has been recognized as one of Hawai'i's best environmental lawyers and counts her claim to fame being named a Kama'āina of the Year (for the environment) at the same time as Marcus Mariota! She is from Wahiawā, on the island of O'ahu.

**MR. BRIAN R. HUFFMAN** (BA, Drake University, 1990 (*cum laude*); JD, Drake University Law School, 1993; MLIS, St. Catherine University, 2011) is the Electronic Services Librarian at the Richardson School of Law. Before transitioning to law librarianship, he practiced law, focusing on family law, immigration, and estate planning, and he is admitted to the Minnesota and Federal bars. He manages the law school's Bloomberg Law, Westlaw Precision, and Lexis+ accounts, oversees e-resources, and facilitates legal technology instruction. He also maintains the library's website, coordinates LibGuides, and contributes to the institutional repository and Open Educational Resources (OER) initiatives. An active member of national and local professional organizations, he has served as Chair of the AALL Placement Committee, Legal Information Services to the Public, and Legal Innovation & Technology special interest sections. He is a past President of the Western Pacific Chapter of the AALL and the Hawai'i Library Association. His contributions extend to service on several AALL task forces and committees, emphasizing access to justice and innovation in legal education.

**MR. JORDAN K. INAFUKU** (BA, Stanford, 2007; JD, Richardson School of Law, 2015 (*summa cum laude*)) is a partner in the litigation department at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP. His diverse practice includes complex civil litigation, construction litigation, labor and employment law, insurance defense, administrative law, Native Hawaiian rights, and commercial litigation. He has been recognized as a Hawai'i Super Lawyers®, "Rising Star" (2016-2020), as a lawyer delegate to the US District Court, District of Hawai'i, Judicial Conference (2019-2021), and as a participant in the Hawai'i Federal Trial Academy (2019). He has also successfully argued before the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. When not practicing law, he serves as the Program Head for Boys Volleyball at 'Iolani School and as Assistant Director to Spike & Serve Volleyball

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Club. Jordan was a member of the Stanford men's volleyball team that captured the 2010 NCAA Championship.

**Ms. LAUREN KAGAWA** (BS & BA, Chapman University, 2014; JD, Richardson School of Law, 2018) is a seventh-year associate at the law firm of Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher. She focuses her practice in the areas of real estate and commercial transactions and often assists clients with real estate acquisitions, sales and development, commercial leasing and corporate structuring. Her clients range from small commercial entities to large hotel chains. During her years at Richardson, she served judicial externships with Federal Magistrate Judge Kevin Chang and Circuit Court Judge Bert Ayabe and was a research assistant as a part of the Scholar Advocate Program. She now enjoys serving as an officer on the 'Iolani Alumni Board and volunteers with the Business Law Corps in its partnership with the High Technology Development Corporation and the Patsy T. Mink Center for Business and Leadership to offer free legal advice to small businesses. She has been included in the Hawai'i Super Lawyers®, "Rising Star" list in the practice area of Real Estate Law since 2021. She has also been selected for inclusion to The Best Lawyers in America®, Ones to Watch 2025 list in the practice area of Real Estate Law.

**Ms. NICOLE KALAJIAN** (Chicago Kent School of Law, J.D., and LL.M. in Financial Services Law; DePaul University, B.S., Honors Finance and Honors Economics) is a partner with Rimon Law. Nicole's niche practice is investment management. In this regard, Nicole represents securities and commodities professionals in a variety of regulatory, compliance and corporate matters. She has extensive experience advising private fund clients, including hedge funds, commodity pools, cryptocurrency funds, fund of funds, socially responsible investment vehicles, venture capital funds, private equity funds, and real estate funds. Nicole provides legal, regulatory, and compliance guidance to registered and exempt investment advisers, commodity pool operators (CPOs), commodity trading advisers (CTAs), proprietary trading firms, robo-advisers, and family offices. She drafts offering documents, compliance manuals, business contracts, investment agreements, and advertising materials. Nicole also provides legal and structuring guidance concerning master-feeder structures, domestic and foreign funds, international offerings, separately managed accounts, and robo-adviser platforms. Nicole also represents institutional investors and family offices in analyzing investment opportunities into various types of private funds and other investment vehicles, as well as in negotiating side letters. She further assists investment management clients with industry comment letters and requests for no-action relief, as well as with regulatory examinations, investigations and litigation. Nicole serves as a "Connector", leveraging Rimon's presence in over 50 locations, 11 countries, and 5 continents, as well as local and global alliances, to service the varied needs of her sophisticated client base. Nicole has been recognized by The Leaders Global, Women We Admire and Super Lawyers for her professional achievements. She is a recognized thought leader in the legal industry, and frequently authors content on important legal developments and trends.

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**MR. WILLIAM KANEKO** (BA, University of Puget Sound, 1983; JD, Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America, 1996) is a partner in the Honolulu office of Dentons US LLP, where he advises clients on administrative law, government relations, and public policy. He advises Fortune 500 companies, government agencies and nonprofits on policy, programmatic, and legal issues relating to energy, health care, transportation, technology, real estate, and civil rights. He is widely recognized for his understanding of the legal, regulatory, policy, and political frameworks in which companies and governments exist, and for developing practicable, interdisciplinary solutions to advance key client initiatives. He has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for Government Relations every year since 2009. *Best Lawyers in America* also named him Hawai'i Lawyer of the Year for Government Relations in 2014, 2017, 2021, and 2024.

**Ms. TRACEY LESETAR-SMITH** (BA, Duke University; JD, George Washington University Law School) is the Principal and CEO of TLSK Advisory. Through TLSK Advisory, she consults for media, sports leagues, athlete associations and commissions, health, public safety, and nonprofit growth enterprises on capital funding/raise, go-to-market strategy, partnerships/sponsorships, public affairs, operational efficiency, staffing, and DEI. She is former Senior Vice President and General Counsel of NASCAR, part of the senior-most C-suite overseeing the league through its historic \$4 billion merger, culminating in the addition of twelve massive racetracks to a league portfolio of eight racing series across three continents. She oversaw the reorganization of fifty corporate subsidiaries and was a pivotal decision-maker and crisis manager for NASCAR throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. She also led Government and Community Affairs for NASCAR, both shepherding NASCAR's crucial relationships with public officials and community organizations everywhere that NASCAR holds races and serving as Chairwoman of NASCAR's longstanding corporate PAC. Prior to NASCAR, Tracey was General Counsel and Vice President of Business and Legal Affairs for Bellator MMA (a ViacomCBS property), and later, for ViacomCBS generally. As one of the league's first C-suite leaders, and first woman in this role in history, she helped build Bellator to be one of the fiercest and longest-standing competitors in the MMA space, expanding operations into nine countries, exponentially growing Bellator's global media rights revenue business, spearheading legalization of MMA in France and New York, and ushering in the first legitimate free agency market for MMA athletes in decades. She previously worked on both sides of the regulatory compliance and government affairs relationship, first as a regulator under various elements of the federal government and then as an associate doing compliance work at international firm Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP in California. She recently returned from a twelve-month sabbatical: five suitcases, two children, two adventurous parents, 42,475 miles, three continents, and the adventure of a lifetime.

**PROFESSOR MARK A. LEVIN** (BBA, University of Michigan, 1980; JD, Yale Law School 1983; LLM, University of Washington, 1990) is a Professor of Law and the Director of the Pacific and Asian Legal Studies (PALS) Program at the Richardson School of Law and is concurrently serving as the Director of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Center for Japanese Studies. He came to Hawai'i in January 1997 from the Law Department of

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Hokkaido University in Sapporo, Japan. His interest in Japan began after his 1983 graduation from Yale Law School, when he worked in international business and financial transactions at Masuda and Ejiri, one of the leading Tokyo international law offices at the time. From 1984 to 1986, he clerked for US District Court Judge John C. Coughenour in Seattle, Washington, and then practiced in Seattle for five years as a corporate attorney, representing numerous Japanese clients. He earned an LLM from the University of Washington's Asian Law Program (Japanese Law Emphasis) in 1990. At Richardson, in the business law arena, he has taught Comparative Law, International Business Transactions, International Business Lawyering in Asia, Japanese Business Law, and Sales (UCC Article 2).

**PROFESSOR JUSTIN LEVINSON** (BA, University of Michigan, 1996 (with distinction); JD, UCLA 1999 (Order of the Coif); LLM, Harvard, 2004), Cades Foundation Professor of Law at the Richardson School of Law, is a leader in the field of implicit bias and the law and an expert in psychological decision-making in the legal system. His scholarship, which regularly employs experimental social science methodology, has appeared in the *NYU Law Review*, *Yale Law Journal Forum*, *UCLA Law Review*, and *Duke Law Journal*, and has been cited by multiple state supreme courts, several US Circuit Courts of Appeal, and the US Supreme Court. He served as lead editor of *Implicit Racial Bias Across the Law*, a volume that was published by Cambridge University Press in 2012 (co-edited by Robert J. Smith). He has lectured, taught courses, and trained audiences globally, including in Eastern and Western Europe, East and Southeast Asia, Australia, and the Middle East. He previously practiced corporate law at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto, California. He has served as Visiting Assistant Professor at Beijing University and as a Fellow at the Culture and Cognition Lab at UC Berkeley. He regularly teaches Business Associations, Criminal Law, Law and Psychology, and High Growth Entrepreneurship, and has also taught Corporate Finance and Implicit Bias and the Law.

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**PROFESSOR EMILE LOZA DE SILES** (BS, Oklahoma State; MBA, University of Houston; JD, George Washington University Law School; Cybersecurity Strategy Management Graduate Certificate, Georgetown University; Graduate Data Science Studies, Harvard University) is an Assistant Professor of Law at the Richardson School of Law. She



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teaches Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Social Justice, Intellectual Property, and Real Property; and also sponsors students in cybersecurity, patent bar exam, and other directed graduate studies. Her interdisciplinary scholarship centers on AI and law, emphasizing AI governance; the multiple AI biases associated with these human-machine cognitive AI systems; and AI impacts on social justice, the judiciary, and democracy. Since 2019, she has served on the AI Policy Committee of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the world's largest technology professional association. In 2024, she was appointed to the Inaugural AI and the Courts Committee of the Hawai'i Supreme Court. Since 2020, she has served in leadership roles in the AALS Section on Critical Legal Theories and Section on Minority Groups. She has some twenty years of experience in technology and intellectual property law, representing Cisco Systems, HP, and Accenture. She served in the US Department of Commerce, Office of General Counsel and clerked for the Honorable Sérgio Gutiérrez of the Idaho Court of Appeals and the Honorable Sheila Anthony of the US Federal Trade Commission in Washington, DC. She publishes extensively, including in the *Harvard Latin American Law Review*, *Notre Dame Journal on Emerging Technologies*, *Drake Law Review*, *Fordham Urban Law Journal*, and *Washington & Lee Journal of Civil Rights & Social Justice*. She is a frequent speaker and has addressed audiences at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the US Defense Intelligence Agency, the Thai Judiciary, Ukraine's Dnipro National University, and Serbia's Institute of Economic Sciences.

**DEAN NICHOLAS A. MIRKAY** (BSBA, Saint Louis University, 1989 (*magna cum laude*); JD, University of Missouri, 1992; LLM in Taxation, Georgetown University Law Center, 1996 (with distinction)) is a Professor of Law and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at the Richardson School of Law. Before joining the Richardson faculty in August 2017, he was a Professor of Law at Creighton University School of Law for six years, serving as the Senior Associate Dean for Administration Planning for his last two years. He began his career in academia at the Delaware Law School of Widener University, where he taught for eight years. He has primarily taught tax, trusts & estates, and business law courses. He has received outstanding faculty teaching awards at all three law schools. His scholarship has focused predominantly on tax-exempt nonprofit organizations, with more recent articles addressing the racial wealth gap and racial inequality in tax systems. His scholarly work has been published in the *North Carolina Law Review*, *Northwestern Journal of Law & Social Policy*, *William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal*, and the *Wisconsin Law Review*. He regularly engages in community service, advising and assisting nonprofit organizations on state formation and federal tax exemption, and serves on several non-profit boards of directors. Prior to entering academia, he had over eleven years of experience as a tax and business lawyer in both the federal government and private practice.

**DEAN CAMILLE NELSON** (BA, University of Toronto, 1991; JD, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, 1994 (*magna cum laude*), LLM, Columbia Law School, 2000) joined the Richardson School of Law as Dean in the summer of 2020. She previously served as Dean of American University Washington College of Law (2016-2020) and Dean of

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Suffolk University Law School in Boston (2010-2015). She was also a Professor of Law at the Deane School of Law at Hofstra University (2009-2010), a Dean's Scholar in Residence and Visiting Professor of Law at Washington University in St. Louis School of Law (2008-9), and a Professor of Law at Saint Louis University School of Law (2000-2008). She has taught Contracts, Criminal Law, Torts, Critical Race Theory, Comparative Criminal Law, Transnational Law, Criminal Procedure, and Professional Responsibility. Prior to entering academia, Dean Nelson was a litigator at McCarthy Tétrault (a large Canadian law firm) and clerked for Justice Iacobucci of the Supreme Court of Canada.

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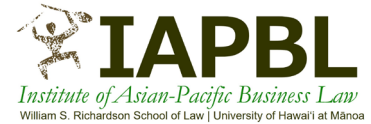
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