

# Member



## LIANE M. MORIYAMA

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*M*s. Liane M. Moriyama has been a valued SEARCH Member since 1992. She has served on the Board of Directors, Planning Committee, former Law and Policy Advisory Group, and was Chair and Vice Chair of the former Systems and Technology Advisory Group.

Ms. Moriyama received the *Board of Directors Award* in 2000. Connecticut Member **Theron Schnure** presented the award and had this to say:



“Liane is known for showing a fierce loyalty to SEARCH and the role it plays in the national justice information management community. Liane has helped convey SEARCH’s message and position to those at the federal level, through meetings on Capitol Hill with Senator Daniel Inouye and his staff, and at the state level in Hawaii. As a State Member, she has always been accessible to the Chair and Executive Director, graciously undertaking tasks when asked to do so. She has proven to be a consistent, effective, tireless supporter of SEARCH.

And her hard work in Hawaii cannot go unmentioned. Liane has put tremendous energy into the implementation of her state’s criminal history record information system and its automated fingerprint identification systems.

Of course...Liane’s service in her various official capacities is rivaled by the warmth of her informal dealings with her SEARCH colleagues. Liane makes it a point to reach out to new Members so they will know SEARCH and all that it offers. She is patient and encourages Members, as individuals, to express viewpoints and assists in developing positions for consideration by the Membership.”

At the 2004 Symposium on Justice Integration and Homeland Security, Ms. Moriyama warned against lowering the quality of background checks during her presentation, *Privacy and the States' Perspective from the Central Repository*.

“Faster dissemination of bad data is just that: bad data. If what this nation wants is quality information above all else in order to make the crucial decisions that are occurring with such high frequency, then we should be turning to the source and to the states.”

“The states must do better in providing faster and cheaper access to our data, but we cannot and should not give up our standard of positive identification and data quality, especially now when our citizens' privacy rights are being challenged. What better way to protect your privacy but by insisting on positive identification when the release of information may impact your life, your livelihood, and your family?”

Ms. Moriyama recently celebrated 30 years with the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center (HCJDC), Department of the Attorney General. She has been Administrator since 1992 and is responsible for the overall administration of the agency, including budgeting and legislative liaison, statewide criminal and civil identification functions, the statewide criminal history information system and liaison with criminal justice agencies statewide. Before her current position, Ms. Moriyama was Assistant Administrator and Systems Support Analyst for HCJDC.

She has also served as a Data Processing Systems Analyst for the State of Hawaii Department of Social Services and Housing Child Support Enforcement Program; and as a computer programmer and data processing analyst in the corporate world as well.

In addition to her SEARCH affiliation, Ms. Moriyama is a Member of the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council where she has been a Council Member since 2006. She has been a Member of the Standards Committee since 2005 and is presently Vice Chair. She has also been a Member of the Policy and Planning Committee. She is presently a Member of the Executive Board of the Sagem Morpho AFIS User Group, and was previously Vice Chair of the Executive Board.

Ms. Moriyama has received many honors for her achievements throughout her career including:

- Morpho AFIS Users' Group General Award, 2002
- State of Hawaii Manager of the Year, 2001
- SEARCH Board of Directors Award for Meritorious Service, 2000
- Department of the Attorney General Sustained Superior Performance, 1995
- Department of the Attorney General nominee for State of Hawaii, 1984 Employee of the Year

Ms. Moriyama has bachelor's degrees in both Information and Computer Science and Mathematics from the University of Hawaii, where she graduated with distinction.

*“Liane has been an invaluable asset to SEARCH in her many years of leadership on the Board and on our advisory groups. We appreciate her energy and knowledgeable participation on focus groups, workshops, and Symposia, and her unwavering support of SEARCH—especially through her strong involvement with Senator Inouye's office. One of Liane's many strengths as a SEARCH Member is her ability to reach out to new Members. As a new Member in 1993/94, Liane was a mentor to me, graciously sharing her understanding of SEARCH and its diverse activities.”*

**—Ronald P. Hawley  
SEARCH Executive Director**

# Member Q & A

**Q** How did you get involved in the field of criminal justice information management?

**A** I was hired by the Judiciary back in 1980 to do System Support Services for the state's newly implemented OBTS/CCH System. I knew nothing about criminal justice but learned fast and loved the challenge.

*"I am struck by Liane Moriyama's dedication and the depth of her understanding and insight into the world of justice information. She is a tireless advocate for the importance and value of state-based criminal identification systems. I look to Liane for a persuasive assessment of the impact of proposed legislation on state criminal identification programs. She is diligent in her analysis and can address both technical detail and policy concepts. Her commitment to SEARCH takes the form of both faithful participation in meetings and a willingness to step forward and take on additional tasks on behalf of the membership."*

**—David Steingraber  
Executive Director  
Wisconsin Office of Justice  
Assistance**

**Q** What is the *professional* success you are proudest of?

**A** Being part of shaping Hawaii's criminal justice information system(s) over the past 30 years! It was an honor to be recognized in 2001 as the State of Hawaii's Manager of the Year for just that!

**Q** Alternatively, what is the *personal* success you are proudest of?

**A** I have been married to the same man for the past 27 years and have 2 decent kids who have compassion for others.

**Q** What changes would you like to see happen regarding information sharing within the justice and public safety community in the next 5-10 years?

**A** Acceptance of electronic information in all venues, courts, criminal processing, etc. Then we (the states) would no longer have an excuse and would have to automate and digitize everything. Of course, this all takes big bucks. But until we start, we will never get there.

**Q** What are the biggest challenges?

**A** Keeping up with the demands for criminal justice information services, especially from the civil customers, and keeping the fees reasonable.

**Q** What is SEARCH's value as an organization and how has your state and/or agency benefited from its participation in the National Consortium?

**A** Technical Assistance is THE BEST SERVICE from SEARCH...where can you get quality subject matter experts at such a reasonable price (free \$\$\$). SEARCH also unites the 50 individual states to speak with one big singular voice. Being out in the Pacific, sometimes Hawaii gets forgotten, which makes it extremely challenging to drive national policy; however, as a Member of SEARCH, I truly believe that my (Hawaii's) voice makes a difference and in my almost 20 years at SEARCH, I have seen that we can make a difference for the states, for the public's safety, and for the vulnerable population groups.

**Q** What is your favorite SEARCH memory?

**A** Having SEARCH hold its first and only meeting in Hawaii in 2000! I remember what I had to go through by having the Governor and Hawaii's ranking Senator (Inouye) write to SEARCH and its Chair to "plead" our case...which basically said—Hawaii is a dues-paying state and one of the 50 states and our destination as a "resort" location by some shouldn't penalize us in the criminal justice arena to conduct meaningful business with a meeting in our state.

**Q** Just for fun: Hobbies/Interests?

**A** Shopping. It's a big joke at every meeting I arrive at because I always have so much luggage—my husband asks why I can't travel lighter (?)...what he doesn't know is that there's room in my luggage but it's for all the shopping stuff that I'm bringing back with me!

**Q** What is your most well-known trait?

**A** That I'm shy and timid and quiet (HA!). I'm actually the opposite...

**Q** One thing people don't know about you?

**A** I can handle almost anything work-related—upset public, media demands, threat of lawsuit BUT when it comes to my kids, I'm a basket case...

**Q** What is the best advice you've ever received?

**A** I remember when I first arrived on the SEARCH scene back in the early 1990s, I was one of the few women and I must say I was intimidated by those around me and the breadth of their knowledge. Frank Carney, our Chair from Massachusetts, and in particular Bob Bradley, previous Chair from Missouri, encouraged me to speak up even if I'm the lone voice (easier said than done) but Bob's words really resonated for me...he said that if a group like SEARCH ignores your thoughts or doesn't welcome your opinion, then what good is membership in such a group because you are wasting your time...now almost 20 years later and many opinions/comments later, I remember that advice and have continued to be impressed by the compassion and the acceptance around the SEARCH table for new Members and different ideas.

**Q** Favorite motto?

**A** MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH WHAT YOU HAVE!