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Bio: Mr. Bin C. Li graduated from the William S. Richardson School of Law in 1998, and is a member of the HSBA and the Natural Resources Law Section. He has had seven years in private practice, and worked for the Department of Land and Natural Resources for over three years. He is currently the Department's Administrative Proceedings Coordinator and is responsible for establishing the Civil Resource Violations System and the Office of Civil Compliance.

CRVS: The Civil Resource Violations System ("CRVS") initiative is part of the new DLNR strategic enforcement plan and is intended to build up a complete enforcement toolbox to handle the Department's violation cases. This system had been contemplated for many years and was authorized by the State Legislature in 2004, but the project did not get off the ground until 2007. The Department believes that many of its violation cases are of a civil nature and should be disposed of through civil and administrative action rather than criminal prosecution. It is a fair, easy, and low-cost process that could benefit the parties, the Department, the State, the general public and Hawai'i's resources. Although the cases that will be processed through this system will tend to be "smaller ones," by taking care of them, this system can help change people's mentality and behavior toward the use of our resources and reduce the possibility of major incidents.

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Bio: Ms. Kamaile A. Nichols graduated from the William S. Richardson School of Law in 2008. She is currently the DLNR-DAR Marine Law Fellow, and has held this position at the Department of Land and Natural Resources since September 2008. Ms. Nichols began working at the DLNR part-time as a legal assistant during her last semester as a law student.

Marine Law Fellow: The DLNR-DAR Marine Law Fellowship is a joint partnership between the William S. Richardson School of Law's Environmental Law Program, the Department of Land and Natural Resources-Division of Aquatic Resources, and the Attorney General's office, and is funded by the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation. The purpose of the Fellowship position is to bridge legal and scientific expertise, with the Fellow working closely with staff biologists and program managers on marine law issues. The Fellow is tasked with conducting a comprehensive review of reef- and fisheries-related statutes and rules in Hawai'i, developing statutory amendments and new or amended administrative rules as needed, and supporting the enforcement of DAR resource damage cases before the Board of Land and Natural Resources.