



# Addison M. Bowman

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**A**ddison Moore Bowman, “Professor Bowman”, "Coach Addie", or (his favorites) "Dad",

"Pops", and "Grandpa", passed away peacefully on December 15, 2023, at his home in Pa'auilo,

surrounded by his family. Addie is survived by his loving and dedicated wife Jo Kim, his

children: Michael (Glen Ellerbrock), Max (Marielle Hampton), Eli (Nicole Bowman), and Noa,

and his three grandchildren Mira, Sophie, and Wes. Addie's younger sister, Martha “Marty”

Johnson, has already left us; they were two years apart and stayed close their whole lives.

Addie was born in 1935 in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania to a long line of lawyers and physicians. Addie recognized a habit for hard work early in life, beginning at a gas station on the

New Jersey turnpike at the age of 16. He went on to attain his undergraduate degree and A.B.

from Dartmouth College in 1957, an LLB from Dickinson Law School in 1963, and an LLM

from Georgetown University Law Center in 1963, before accepting a fellowship at Georgetown

Law’s E. Barrett Prettyman Fellowship program. Addie was an advanced thinker of his age,

described by some as a radical, and was one of the 149 original members of the Society of

American Law Teachers (“SALT”). Addie was proud to have served in the U.S. Armed



Forces,

and served active duty in the U.S. Navy as a gunnery officer and navigator aboard the U.S.S.

Saint Paul (CA 73), from 1957-60. From 1960 on, he served as U.S. Naval Reserve.

Addie was an early member of the Public Defender Service in Washington D.C., working from

1964-67, where he gained considerable trial experience, trying death-row cases. As a public

defender Addie also represented Vietnam War protesters, and spent a night in the DC jail for

protesting the Vietnam war. Addie was a popular figure in Washington D.C. and was featured in

a Washington Post story for his legal representation of anti-war protesters. Addie's passion and

talent for litigation, advocacy, and the application of the rule of law was quickly noted in the

legal community, and he joined the Georgetown University Law Center as a Professor of Law

from 1967-74.

Addie had a passion for education. His favorite things to teach were law and youth soccer. Addie taught as a Professor of Law at Richardson School of Law from 1976-96, was a

Visiting Professor in 1989 to the University of Hiroshima Faculty of Law, and in 1996 became

Professor of Law, Emeritus, with the University of Hawaii. Addie was admitted as a practicing

member to the bars of the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and

the Hawaii bar.

Addie's love for the law led him to author and publish the Hawai'i Rules of Evidence Manual, a



litigation and trial manual frequently cited by the Hawaii Supreme Court. The Hawai'i Rules of Evidence Manual provides the most complete and in-depth analysis of legal rules, their applications, and case law in Hawai'i, and is likely seen on the desk of every litigation attorney in the State.

If asked, Addie would tell you that his most proud accomplishments involved being a father. Addie devoted himself to the betterment of his family and children, always involved in education, extracurricular activities, sports, and community service. He led by example, showing his boys how a loving, responsible man functioned. He showed up to parent-teacher conferences with a clipboard, taking notes on potential ways to improve and grow. He became a masterclass in youth soccer, creating a space for his sons to compete and excel. Perennially leading by example, Addie demonstrated to his family and the community what class, commitment, and honesty could achieve.

Addie has garnered significant recognition for his work throughout the years: an Outstanding Professor of Law charter recipient in 1983, he received a Gubernatorial proclamation setting August 22, 1997 as "Addison M. Bowman Day", achieved the Robert W. Clopton award for distinguished community service at U.H. Manoa in 1980, received a Hawai'i County Bar Ass'n Lifetime of Service Award in 2016, has a Certificate of Appreciation from the Southern Poverty



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Law Center, adding Addison's name to the Wall of Tolerance in Montgomery, Alabama, and was named "Person of the Year" in the 2005-06 Honoka'a High School Yearbook. Addie was a successful man because of his mind, his drive, his attention to detail, and his commitment to excellence. His death was like his life: orderly, progressive, and methodical. It was almost as if he had planned it to the end, and like the legal expert he was, he gave his family advanced notice of his passing, and like the teacher he was, he showed us how to gracefully depart. Addie will dearly be missed by his legal, educational, and athletic communities, his friends, his colleagues, his students, his players, his dogs, and his loving family. Memorial will be held at the Honokaa Hongwanji on January 20, 2024, Family Visitation to commence at 11:00 a.m. A memorial will be held at the Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii at a later date.






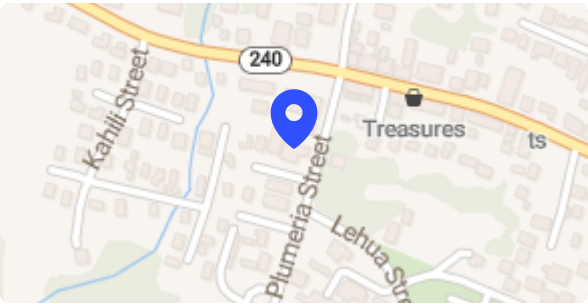
# Events

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## Memorial Service

-  **Saturday**, January 20, 2024
-  11:00 AM - 12:00 PM HST
-  **Honokaa Hongwanji Mission**  
45-516 Lehua Street, Honokaa HI 96727





## Tribute Wall

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**Donna Gaetano** posted:

I was saddened to read that "Addie" aka Professor Addie Bowman died last month. I was a law student at "UH Law School" entering with the class of 1982. Addie was a dedicated teacher and always had a twinkle in his eye. I loved his Criminal Law class, however, like other first year students, I was petrified to answer any question he might ask of me. He was a wonderful man and I'll always be glad that he was my criminal law teacher. My condolences to his family. Donna Gaetano

January 19 at 9:49 AM



**Kathy Gollaher** posted:

Adi was the best soccer coach ever! He was always friendly and welcoming. We will always be grateful for how he and Jo Kim took our son Joel under their wings and encouraged him to play soccer. We love you guys! Kathy and Stan Gollaher

December 31 at 7:53 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Addison by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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