

## Hai-Yuean Tualima – WIPO Indigenous Fellow 2015

Hai-Yuean is a Samoan, from Sataua, Puapua, Iva, Faleula, Lepea and Salelologa of Samoa.

Hai-Yuean holds a Master of Laws (First Class Honors) and Bachelor of Laws from the University of Waikato Hamilton, New Zealand. She also has a Bachelor of Arts (Criminology and Sociology) from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

She has worked in private practice specializing in Maori legal issues, focusing on traditional knowledge and the Wai 262 Report, as well as commercial property. Hai-Yuean also worked for the Samoa Law Reform Commission where she had carriage of the project looking at establishing a National Heritage Board for Samoa and assisted with the traditional knowledge project.



More recently, she worked for the Samoa Office of the Ombudsman establishing the National Human Rights Institution.