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## Professional Experience

**Founder**, November 2018 (restart) to present

*Vantage Counsel LLC*, Honolulu, Hawaii (virtual law firm)

Corporate, securities and M&A, with emphasis on startups and small business

**Partner**, September 2011 to November 2018

*Convergent Law Group LLP*, Honolulu, Hawaii (virtual law firm based in Mountain View, CA)

Corporate, securities and M&A, with emphasis on startups and small business; served on Executive Committee

**Partner**, January 2009 to September 2011

*Virtual Law Partners LLP*, Honolulu, Hawaii (virtual law firm based in Palo Alto, CA)

Corporate, securities and M&A, with emphasis on startups and small business

**Partner and Co-Founder**, October 2004 to January 2009

*Vantage Counsel LLC*, Honolulu, Hawaii (virtual law firm)

Corporate, securities and M&A, with emphasis on startups and small business; Vantage Counsel was one of the first virtual law firms in the nation

**Partner**, March 1988 to October 2004

*Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel*, Honolulu, Hawaii

Corporate, securities and M&A, with emphasis on institutional work, startups and small business; led the firm's initiative to help create a tech and venture capital industry in Hawaii; arranged for collaborations with HiBEAM, University Connections and the Hawaii Technology Trade Association and housing them on site; led the effort for the firm to work for startups on a deferred fee basis and to accept equity; was promoted from associate to partner in 1991

**Associate Attorney**, December 1984 to March 1988

*Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro*, San Francisco, California

Corporate, securities and M&A, with emphasis on startups and small business

**Law Clerk to the Honorable Herbert Y.C. Choy**, November 1983 to November 1984

*United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit*, Honolulu, Hawaii

One-year appointment; did research, wrote briefs and drafted case opinions for Ninth Circuit judges

## Education

**Pacific School of Religion**, Candidate for Doctorate of Ministry, Berkeley, California

Thesis: *Christian Entrepreneurs: Their Critical Role in Society and Re-envisioning of "Church"*

Anticipated Completion:

**University of California at Berkeley**, J.D./M.B.A.,

Activities: California Law Review, Articles Editor

**Yale College**, B.S., Engineering and Applied Science, *cum laude*,  
Activities: Yale Men's Tennis Team

## **Professional Activities**

**Chair**, Business Law Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association, 1990-92  
**Member**, Hawaii State Bar Association, 1984 to present  
**Member**, California Bar Association, 1983 to present  
**Principal Draftsperson**, the Hawaii Business Corporation Act  
**Principal Draftsperson**, the Hawaii State Private Investment Fund (SPIF)

## **Professional Designations**

**Leading Corporate Attorney**, Best Lawyers of America, Chambers USA and SuperLawyers

## **Community Activities**

**Co-Founder and President**, Help Is On The Way, Honolulu, Hawaii, 2020-present  
**Entrepreneur-in-Residence**, Punahou School, Honolulu, Hawaii, 2018-2019  
**Member**, Oahu Civic Orchestra, 2018-present (trombone section)  
**Director and Member**, Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii, 2015-present (bagpiper)  
**Co-Founder and President**, Business Law Corps, Honolulu, Hawaii, 2011-present  
**Member**, Advisory Board, Hogan Program, Chaminade University, 2010-present  
**Professional-in-Residence**, Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship, University of Hawaii Shidler School of Business, 2010-present  
**Adjunct Professor**, Chaminade University Hogan Program (teaching Entrepreneurship 301), 2008-2011  
**Lecturer at Law**, University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law (teaching the Entrepreneurship and Small Business Clinic), 2008-present  
**Founding Director**, HiBEAM, Honolulu, Hawaii, August 2000-January 2019  
**Founding Director**, Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawaii, 2003-2008