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## SUMMARY

Former Hawai'i Circuit and District Court Judge with more than 30 years of experience in the judicial system, including over two decades on the bench. Extensive background in criminal, civil, family, juvenile, and environmental law, with deep expertise in trial management, dispute resolution, sentencing, and judicial administration. Recognized for leadership in restorative justice, mental health diversion, and court innovation. Trusted advisor, adjudicator, and community leader committed to fairness, efficiency, and public service.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Circuit Court Judge – Second Circuit Court, State of Hawai'i (2011–2021)

- Presided over criminal and civil jury and bench trials, motions, and evidentiary hearings.
- Conducted pretrial, settlement, and preliminary injunction conferences.
- Oversaw arraignments, plea proceedings, restitution hearings, and sentencings.
- Handled environmental court matters and regulatory issues.
- Managed high-volume dockets while ensuring procedural fairness.

District Court Judge – Second Circuit Court, State of Hawai'i (1997–2011)

- Presided over criminal, civil, small claims, family, traffic, restraining order, and juvenile matters.
- Reviewed and ruled on search warrants and temporary restraining orders.
- Conducted bench trials, motions, arraignments, plea hearings, and orders to show cause.
- Oversaw Administrative Driver's License revocation hearings.
- Conducted sentencing and restitution proceedings.

#### Deputy Prosecuting Attorney – County of Maui (1988–1997)

- Prosecuted felony jury and bench trials.
- Conducted grand jury presentations, bail hearings, and extradition proceedings.
- Drafted and argued legal memoranda and motions.
- Performed felony screening and case evaluation.
- Prepared witnesses and managed trial strategy.

#### Law Clerk to the Honorable E. John McConnell, Second Circuit Court (1987–1988)

- Conducted legal research and drafted memoranda and opinions.
- Assisted with jury and bench trials.
- Supported courtroom administration.

#### EDUCATION

William S. Richardson School of Law – Juris Doctor, 1987

University of Oregon – Bachelor of Business Administration (Marketing & Management), 1984

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & LEADERSHIP

- Committee on Judicial Performance
- Second Circuit Self-Help Center Implementation Committee
- Second Circuit Court Per Diem Review Committee
- Statewide Jail Diversion (Mental Health) Task Force
- Maui Jail Diversion (Mental Health) Task Force
- Maui County Committee to Review Ordinances and Rules
- JIMS Traffic Module Implementation Team

- Hawai'i State Trial Judges Association
- Hawai'i State Bar Association
- Maui County Bar Association
- Hawai'i Justice Foundation
- Association of Trial Lawyers of America
- American Judicature Association
- Hawai'i Women Lawyers
- CARE (Creating a Responsive Environment) Maui County Policy Team

#### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- State Judicial Innovation Award, Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice (2019)
- President's Award, Hawai'i State Bar Association (2013)

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE & GOVERNANCE

- Board Chair, Maui County Federal Credit Union (2025–present)
- Board Member, Maui County Federal Credit Union (2023–present)
- Supervisory Committee, Maui County Federal Credit Union (2022–2023)
- Board Member, Maui Teachers Credit Union (2021–2022)
- Vice Chair, Liquor Control Adjudication Board

#### PROFESSIONAL FEES

\$500/hour plus applicable GET

Travel and related expenses billed as incurred (airfare, lodging, ground transportation, meals, incidentals).