



SHERRY MENOR-MCNAMARA
President & Chief Executive Officer



Sherry Menor-McNamara was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii on September 1, 2013. She is the youngest and first female President and CEO in the Chamber's 171-year history, as well as the first Asian to serve as the leader of a State Chamber in the nation.

She has lived in several major cities, including Tokyo, New York, Washington D.C., Los Angeles and London, working for a wide variety of companies, including: Sony Corporation, Sony Pictures Entertainment, Estee Lauder Company, Field Group, Elton John Production and "60 Minutes" news magazine show. Her government-related work includes positions with the Hawaii State Legislature, U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka and the Executive Office of the United States President.

She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority and Board of Trustees of the JAAMS Foundation. Nationally, she serves on the Board of Directors of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Council of State Chambers (COSC), the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE), and Western Association of Chamber Executives (WACE), as well as on the U.S. Chamber's Committee of 100. Under her leadership, the Chamber won the 2018 ACCE State Chamber of the Year, and in 2019, won two national Council of State Chambers awards.

Menor-McNamara earned a certificate in "Expanding Impact in Advocacy" from the Harvard Kennedy School of Executive Education. She received her juris doctorate degree from the University of Hawaii's William S. Richardson School of Law and her Master of Business Administration from UH's Shidler College of Business. She also pursued graduate study in public administration at the University of Southern California (USC) and holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).

Menor-McNamara was born in Tokyo, Japan, and raised in Hilo, Hawaii, where she graduated from Waiakea High School. She is married to John McNamara, president of CommPac, a Honolulu-based public relations agency. She is a certified yoga teacher and enjoys golfing, traveling and spending time with her husband and dog, Kuma-chan.