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Was born in Honolulu, Hawaii and graduated from the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, Hawaii (B.A.,) and Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts (LL.B.,). He was admitted to practice in the State of Hawaii in 1959 and is licensed to practice before United States District Court for the District of Hawaii, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Char served as a member of the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association and a Delegate to the American Bar Association House of Delegates. He served as President of the Young Lawyers Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association and President of the Hawaii State Bar Association.

Mr. Char served as a member of the Hawaii Tourist Authority and Hawaii Board of Land and Natural Resources, as Chairman of the State Ethics Commission, Chair of the Hawaii Bicentennial Commission on the U.S. Constitution and President of the University of Hawaii Alumni Association. He currently serves on the Hawaii Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

Mr. Char practices in the areas of business transactions (including development, acquisition and sales of businesses and government contracts) and antitrust and unfair trade practices law and litigation. He has served as an arbitrator for the National Association of Securities Dealers.

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Governor Appoints 3 Members to Board of Land and Natural Resources **(Governors News Release)**

HONOLULU – Gov. Neil Abercrombie today announced the nominations of Vernon Char, Ulalia Woodside and Christopher Yuen to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR). All are interim appointments effective immediately and are subject to state Senate approval.

Char was appointed to an at-large seat; Woodside to the seat representing the City and County of Honolulu and a BLNR requirement of having experience with Native Hawaiian cultural practices; and Yuen to an at-large seat and a BLNR requirement of having experience in conservation. They replace two members who recently resigned for personal reasons and another whose term expired. "Because of several recent resignations, these appointments were expedited to ensure that the land board would have sufficient members to conduct business without interruption to its meeting schedule," Gov. Abercrombie said. "Vernon, Ulalia and Chris all have extensive background in public service, and Hawaii's resources will benefit from their commitment and passion."



Vernon Char brings 20 years of experience on various State of Hawaii boards and commissions. He was a member of the Hawaii Tourism Authority from 2003 to 2011, chairman of the State Bicentennial Commission for the U.S. Constitution from 1986 to 1991, and the first chairman of the State Ethics Commission from 1968 to 1975. A graduate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa and Harvard Law School, Char is currently a founding attorney for Char Sakamoto Ishii Lum & Ching. He was previously with Damon Key Char & Bocken and also served as state deputy attorney general in charge of the Antitrust and Consumer Protection Division. In the late 1980s, Char was one of the founders of the UH Alumni Association, serving as its first president. He was awarded its Distinguished Alumni Award in 1991.