

**HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL**  
**KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. 25 - 243

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**RESOLUTION**

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TO RETAIN THE LEGAL SERVICES OF MCCORRISTON MILLER MUKAI MACKINNON, LLP AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT DEFENDANT KEITH MITSUYOSHI KANESHIRO IN THE LEGAL ACTION ENTITLED LAUREL J. MAU V. CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, ET AL.; CIVIL NO. 1:24-CV-00253 GPC-WRP (USDC).

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2024, Plaintiff Laurel J. Mau filed a Complaint ("Lawsuit") against City and County of Honolulu and Keith Mitsuyoshi Kaneshiro; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5-203 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended ("Charter"), "[t]he corporation counsel shall serve as the chief legal adviser and legal representative of all agencies, the council and all officers and employees in matters relating to their official powers and duties"; and

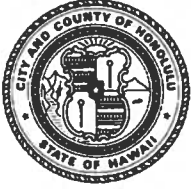
WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Section 5-204.3, "[w]here the corporation counsel has been disqualified, special counsel may be retained by any officer or employee in matters relating to the official powers and duties of such officer or employee"; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Corporation Counsel has determined that there is a real and identifiable conflict of interest which prohibits it from representing Defendant Keith Mitsuyoshi Kaneshiro; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, it is necessary to appoint and retain a Special Counsel to represent and defend Defendant Keith Mitsuyoshi Kaneshiro in the Lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon, LLP possesses the specialized legal knowledge and expertise to defend Defendant Keith Mitsuyoshi Kaneshiro as Special Counsel in the Lawsuit; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that pursuant to Sections 5-203 and 5-204.3 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended, the Council authorizes the appointment and retention of McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon, LLP as Special Counsel to represent Defendant Keith Mitsuyoshi Kaneshiro in the lawsuit filed on June 14, 2024 by Plaintiff Laurel J. Mau ("Lawsuit"); and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total sum to be expended to pay Special Counsel shall not exceed Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), but this amount may be increased by the Council if it is satisfied with the justification made upon the recommendation of the Corporation Counsel for an increase in the stated maximum amount; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Counsel may be paid monthly for its services, provided that it submits to the Department of the Corporation Counsel an itemized statement reflecting the specific services rendered, together with the total number of hours billed for the specific services at one-tenth of an hour, and the Department of the Corporation Counsel reviews and approves the statements before any payments may be made by the City and County of Honolulu; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services is authorized to execute a contract with McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon, LLP for the legal representation of Defendant Keith Mitsuyoshi Kaneshiro in the Lawsuit; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Corporation Counsel and the law firm of McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon, LLP, Five Waterfront Plaza, 4th Floor, 500 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

AUG 21 2025

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 08/21/25 By: SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO - BY REQUEST Committee: INTERNATIONAL & LEGAL AFFAIRS (ILA)

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Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

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08/20/25	ILA	Reported out for adoption.  CR-289  9 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO*, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER
08/21/25	INTRO	Introduced.
09/03/25	CCL	Committee report and Resolution were adopted.  9 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER

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I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
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GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

  
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TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER