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Carmen moved to Honolulu in late 2019 to open the Hawai'i office of the Attorneys for Freedom Law Firm. After a long and interesting career as a criminal defense trial attorney, Carmen shifted to a less demanding position as Chief Paralegal for the firm. Carmen received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting with honors, Magna Cum Laude, from California State University, Northridge. Carmen received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Southern California Law School. While in law school, Carmen passed the examination to be a Certified Public Accountant but has never worked as a CPA because she started practicing law upon graduation from U.S.C. Carmen joined the Friends of Italy Society of Hawaii shortly after her arrival in Hawaii and especially enjoys the social events. Carmen tries to learn Italian in the language classes. Carmen looks forward to using her accounting skills to assist FOISH as Treasurer. It is a refreshing change because, in accounting, there is always an answer, while in law there is almost never an answer because "it depends."



As a national trainer, business coach and sales consultant, with over 25 years of business, sales and leadership experience, Katey has a wide range of skills and resources to build great partnerships. Her areas of expertise include: lead generation, relationship building, productivity training, personality profiling, recruiting, sales training, public speaking and business planning. Katey is half Irish and half Italian. She travels to Italy often and speaks basic Italian. Katey will find any opportunity to practice speaking Italian with others. This is her second time living in Honolulu. She is excited to be back home on island again! Katey has a degree in Marketing and a minor in Italian, from Santa Clara University where she also serves as a Director on the Santa Clara University's Silicon Valley Executive Center. Originally from the San Francisco Bay Area, she currently resides in Honolulu, she is an active member of the Waikiki Elks Lodge Katey and is an avid baseball fan. She is the mother of three adult children and can be seen keeping score while watching her son plays college baseball at San Francisco State University.



After growing up in Washington State, I earned my teaching degree in Tennessee. I then set off for a European adventure, teaching and living in Heidelberg, Germany while supporting military families for 13 years. I made Hawaii home 6 years ago, living Aloha while trying to give back to the island through beach cleanups and volunteering in the community. This experience helped me understand the needs of homeowners, as well as the diverse cultures of Hawaii.

I believe strongly in giving back to the community. Every month, my real estate team (Team K2) serves our community in outreach programs. In 2020, we grew to love our neighbors experiencing homelessness. We had the opportunity to deliver much needed groceries to public housing and hosted a BBQ for sixty individuals in Nanakuli. We familiarized ourselves with the needs of women recovering from domestic violence at Women in Need and enjoyed spending time with our youth from RYSE. We challenged ourselves to sell 50 homes in 2020. We then celebrated by giving away the commission from the 50th house sold. On our Facebook page, we listed 6 worthy causes that followers could vote on. The nonprofit with the most “likes” won the donation. The winner for 2020 was Oahu SPCA. The winner in 2021 of our 50th commission donation was the Aloha Animal Sanctuary.

I would not be where I am today without the loving support of my husband and our family. Our children live all over the mainland and Europe. It is very gratifying to see them take chances, excel at what they do, and make their own way in this world. I am blessed.



Elisabeth Case is 3rd generation born & raised in Hawaii and got her Associate of Arts in European Studies from Franklin University, in Lugano, Switzerland where she lived for 2 years with an Italian family and fell in love with all things Italy. She received her B.A. in Italian Studies from Boston University, and her Master of International Management from Thunderbird Global School of Management in Arizona. After living and working in Washington D.C, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and San Francisco, CA, she returned home to raise her 2 girls who are now in college. She has over 30 years of experience in marketing and non-profit development, and is Senior Development Manager for American Cancer Society. Elisabeth got involved with FOISH years ago volunteering to help launch Cinema Italiano & Eurocinema, Festa Italiana, and the Hawai'i premiere of "Arrangiarsi" movie at HOMA. She loves all arts and culture, Italian film and Netflix, opera, cooking, reading, hiking in her Tantalus neighborhood, and is looking forward to planning some wonderful events to celebrate Italy in Hawaii.



Stacey is a local girl from Mililani. Although her main interests have been French-related with a degree in French Language and Literature and serving on the board of the Alliance Française as newsletter editor and events planner, she has always had an admiration and appreciation for all things Italian; food, culture, language. Along with her husband Mike Dalesandro she has traveled to Italy several times and always wants to go back. If she's not off exploring some other part of the world, you can usually find her hiking, reading, or enjoying fun times with friends