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GOODSILL ATTORNEYS STAFF HONOLULU ACCESS TO JUSTICE ROOM THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JUNE 2020

(Honolulu, Hawaii – July 10, 2020) – Goodsill partners and associates provided over 36 hours of pro bono legal services to Hawaii residents during the month of June, covering 18 shifts for the Honolulu Access to Justice Room. The Honolulu Access to Justice Room aims to increase access to the legal system for self-represented litigants, and is a collaborative project of the Hawaii State Judiciary, the Hawaii Access to Justice Commission, the Hawaii State Bar Association, and the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii.

Although Access to Justice Room services are usually provided by volunteer attorneys at the Honolulu District Court, the Honolulu Access to Justice Room has had to move to a remote phone-and-email model during the COVID-19 pandemic. Adapting to the different format, Goodsill attorneys assisted clients with landlord-tenant, contract, bankruptcy, and district court claims by phone throughout the month of June, providing follow-up services by email if and when needed.

“Last month, the clients called in to the Access to Justice Room with legal issues running the gamut. Among others, we helped an individual trying to recover money from a closing business; elderly landlords looking for advice to deal with abusive tenants during the eviction moratorium; and individuals and small businesses with bankruptcy and landlord-tenant questions,” said Jennifer Chin, a Goodsill attorney who coordinates the firm’s volunteer shifts with the Honolulu Access to Justice Room. “Although the District Court was mostly taking only emergency hearings in June, many of the callers sought information and advice about their legal options – currently, but also when legal claims are moving forward in the courts again. The important thing is that self-represented litigants stay informed and get the advice they need regarding their rights, their claims, their defenses, their legal remedies, and the applicable legal procedures.”

“The Access to Justice Room provides such a vital service to our community – we are happy to do our part to help the community during this difficult and uncertain time,” said Calvin Young, Goodsill’s Pro Bono Coordinator and a partner with the firm. “We are truly all in this together.”

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For more information about the Honolulu Access to Justice Room, [click here](#).

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