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Top Skills

Microsoft Office
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Summer Sylva

Native Hawaiian Rights Advocate
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Experience

U.S. Department of the Interior
Senior Advisor for Native Hawaiian Affairs
October 2021 - Present (2 years 1 month)

Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation
Executive Director
January 2014 - October 2021 (7 years 10 months)
Honolulu, Hawaii

Executive Director/Senior Staff Attorney at the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation (NHLC), Hawai'i's only non-profit law firm dedicated exclusively to Native Hawaiian rights. Litigated for seven years in New York's and Honolulu's private corporate sector before joining NHLC to secure a landmark victory in the State's largest and longest water rights litigation spanning 17 years. Legal and other advocacy statewide includes efforts to protect Native Hawaiian land and water rights, sacred places, traditional and customary practices, prisoners' rights, and entitlement programs.

Bays Lung Rose & Holma
Associate
August 2011 - December 2013 (2 years 5 months)

Holland & Knight LLP
Associate
September 2007 - May 2011 (3 years 9 months)

Education

Cornell Law School
Juris Doctorate (J.D.), Public Law · (2004 - 2007)

Barnard College - Columbia University
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Political Science and Government