

**39TH LEGISLATURE
1ST REGULAR SESSION**

(ADMIN/BY REQ)

**S.R. NO. 39-23
IN THE SENATE**

11 FEBRUARY 2025

INTRODUCED BY: Sen. Tuaolo Manaia Fruean, D-6

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON:

SUBJECT:

CONFIRMATION— ATTORNEY GENERAL—GWEN TAUILILI-LANGKILDE

SUMMARY:

This resolution confirms the Governor's appointment of Gwen Tauiiili-Langkilde as the Attorney General.

OWN VOTE			LEGISLATIVE VOTE		
YES	NO		YES	NO	DATE
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2 INTRODUCED BY: 

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4 “A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR’S
5 NOMINATION OF GWEN TAUILILI-LANGKILDE AS THE ATTORNEY
6 GENERAL.”

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8 WHEREAS, by letter dated February 7, 2025, to Honorable Tualo Manaia E.
9 Fruean, President of the Senate, Governor Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula,
10 submitted the name of Gwen Tauiiili-Langkilde, to the Legislature,
11 pursuant to sections 4.0111(b) and 4.0112(a)(f) A.S.C.A., for
12 confirmation as Attorney General of the Department of Legal
13 Affairs; and

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15 WHEREAS, in his letter, the Governor stated in part:

16 “...I hereby resubmit my appointment of Gwen Tauiiili-Langkilde
17 as Attorney General of the Department of Legal Affairs.

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19 I respectfully request that you and your colleagues review her
20 nomination and confirm her as Attorney General of the Department of
21 Legal Affairs.”

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23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
24 TERRITORY OF AMERICAN SAMOA:

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26 THAT, the nomination of Gwen Tauiiili-Langkilde as the Attorney General is
27 hereby confirmed; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to
30 transmit this resolution to the Honorable Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula, Governor of
31 American Samoa, and a copy to Gwen Tauiiili-Langkilde.

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**NOFOA'IGA TOLUSEFULU-IVA
FONO TELE MUAMUA**

(TALOSAGA/KOVANA)

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I LE MAOTA MAUALUGA**

11 FEPUARI 2025

FA'AULUFALEINA E: Sen. Tuaolo Manaia E. Fruean, D-6

TU'UINA ATU I LE KOMITI:

MATA'UPU:

FAAMAONIGA—LOIA SILI—GWEN TAUILIILI-LANGKILDE

'OTO'OTOGA:

O lenei iugafono e faamaonia ai le tofia e le Afioga i le Kovana o Gwen Tauiliili-Langkilde e avea ma Loia Sili.

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4 “O SE IUGAFONO A LE MAOTA MAUALUGA E FAAMAONIA AI LE
5 TOFIA E LE AFIGA I LE KOVANA O GWEN TAUILIILI-LANGKILDE E
6 AVEA MA LOIA SILI.”

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8 TALUAI, i lana tusi na tauaaoina atu ia Fepuari 7, 2025 i le afiga ia Tuoalo
9 Manaia E. Fruean, Peresetene o le Maota Maualuga, na faaoo atu ai
10 e le afiga i le Kovana Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula, le suafa o Gwen
11 Tauiliili-Langkilde i le Fono Faitulafono, e tusa ai ma maga
12 4.0111(e) ma 4.0112 (a)(f), T.T.A.S, mo le faamaoniaina e avea ma
13 Loia Sili; ma

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15 TALUAI, i se vaega o lana tusi, na taua ai e le afiga i le Kovana e faapea:
16 “...ua ou faaoo atu le tofiga o Gwen Tauiliili-Langkilde e avea ma
17 Loia Sili.

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19 Ou te fautuaina ma le fa’aaloalo lau Afiga ma le Maota ina ia iloilo
20 ma faamaonia o ia e avea ma Loia Sili.”

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22 O LENEI, O LE MEA LEA, IA FAAIUGAFONOINA AI E LE MAOTA
23 MAUALUGA O LE TERITORI O AMERIKA SAMOA:

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25 E FAAPEA, ua faamaonia nei le tofiga o Gwen Tauiliili-Langkilde e avea ma Loia
26 Sili; ma

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28 IA TOE FAAIUGAFONOINA FOI, e faapea ua talosaga le Failautusi o le Maota
29 Maualuga e faaoo atu lenei Iugafono i le Afiga a Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula, Kovana
30 o Amerika Samoa; ma se kopi ia Gwen Tauiliili-Langkilde.

31 ----- IUGA -----

Gwen Tauilili-Langkilde

P.O. Box 99-8081, Tafuna, American Samoa 96799
Phone: 684-733-3151 E-Mail: gwen.langkilde@gmail.com

Experience

Acting Associate Justice

Feb. 2022 - present

High Court. American Samoa.

Preside over cases within the general jurisdiction of the High Court, primarily with the Family, Drug and Alcohol Court and Appellate Division, and as needed to assist with the Trial, and Land and Titles divisions.

District Court Judge

Mar. 2015 - present

District Court. American Samoa.

Preside over cases within the limited jurisdiction of the District Court, including initial appearances and preliminary examinations in felony cases and all matters involving misdemeanor and infraction cases, as well as limited civil matters and small claims cases. Served on an as needed basis as District Court Judge pro tempore until appointed a permanent District Court Judge in January 2021.

Private Practice

Jan. 2014 - Dec. 2020

MTL Law, Partnership. American Samoa.

Tauilili-Langkilde Law, Sole Practitioner. American Samoa.

Founded Tauilili-Langkilde Law in 2014 and joined with a partner to found MTL Law in late 2018.

Represented private individuals, families, organizations, and companies in wide ranging areas of the law, including land, contracts, criminal, employment, personal injury, probate, family, and election law.

Managed accounting and financial operations of both firms.

Legal Counsel

June 2004 - Sept. 2014

Election Office. American Samoa.

Monitored compliance with and advised the Election Office on local and federal election law, and represented the Election Office Commissioner in lawsuits before the High Court.

Legal Counsel

May 2004 - Sept. 2013

American Samoa Telecommunications Authority. American Samoa

Monitored, developed and implemented procedures to ensure ASTCA compliance with local and federal communications regulations. Represented ASTCA in adjudications before local and federal tribunals, including the High Court, Administrative Law Judge, and Federal Communications Commission. Reviewed and drafted contracts and leases. Prepared Rural Utilities Services' broadband grant applications and monitored grant compliance.

Legal Counsel

Sept. 2002 - May 2004

American Samoa Power Authority. American Samoa

Reviewed and drafted contracts and leases; represented ASPA in lawsuits before the High Court and Administrative Law Judge. Advised the board and management regarding procurement, employment, insurance, governance and compliance.

Law Clerk

Sept. 2000 - June 2002

High Court. American Samoa.

Researched and prepared draft memoranda, opinions, and orders for judges and edited the American Samoa Reports, a compilation of published High Court decisions.

Special Assistant to the Governor

Nov. 1999 - Sept. 2000

Governor's Office. American Samoa.

Drafted legislation on gun control, immigration, and elections. Reviewed administrative rules and filings. Represented the Governor's Office in discussions for the recognition of American Samoa's rights to the domain name ".as".

Assistant Attorney General

Dec. 1996 – Nov. 1999

Attorney General's Office. American Samoa

Represented the American Samoa Government in civil lawsuits and claims, including wrongful death, personal injury, medical malpractice, procurement and employment and negotiated settlements. Negotiated a reduced amount and long-term payment plan for ASCC's repayment of \$3.5M administrative judgment by the USDOE Pell Grant program.

Education

Juris Doctorate

May, 1996

University of Hawaii, W.S.R. School of Law. Honolulu, Hawaii.

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

May, 1992

University of Hawaii, Manoa. Honolulu, Hawaii.

Graduated with Distinction.

Bar Admissions

Hawaii State Bar Association, admitted 1996.

American Samoa Bar Association, admitted 1997.

References are available upon request.