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In 2020, Ms. Nohara returned to private law practice after eighteen years of legal public service with the Principal Legal Advisor for the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in DHS' San Francisco and Honolulu offices. During her tenure with DHS, Ms. Nohara extensively trained attorneys, deportation officers, and special agents, and collaborated with the United States Attorney's Office and local law enforcement on a variety of task forces and issues relating to financial crimes, privacy, and immigration. In 2015, Ms. Nohara received a Director's Award from Sarah Saldaña, former director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement under President Barack Obama.

Ms. Nohara currently represents lenders and borrowers in real estate and asset-based secured transactions and sellers and buyers in various land transactions. She also leads JMY Law Group's immigration practice, with an emphasis on employment, investor, and family-based visas; worksite compliance; and citizenship and nationality law. In 2018, Ms. Nohara earned the designation of Global Mobility Specialist with the Worldwide Employee Relocation Council, demonstrating her commitment to and understanding of, the field of global talent mobility. Prior to her legal public service, she was a litigator in private practice in Honolulu, concentrating in construction and surety litigation.

Published Decisions

- In *United States v. Hartmann Studios, Inc.* (2015), a case before the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer that involved Form I-9 violations, Ms. Nohara successfully litigated a fine in excess of \$600,000 against a large events-planning company in the San Francisco Bay Area.
- In *Matter of Valenzuela Gallardo* (2012), Ms. Nohara was the lead attorney on a brief before the Board of Immigration Appeals, which helped to establish the crime of accessory to a felony as an "aggravated felony" under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Community & Speaking Engagements

- Member, American Immigration Lawyers Association (2020 – present)
- Member, Worldwide ERC (2021 – present)
- Member, Hawaii Japanese Chamber of Commerce (2020 – 2021)
- Member, Hawaii Women Lawyers (2018 – present)

- Guest speaker, “Immigration Consequences of Criminal Activity,” San Mateo County District Attorney’s Office (2016)
- Guest speaker, “Removal Proceedings,” Stanford University Immigrants’ Rights Clinic (2007)
- Volunteer Moot Court Judge, U.C. Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law (2005)
- Board Member, HSBA Young Lawyers’ Division (2001 – 2002)

Education

- B.A., Economics with highest honors, Minor in Spanish, University of Hawaii at Manoa (1993)
 - Presidential Scholarship, University of Hawaii at Manoa (1991)
 - Pacific Asian Management Institute Field Study Abroad – Hong Kong, Thailand, South Korea, Japan (1991)
- J.D., University of California Hastings College of the Law (1996)