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Catherine A. Betts has extensive experience in advocacy and women's issues and has worked in the fields of family law, violence against women and violence prevention.

A 1999 graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, she interned at the California Women's Law Center and assisted in publishing a resource manual for immigrant survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse. She formerly worked as an Education Coordinator for the Sex Abuse Treatment Center, a program with the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children.

Ms. Betts graduated from the William S. Richardson School of Law in 2006 and was awarded the 2004 Patsy T. Mink Legislative Fellowship for her interest in legislative policy and dedication to social justice. She served as the Mink Fellow in Senator Daniel K. Inouye's Washington D.C. office. Ms. Betts also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Marcia J. Waldorf (ret.) and the Honorable Derrick H.M. Chan from 2006-2007.

Ms. Betts is a former Deputy Attorney General with the State of Hawaii's Family Law Division and subsequently worked in private practice in the areas of family and immigration law. Ms. Betts has previously served as an appointed Commissioner to the Honolulu County Committee on the Status of Women from 2001-2004 and 2008-2011. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Women Lawyers and the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Filipino Lawyers Association.