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EDUCATION May 1985, J.D., William S. Richardson School of Law, UH Manoa
May 1982, B. Ed., University of Hawaii at Manoa, College of Education

BAR ADMISSION October 1985, Hawaii - HSBA #3929

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2008 – Present UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO - JUSTICE MANAGEMENT DEGREE PROGRAM
Graduate Instructor, “*Community Prosecution*”, 2008 to present

1997 - Present DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
Current Position: Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Administers the Honolulu Community Prosecution Program under a federal grant. Collaborated with State of Hawaii Judiciary to establish a dedicated “Weed and Seed” court. The Honolulu Weed and Seed strategy is under consideration by the U.S. Department of Justice as a model for Weed and Seed Best Practices. Advises the Administration on employment law, civil litigation, and administrative matters. In 2002-2009, cross-appointed as a Special Assistant United States Attorney by the Honorable Edward H. Kubo, the U. S. Attorney for the District of Hawaii. In 1997- 1998, specialized in the vertical prosecution of domestic violence felony cases, including assault, attempted murder, kidnapping, burglary, custodial interference, property crimes and drug offenses.

1994 – 1997 DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
Senior Deputy Corporation Counsel representing the City in civil litigation cases.
Counseling and Drafting Division: Labor law and employment litigation (federal and state court), arbitrations, grievances, mediation and administrative hearings. Cases included EEOC and sex discrimination claims, sex harassment, termination, interest arbitration.
Tort Litigation Division: Serious personal injury, wrongful death, and civil rights litigation.

1989 – 1994 GOODSILL ANDERSON QUINN & STIFEL, HONOLULU, HAWAII
Associate attorney primarily engaged in complex property damage, personal injury and product liability lawsuits (Benlate); commercial and construction litigation (Aloha Stadium, airport construction); tort litigation (insurance defense, medical torts, professional malpractice, personal injury, premises liability); legal malpractice; state and federal court, appellate and administrative practice; criminal defense.

1986 – 1989 DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney assigned to criminal trials in the District, Family and Circuit Courts of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii.
Circuit Court Felony Trials Division: Felony jury trials, emphasis on drug crimes
Family Court Division: Juvenile felony and domestic violence trials
Misdemeanor Trials Division: Misdemeanor, traffic and DUI trials

1985 – 1986 CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT, STATE OF HAWAII
Clerked for the Honorable Robert Won Bae Chang (not a relative),
Administrative Judge, Criminal Division.

HONORS DOJ-CCDO National State Coordination Honor Awards (Group Awards) 2004, 2005
Nominee, Hawaii State Bar Association Justice Award, 2003
Ahahui O Hawaii Merit Scholarships (Academic Excellence), 1983, 1985
Am Jur Criminal Justice Award (Academic Excellence), 1983

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS - CCDO
2009 Community Capacity Development Office National Conference, Tampa, FL, July 2009
Speaker, Community Prosecution: *“Improving the Quality of Life Hawaiian Style, Working with
Community Prosecutors to Say Aloha to Crime Magnets”*

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO - JUSTICE MANAGEMENT DEGREE PROGRAM
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WESTERN COMMUNITY POLICING INSTITUTE – COPS
Instructor, *“Creating Community-Police Community Problem Solving Teams,”* Honolulu, HI, April 2009

NATIONAL COLLEGE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS-NATIONAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION
Faculty Member, NCDA-NDAA *“Strategic Cross-Examination Training”*, Honolulu, HI, March
2008

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES METHAMPHETAMINE FOCUS GROUP
NCJFCJ-NDAA 34th National Conference on Juvenile Justice, San Diego, CA, March 2007
NCJFCJ faculty presenter for *“Methamphetamines: A Community Response”* and *“Community
Prosecution”*

COMMUNITY PROSECUTION EXPERIENCE

Weed and Seed

Heads the local prosecution component of Operation Weed and Seed - Honolulu, Hawaii, for the
Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu. Wrote procedures for the
prosecution of adult and juvenile offenders in Weed and Seed cases and collaborated with the State of
Hawai`i Judiciary to establish a dedicated Weed and Seed Court.

Honolulu Weed and Seed is consistently hailed for effective collaboration:
2003 U.S. Dept. of Justice Honorable Mention Award (Waipahu Youth Crime)
2004 U.S. Dept. of Justice State Coordination Honor Award (Weed and Seed Court)
2005 U.S. Dept. of Justice State Coordination Honor Award (Truancy Sweeps)
2007 NCPC McGruff’s Crime Prevention Excellence Awards (Ewa Community)

The Honolulu Weed and Seed strategy is being reviewed by the U.S. Department of Justice as a
model for Weed and Seed Best Practices.

2002 Judge C. Nils Tavares Award

Awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, Honolulu,
for major systemic improvements made during a one-year period through U.S. Department of Justice
programs including Community Prosecution.

Ahuimanu Bully

Strategized with residents to reclaim their neighborhood from a bully who terrorized their families for over a decade. This high publicity case demonstrated how a small group of residents, through the civil and criminal courts, could restore safety to their neighborhood.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (Chinatown Parking Meters)

The downtown neighborhood board unanimously passed a measure approving community prosecutors' proposed traffic controls to interrupt drug crime patterns at a drug dealing hotspot in the midst of downtown's homeless shelter, liquor stores and subsidized housing. As a result, drug activity has declined, and residents enjoy a quieter and calmer neighborhood that allows them to sleep at night.

Drug Abatement

Eradicated drug houses and drug activity through collaborative community prosecution strategies in Oahu neighborhoods, including Lanikai, Wahiawa, Waikiki, Kakaako, Pearl City, Kapahulu, Kaneohe, Kailua, Hau'ula, Kaimuki, Waianae and Ewa.

Drug Policy

Drafted national community prosecution policy for the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) Drug Policy Committee.

Juvenile Gang Robberies

There was a rash of robberies and assaults on the elderly and immigrants in urban public housing areas. Victims were too fearful to come forward. Coordinated the apprehension and prosecution of perpetrators.

Mall Café (fka Club Pauahi)

Partnered with community stakeholders and law enforcement to address persistent criminal activity and escalating violence at a bar in Downtown Honolulu. As a result, the bar owner relinquished her liquor license and sold the business. The new owner renovated the premises and opened "SoHo" in June 2009, a trendy nightclub popular with the twenty to thirty something crowd. The transformation has significantly reduced crime and revitalized the area.

Outreach and Presentations: Town hall meetings, neighborhood board meetings, citizen patrol, focus groups, rotary clubs, facilitations, community prosecution training, internet crimes presentations, media inquiries.

Paradise Lost

Paradise Lost, a Hotel Street bar known for drug dealing, generated 170 calls for police service in an 18 month period. As a result of working with community partners, the liquor license was revoked, the business closed, and drug dealing in the vicinity visibly declined.

P.A.V.E. ~ Prosecutors and Advocates for Violence Education

Worked with educators to integrate community prosecutors' youth violence prevention course into curriculum at high risk schools.

Prostitution-Free Zones

Reduced prostitution in Waikiki, Wahiawa and Downtown by working with police to establish prostitution-free zones.

Public Service Announcements

Launched statewide media campaign to reduce vehicular theft, auto break-ins, bullying and peer pressure.

State Constitutional Amendments

Public outreach to support the passage of constitutional amendments to streamline state criminal procedure, protect crime victim privacy, and mandate the registration of convicted sex offenders.

U.S.S. Bowfin and Arizona Memorial Parking Lot Thefts

Partnered with Navy Security, the U.S. Attorney, law enforcement and the visitor industry to coordinate federal and state prosecutions for crimes against visitors at the U.S.S. Bowfin and Arizona Memorial.

Video Monitoring Program

Protected the use of video evidence in Waikiki and Chinatown by working with police and Honolulu City Council to draft enabling legislation for public video monitoring to withstand constitutional challenge.

Waikiki Visitor Victims Program

Coordinated with police and the visitor industry to develop enforcement and prosecution procedures aimed at criminals who habitually frequent Waikiki to prey on visitors.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges – Faculty Member

Native Hawaiian Bar Association – NHBA Board Director

Hawaii Judiciary, Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution – Facilitator

Hawaii Judiciary, Court Annexed Arbitration Program – Arbitrator

Hawaii Judiciary, Committee on Equality and Access to the Courts – Member

Hawaii State Bar Association, Government Lawyers Section – Former Secretary

Hawaii Internet Crimes Against Children – Taskforce Member

Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii – Volunteer

University Community Partnerships, University of Hawaii at Manoa – Advisor (2007-2009)

United States Attorney's Office, District of Hawaii – Special Assistant (2002-2009)

William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii at Manoa - Volunteer