
WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR

Education Program Presents

Citizen Suits as a Catalyst for Change

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6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Keoni Auditorium, Imin International Conference Center

The environmental movement in the United States paved the way for keynote laws such as the National Environment Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act, which have become a pillar of US environmental policies. Interpretation of these policies also continues to result in fierce discourse. This week, we will investigate some key events that illustrate how these policies have resulted in an impetus for change in the courts, and how citizen groups have fought for landmark victories. The discussion will also focus on environmental law in Hawaii, and further, how local stewardship at the community level can act as a catalyst for change, particularly through initiatives such as: the North Shore Community Land Trust, the Save Waimea Valley Coalition, and Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea.

Professor Denise E. Antolini joined the Law School faculty in 1996 and served as Director of the nationally recognized Environmental Law Program. She was Chair of the AALS's Environmental Section, chaired the Law School Building Committee, served as a member of the Faculty Senate, and served on the Honolulu City Council's Clean Water and Natural Lands Commission. Her courses have included torts, environmental law, environmental litigation, domestic ocean and coastal law, and legal writing. She advises the Environmental Law Society and the Environmental Law Moot Court Team, which won the national championship in 1999 and top brief awards in 2002 and 2003. She received the 2006 University of Hawai'i Board of Regents' Excellence in Teaching Medal. After a two-year federal district court clerkship in Washington, D.C., she spent eight years practicing public interest law with the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund (now Earthjustice) in Seattle and Honolulu, serving as Managing Attorney of the Honolulu office from 1994 until 1996. She was editor-in-chief of Ecology Law Quarterly at the University of California at Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law.

Refreshments will be served. Please bring your own cup, plate/bowl and utensil. The public is invited to attend. Check out our WES blog - <http://mywes.info/>