

***NATURAL RESOURCES SECTION
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION***

**MONTHLY MEETING/BROWN BAG LUNCH: TUESDAY, MAY 20,
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Description:

Makena Coffman will discuss "Planning for Climate Change Mitigation in Hawai'i." In 2007, Hawai'i became the second State in the U.S. to adopt Kyoto-like greenhouse gas regulations in the absence of federal mandates. As part of a State-driven effort to address climate change mitigation, ACT 234 requires Hawai'i's greenhouse gas emissions be reduced to 1990 levels by 2020. This talk will discuss how Hawai'i might meet this mandate, focusing on market-based mechanisms like a carbon tax and cap-and-trade, as well as possible economic and legal ramifications.

Biography:

Makena Coffman is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Urban & Regional Planning at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. She holds a BA in International Relations from Stanford University and a PhD in Economics from the University of Hawai'i. Makena's teaching interest is in environmental planning related to climate change, energy policy, and environmental valuation. Her research interest is in incentives to internalize environmental externalities through market-based mechanisms and other policy solutions. Makena is the Vice Chair of the Manoa Climate Change Commission.