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I am a [REDACTED] graduate of Leilehua High School and obtained my college degrees from the University of Hawai'i (B.A. 1973) and the Ohio State University (J.D. 1977).

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For the past 36 years I have been a public sector attorney working at the Department of Attorney General. I am presently serving as Acting Attorney General and previous to that have served as First Deputy Attorney General under Attorneys General Douglas Chin, David Louie, and Mark Bennett. Previous to that I was a Supervising Deputy Attorney General of the Administration Division and Education Division.

I have authored five formal attorney general opinions and was the attorney of record on thirty-eight Hawai'i appellate court cases. One of the more important cases that I have handled as a deputy attorney general was the Felix consent decree litigation for which I was the State's lead attorney for more than a decade. The case involved the defense of three executive branch departments, the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, regarding the delivery of mental health services to special education students.

I have served as counsel to the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Departments of Accounting and General Services, Budget and Finance, Education, the University of Hawaii and the State Judiciary. I have served as counsel to various state boards and commissions, including the Land Use Commission, the Board of Education, the Board of Regents, the Employees' Retirement System, the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund and the Judicial Selection Commission, among others.

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Prior to my employment at the Department of Attorney General, I practiced criminal defense law, family law, business law, and military law at the law offices of Yoshiro Nakamura in Wahiawa, Hawai'i from 1977-1981.