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Anne E. Lopez (D) assumed her role as State of Hawaii Attorney General in December 2022.

Before her appointment, she served as COO and general counsel for Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, the state's community hospital system, as a special assistant to former Hawaii AG David Louie and as an attorney in private practice prior to joining state government. Prior to attending law school, Anne was an occupational therapist.

Attorney General Lopez earned her J.D. from the University of Hawaii, William S. Richardson School of Law (*summa cum laude*) and her B.S. from San Jose State University in California. Her commitment in serving as the Attorney General for the State of Hawaii is to ensure that the Department enforces the laws of the state equitably and is a responsive, trustworthy government agency that Inspires the confidence of the residents of Hawaii.



Steve Kerber, Ph.D., PE
Vice President and Executive Director, FSRI

Steve Kerber is Vice President and Executive Director of the Fire Safety Research Institute (FSRI), a part of UL Research Institutes. He leads a fire safety research team dedicated to addressing the world's unresolved fire safety risks and emerging dangers to reduce death, injury, and loss from fire. Steve has led research in the areas of fire safety engineering, firefighter safety, fire forensics, and fire science.

He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in fire protection engineering from the University of Maryland and completed his doctorate at Lund University in Sweden after defending his thesis titled, "Utilizing Research to Enhance Fire Service Knowledge."

Steve is also a 13-year veteran of the fire service, with most of his service at the College Park Fire Department in Prince George's County Maryland where he served at ranks up through Deputy Chief. Steve has also been appointed to the rank of Honorary Battalion Chief by the Fire Department of New York, was named the 2014 ISFSI and Fire Engineering George D. Post Instructor of the Year and was awarded the 2019 Metropolitan Fire Chiefs President's Award of Distinction.



Derek Alkonis
Research Program Manager

Derek Alkonis is a Research Program Manager for the Fire Safety Research Institute (FSRI), a part of UL Research Institutes. In this role, Derek manages the implementation of organizational initiatives related to firefighter health and safety and spearheads FSRI's efforts in addressing wildland urban interface, a priority expansion area of their research.

Prior to joining FSRI, Derek served 31 years with the Los Angeles County Fire Department, most recently as Assistant Fire Chief in charge of the Air and Wildland Fire Division. During his tenure with LA County, he helped establish the department as a leader in fire ground safety and fire service wellness-fitness. As a firm proponent of training, he has developed and implemented innovative programs supporting fire ground tactics, survival, and fire fighter health.

He is a member of the IAFF/IAFC Fire Service Joint Labor Management Wellness-Fitness Initiative Technical Committee and holds a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of California San Diego.