

Ingrid Chiemi Schroffner, Esq.

A native of Hawaii, Ingrid is the immediate past president (2006-08) of the Asian American Lawyers of Massachusetts ("AALAM") and serves on the Boston Bar Association's ("BBA's") Diversity Leadership Task Force. She is committed to promoting legal profession diversity and expanding opportunities for women and minorities in the law. Ingrid has been deeply involved with AALAM since graduating from Boston College Law School in 1995. Ingrid's first election to AALAM's Board of Directors was in 2002. Ingrid also hosted AALAM's *Legal Line* Boston Neighborhood Network television show, for which her CD title track, "Living on Two Coasts," is the theme song.

Ingrid continues to work to further AALAM's objectives as its representative on the Massachusetts Bar Association's House of Delegates, AALAM's BBA liaison, and by serving with current AALAM President Charlotte Kim, on the Steering Committee of the BBA's newly formed Diversity and Inclusion Section. In December 2008, the Asian Community Development Corporation presented Ingrid with its Excellence in Community Service Award (awarded to leaders who have taken initiatives to serve Chinatown and the broader Asian American Community of Greater Boston).

Ingrid joined EOHHS in April 2008 after practicing at Burns & Levinson LLP since 1998. While in private practice, Ingrid specialized in probate/family litigation. Ingrid also previously clerked for Chief Justice Warner (Massachusetts Appeals Court), the Massachusetts Superior Court justices, and worked at Davis, Malm & D'Agostine PC. She has written and spoken extensively in her areas of expertise and most recently, on issues of cultural competence.

When she isn't practicing law, Ingrid loves to spend time with her family, and is a singer/songwriter, sometime journalist. Ingrid has performed locally and released a CD, penned *Chiemi's Corner*, a popular music/events column in The Somerville News ("SN"), and hosted the SN's Music/Poetry Series.