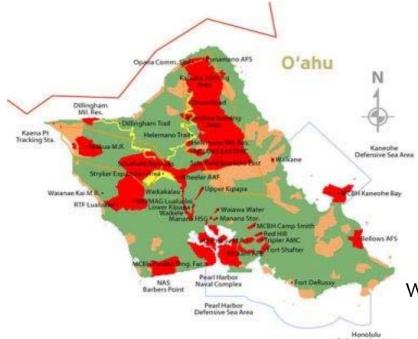
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Tuesday, April 12

Ke Ala Pono – The Path of Justice

Melody Kapilialoha MacKenzie

Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law William S. Richardson School of Law

The recent decisions of the Hawai'i Supreme Court show a willingness to open the courts to the Native Hawaiian community and to consider long-standing historical claims to lands and natural resources. In this talk, Prof. Melody Kapilialoha MacKenzie will analyze the most recent decisions by the Court impacting the "ceded" lands trust, the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, and Native Hawaiian traditional and customary rights. She will also examine several cases working their way through the courts that could have a profound effect on the development of Native Hawaiian law.

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Admission free
Refreshments provided
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