

# Professional Profile Michelle H. Tucker

CFP®, JD/EPLS, CPA/PFS, AEP®

#### **Professional History**

Founded Registered Investment Advisor firm Tucker Wealth Management, Inc., fka Golden Years Retirement Specialists, Inc. to provide independent investment advice, 2007 to Present

Certified Financial Planner™, 2006

Certified Fraud Examiner, 2004 - 2008

Founded Registered Investment Advisor firm WealthCare Financial Services of Hawaii, LLC, fka Michelle H. Tucker Advisory Services, to provide independent investment advice, 2001 to 2007

Personal Financial Specialist, Certified by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, 2001

Certified Estate Planning Law Specialist - Certified by the ABA accredited Estate Law Specialist Board, Inc. and so certified by the Supreme Court of Hawaii. The Supreme Court of Hawaii grants Hawaii certification only to lawyers in good standing who have successfully completed a specialty program accredited by the ABA, 2000

Life & Securities Licensed, 1997

Founding Partner, Sterling & Tucker, Inc., 1991 to Present

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Michelle H. Tucker, Attorney, CPA, 1986 – 1990

Arthur Andersen & Co., 1981 - 1985

Juris Doctor, William S. Richardson School of Law, 1981

Certified Public Accountant, Elijah Watts Sells Honorable Mention, 1977

B.S. University of Hawaii, College of Business, High Honors in Accounting, 1976

Assistant Appraiser, No Ka Oi Realty, Inc., Harold Ohama, Principal, Summer 1975

Accountant and Legal Researcher, Attorney Kwan Hi Lim, 1972 – 1979

#### **Awards**

Selected by the National Association of Board Certified Advisory Practices (NABCAP) as a Top Wealth Manager in Hawaii in 2011, 2012 and 2013

Honolulu Magazine and Hawaii Business Award recipient "FIVE STAR Wealth Manager", 2011and 2014

Pacific Business News "Women Who Mean Business" one of the Top 25 Women-Owned Businesses in Hawaii, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013

Goldline Research Award Recipient "The Ten Most Dependable™ Wealth Managers of the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii", 2008

"Special Recognition Award" presented by Hawaii Community Services Council, 1993

"President's Award" presented by Hawaii Women Lawyers, 1990

"Finalist, Three Outstanding Young People" presented by Hawaii Jaycees, 1986

"Young Career Woman of the Year" presented by Hawaii Federation of Business and Professional Women, 1985

"Who's Who in American Women"

"Elijah Watt Sells Honorable Mention" for placing in top 70 Nationwide out of 50,000 applicants for the 1977 CPA Examination

"Arthur Lyman Dean Award" for outstanding Undergraduate Research, Social Sciences, University of Hawaii, 1976

"J. Watumull Scholarship" for outstanding Senior in the College of Business, 1976 – 1977

Member Beta Gamma Sigma, Honorary Fraternity

### **Professional Organizations and Community Activities**

Member- AEP® National Association of Estate Planners & Councils

Member-CFP<sup>®</sup>, CPA, JD, PFS

Hawaii Estate Planning Council

Member-CFP®

Financial Planning Association

Financial Planning Association of Hawaii

International Association of Registered Financial Consultants

Member-CPA Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

Forensic Accountants Society of North America Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Personal Financial Specialist Registered Financial Consultant

Member- J.D. Fellow of the American Bar Foundation

American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys, Charter Member

Federal Bar Association - Past Member

Hawaii State Bar Association

Washington State Bar Association- Past Member

American Bar Association

William S. Richardson School of Law Alumni Association

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

National Alliance for the Mentally III- Past Member

Hawaii Women Lawyers

Director Big Brothers Big Sisters of Honolulu, 2010, 2011, 2012

Director/ Treasurer/ President Estate Law Specialists Board, Inc., 2009 - 2013

Director ACFE Hawaii Chapter, 2001 – 2002

President Parent Teachers Association, Lanikai Elementary School, 1999

Treasurer Parent Teachers Association, Lanikai Elementary School, 1997,

1998 and 2000

Treasurer Federal Bar Association, Hawaii Chapter, 1996 – 2006

Treasurer Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection, appointed by Supreme Court,

State of Hawaii, 1992 - 1997; Chairperson, 1994 - 1995

Treasurer Hawaii Institute of Continuing Legal Education, appointed by Hawaii

State Bar Association, 1991-1997

Treasurer Hawaii Women Lawyers, 1988 – 1991
President Friends of Library of Hawaii, 1987 – 1988
Treasurer Friends of Library of Hawaii, 1985 – 1986

#### **Books and Newspaper Articles**

Co-authored three books:

Guiding Those Left Behind in Hawaii
Total Wealth Management
Estate Planning Basics in Hawaii

Authored a series articles on Planning with IRAs published in Sunday *Honolulu Star Bulletin*, 2002 – 2008

Co-authored a series of Estate and Tax Planning Articles published in Sunday *Honolulu Advertiser*, 1997 – 2001

Authored Long Term Care Article published October 5, 2012 and Social Security Article published in Pacific Business News July 13, 2012

### Speaking/Television Appearances/Teaching

"Retirement Planning Today", University of Hawaii Outreach, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014

KITV, "Founders & Visionaries", November 19, 2011 and December 3, 2011

Executive Women International, "Estate Planning and Living Trusts", August 2007

National Business Institute, "Medicaid and Long Term Care Insurance: Your Clients Options", June 2007

American Society of Women Accountants, "Prudent Investment Principles", April 2007

Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants, Annual Convention, "The Basics of Trust Administration", December 2006

Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society 14th Biennial Conference, "Estate Planning for Advanced Stages of Life – No One Size Fits All", November 2006

Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants, Annual Convention, "Estate Planning for the Elder and Qualifying for Government Assistance", December 2003

Hawaii Chapter, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, "Identifying Inventory Losses", 2002 Fraud Workshop

Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants, Annual Convention, "Recent Developments – The EGTRRA of 2001: Planning and Drafting Under the Uncertainty of Congress; Total Return Unitrusts", December 2001

Hawaii Association of Public Accountants, 45th Annual Convention, "The Tax Consequences of Bankruptcy", June 2000

## Speaking/Television Appearances (Continued)

Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants, Personal Financial Planning Conference, "Family Limited Partnerships", June 1999

Television Talk Show Guest, Lawyers Live, "Tax Planning and Strategies", April 1998

Hawaii Claim Association, Inc., "Loss of Income and Business Interruption", November 1997

Hawaii Claim Association, Inc., "Inventory Loss"; August 1994

U.S. Small Business Administration, Women in Business Conference, "Choosing a Legal Structure for Business", 1992 and 1993

Small Business Hawaii, Round Table, "Buying and Selling a Business", 1992

Hawaii Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Debtor and Creditor Issues in Bankruptcy Seminar, "The Tax Consequences of Bankruptcy", 1991 and 1992

American Society of Women Accountants and Association of Government Accountants, Joint Meeting, "Current Developments in Taxes", 1991

Hawaii State Bar Association, "Accounting for the Legal Practice", 1991

U.S. Small Business Administration, Women In Business Conference, "Independent Contractor vs. Employee", 1991

Weekly Television Talk Show Guest, Let's Talk Story, "Taxes, Accounting and Business Law", 1980s