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Experience

Profile

My main career objective, prior to retiring in 2011, was serving as the elected County of Hawaii prosecuting attorney since 1992. I started with the office as a deputy in the Career Criminal Unit in 1979. Upon retirement, I served as the Executive Director of the Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council.

January 2012 – December 2019

Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council (HCEOC)
Executive Director

The HCEOC is a non-profit community action agency working to reduce issues of poverty on the Big Island. Programs under the Council supported the community through transportation, food and security, rental assistance, job training, as well as employment opportunities. My responsibility was to oversee the staff and to secure funding through Federal, State and County agencies to continue the program

November 1979 – April 2011

Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawaii

As the elected official, managed the office of approximately 40 attorneys and an additional staff of 60. During my tenure as elected prosecuting attorney in 1992, we worked not only in prosecuting crimes on the Big Island but also established crime prevention and proactive community involvement to reduce crime such as:

- The Big Island Comprehensive Juvenile Justice Strategy
- Island-wide Big Island Community Action Program problem solving teams addressing crime (BICAP)
- Weed and seed program for rural areas of the big island
- Community policing (addressing crime together)
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners program (SANE)
- Domestic Violence Interagency Team (DVIT)

Boards and Committees

- Governor's Committee on Crime
- Juvenile Justice Interagency Committee
- Big Island Hosing Foundation
- Independent Law Enforcement Review Board
- Visitor Aloha Society, Advisory Board
- Friends of the Children's Justice Center Advisory Board
- Volunteer Legal Services, Hawaii
- Aloha Exchange Club
- Boy Scouts of America, Troop 78
- Lehua Jaycees Rooster
- Downtown Improvement Association

Education

Juris Doctorate
California Western School of Law – San Diego, California

Bachelor of Arts, Social Work/Pre-Law
University of Hawaii at Manoa - Honolulu, Hawaii

Enlisted, Regular Army
First Calvary Division
Served in Viet Nam from 1969-1971

Personal

