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## Gotanda and Moshang of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox to Present at Hawaii State Bar Association 2020 Convention



Gotanda



Moshang

Philadelphia, PA (September 15, 2020) – Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox partners Brenda H. Gotanda and Nicole R. Moshang will serve as panelists at the 2020 Hawaii State Bar Association Annual Bar Convention as part of the Environment, Energy & Resources Section Seminar. The programming will take place virtually on October 16, 2020 from 9 am to 4:30 pm HST. For more details and to register, visit [hsba.org/2020barcon](https://hsba.org/2020barcon).

Moshang will present on “The PFAS Contaminant Conundrum—What You Need to Know” in the morning session. The panel discussion will focus on the emerging family of contaminants and the associated legal and technical issues. Topics will include EPA’s PFAS Action Plan, federal and state regulatory trends, remediation, risk management and litigation.

Gotanda will present on “Indirect Discharges and Clean Water Act Permits—the Supreme Court’s New Functional Equivalent Standard” in the afternoon session. The panel discussion will focus on the federal Clean Water Act’s NPDES permitting framework and provide an analysis of the Supreme Court’s recent decision in *County of Maui*,

*Hawaii v. Hawaii Wildlife Fund*, which created a new standard for evaluating whether a permit is required when pollutants are discharged from a point source to groundwater and conveyed indirectly to navigable waters. The panel will address key aspects of the statutory text and the Supreme Court's decision, including its new "functional equivalent" standard, and explore the potential implications of the decision on current and future permitting, enforcement, and litigation.

Partner Brenda Gotanda has over 25 years of experience representing clients in environmental matters, including wastewater discharge permitting, compliance and enforcement. Her practice addresses a broad range of complex issues involving the regulation of water, waste, air, and chemical substances; business and real estate transactions; sustainability; wastewater and stormwater discharge permitting, TMDL development, and water allocation; site remediation and brownfield redevelopment; occupational safety and health (OSHA); and spill prevention and emergency response. Brenda serves as Co-Chair of the Environmental, Energy & Resources Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association and is a former Co-Chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Environmental Law Committee. She serves on the Board of Directors of ThinkTech Hawaii.

Nicole Moshang is a litigation partner at the firm where she represents clients in the pursuit of and in defense of environmental claims for cost recovery, contribution, natural resource damages, toxic tort, breach of contract, insurance coverage and enforcement and penalty actions under various state and federal statutes. In addition to her litigation practice, she advises clients on a range of environmental matters, including regulatory compliance with federal, state and local regimes. Nicole's clients have ranged from Fortune 500 corporations in an array of business sectors to closely held businesses, sole proprietorships, municipalities, and school districts in a variety of complex environmental litigation matters.

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