

Resume for Clifton Y.S. Choy

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Education - McKinley High School – 1967 Graduate  
Chaminade University – BA Degree in Sociology  
University of Hawaii – post graduate courses in Social Work  
Various trainings, workshops, conferences in the field of working with victims of crime

Volunteer Positions –

Summer of 1968 – Camp Counselor for the Foundation for the Junior Blind in California. Worked with blind and partially blind young people, ages 7-21. 3-month commitment, 24 hours a day. One-on-one contact with groups of young people, including one week with just one blind/mentally/emotionally impaired young person.

February 1977 – Chaperone, Honolulu Youth Symphony

1988, 1999 – Buddy with the Life Foundation

Early 2000 – On the Board of the Waikiki Health Center

Currently the President of my Condo Association, a position I have held for 10 plus years.

Currently a member on the Crime Victim Compensation Commission since 2019.

Employment –

I retired from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney on June 1, 2011, after 28 years.

From June 1983 to June 2011, I worked for the Victim Witness Division of the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney in Honolulu. Rob Luck was the first Director of Victim Witness. Dennis Dunn was the subsequent Director through my retirement. During my years at Victim Witness, I worked under 3 elected Prosecuting Attorneys: Charles Marsland, Peter Carlisle, and Keith Kaneshiro.

As a victim advocate, I advocated on behalf of victims as their cases moved through the Criminal Justice system. I accompanied them to court proceedings and acted as their liaison with the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Additionally, I interviewed victims of Domestic Violence, prepared Temporary Restraining Orders, and represented the victim's interests at Civil Hearings, advocated for Restitution and attended Restitution Hearings, and attended Parole Hearings with victims. I also coordinated interviews for sexual assault victims with the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

In June 1986, I was promoted to supervise the Misdemeanor Branch of the Victim Witness Division. From 1986 until my retirement, I was fortunate to have supervised every branch of the Victim Witness Division: Intake and Clerical, Misdemeanor, Felony, Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence (both

misdemeanor and felony), and Juvenile Offender Crimes. Besides supervising the Advocates and Clerical Staff who were assigned to these branches, I also carried a full caseload. Additionally, I covered cases that were handled by the Victim Advocate who handled all the Tourist Victim crimes when she was on extended vacation. I represented these branches at interagency meetings as well as meetings with the Department Prosecuting Attorney.

Prior to my 28-year career at the Prosecutor's Office, I was employed doing the following –

Prior to completing college – Summer job at Dole Cannery

August 1972 to September 1973 – Clerk Typist, District Court Civil Division

September 1973 to March 1975 – District Counseling and Probation – Intake Clerk

March 1975 to September 1976 – District Court Counseling and Probation – Social Service Assistant

Second job – Kamehameha Schools – lived on the Campus of Kamehameha Schools

August 1974 – May 1978 – Dorm Advisor for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boarders on the weekends

Summer 1977 – Head Dorm Advisor for the Exploration Program. Supervised a high school graduate student who assisted me. The Exploration Program was for 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys attending a weekly summer boarding program to have a boarding experience while learnings about Hawaiian culture.

September 1976 to May 30, 1979 – District Court Counseling and Probation – Court Counselor – Interviewed defendants of misdemeanor criminal and traffic offenses. Prepared presentence reports for the Judge. Also supervised defendants placed on probation.

July 1979 to September 1980 – President/Manager of a small retail business at the Kaimana Beach Hotel.

November 24, 1980 to October 30, 1981 – Lynn's Employment Agency – Employment Counselor

November 2, 1981 to March 19, 1982 – Bishop Museum – Secretary to Manager of Operations

March 22, 1982 to February 15, 1983 – Circuit Court – Legal Documents Division – Clerk Typist

February 16, 1983 to May 30, 1983 – Department of Social Services – Income Maintenance Worker

From June 1983, started my career at Victim Witness Assistance Division, until my retirement in June 2011.