

RESUME OF SHARON BURNHAM

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JOB HISTORY:

Asset Forfeiture Chief, U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Virginia, 8/97 – 2/14. Developed unit into the top small district office, surpassing many larger districts. In FY 2013, collected assets totaling \$6,345,519, and had more assets under seizure than 91 other districts. Supervised three staff persons. Provided training to attorneys, agents, and support staff nationally and internationally. Developed an innovative database system for managing cases. Participated in the working group to revise Virginia forfeiture laws. Participated in DOJ forfeiture working groups.

As Principal Asst. U.S. Attorney (12/09 – 2/14), supervised Community Relations Unit with five staff members, overseeing district-wide public initiatives addressing prescription drug abuse, elder fraud, immigration issues, and other matters of public interest.

Conducted criminal prosecutions involving fraud, cigarette and alcohol laws, technology transfer, counterfeiting, drugs, and violent crimes.

Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Hawaii, 1/89 - 8/97. Extensive criminal and civil forfeiture casework as well as criminal prosecutions involving drugs, violent crimes, fraud; civil actions involving medical malpractice and employment discrimination.

Attorney, Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering (now WilmerHale), 3/87 - 12/88. Significant responsibility for preparation of defense to an action brought by the Consumer Product Safety Commission against the All-Terrain Vehicle Industry, and for the subsequent negotiation and implementation of a ten-year consent decree.

Attorney, Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, 8/85 - 1/87. Personal injury defense, commercial litigation, and professional malpractice defense.

Chemistry and Math Teacher, The Kamehameha Schools, High School Division, Honolulu, Hawaii, 9/81 - 6/82.

Marine Chemist, Naval Oceans Systems Center, Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe, Hawaii, 10/79 - 3/81.

DISTINCTIONS:

Special Commendation for Outstanding Service in the Civil Division, Department of Justice, 2007, for the forfeiture of over \$276million from The Purdue Frederick Company.

Award of Merit, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force and Asset Forfeiture Program, Department of Justice, 2004, for the multi-million dollar forfeiture against an international cigarette smuggling operation.

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- DISTINCTIONS (cont.):** Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney, Department of Justice, 2002, for an innovative prosecutive strategy resulting in a multi-million dollar forfeiture against multiple alcohol smuggling operations.
- Director's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Asset Forfeiture, Department of Justice, 1991, for a record-setting series of forfeiture actions.
- EDUCATION:** J.D., William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii, May, 1985. University of Hawaii Law Review Member 1983 - 84, Business Manager 1984 - 85. **Publications:** "Circumstantial Evidence as Proof of Defect in Strict Products Liability," 6 U. Hawaii L. Rev. 335 (1983).
- Graduate study in Organic Chemistry, University of Hawaii, 1978 - 1979.
- B.S. in Chemistry, minor in math, with distinction, June 1977. University of Redlands, CA.
- ACADEMIC HONORS:** Michael P. and Janet K. Porter Award (1983) and Hornbook Award (1983): To the law student in each class who achieves the highest scholastic average for the academic year.
- Corpus Juris Secundum Award (1983 & 1984): For the student in each class who has made the most significant contribution to legal scholarship.
- PERSONAL:** Extensive travel in Europe, South America, Japan, South Pacific, and Mexico. Some German, French, Spanish, and Japanese language ability.
- Owner, GardenVitals LLC (garden information and consultation service), 2008 - present.