

## Scott Spallina

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### Objective

To serve as a dedicated member of the **Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)**, contributing legal expertise, public service experience, and a strong commitment to elder justice and community advocacy to support the needs of Hawaii's aging population.

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### Professional Summary

Veteran attorney with over 30 years of public sector legal experience, specializing in elder abuse, domestic violence, and vulnerable populations. Founder of Hawaii's first Elder Abuse Justice Unit, with a strong track record of collaborative policy development, interagency coordination, and public education. Actively involved in community boards, mediation, and advocacy to promote safety, access, and dignity for Hawaii's seniors and underserved communities.

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### Relevant Experience

#### Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

*Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, Honolulu, HI | 1996 – Present*

- Founded and led Hawaii's Elder Abuse Justice Unit, coordinating with Adult Protective Services, healthcare professionals, and law enforcement to improve elder safety and prosecution outcomes.
- Conducted hundreds of legal trainings and public education sessions focused on elder abuse prevention, fraud awareness, and senior protection.
- Supervised high-volume domestic violence and juvenile justice calendars, bringing trauma-informed practices to vulnerable populations.
- Advised on and developed policy strategies for improving multi-agency responses to elder neglect, financial exploitation, and guardianship issues.

## **Certified Mediator – Family Law**

*Mediation Center of the Pacific | 2016 – Present*

- Mediated divorce and custody matters, including those involving older adults as caretakers or parties.
  - Trained in collaborative communication and interest-based negotiation to support healthy family transitions, including multigenerational households.
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## **Education**

### **Juris Doctor**

*William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa*

- Elder Law Clinic | Trial Practice | Directed Study on vulnerable populations

### **Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice**

*Chaminade University*

- Minors in History and English | Cum Laude | Student Leadership
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## **Community and Board Service**

- Current Member, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)
  - President, HSBA Senior Counsel Division
  - Board Member, Hawaii Partnership Against Fraud
  - Board Member, Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society
  - Board Member, KHON2 Elderhood Project
  - Volunteer Attorney, Volunteer Legal Services Hawai‘i (Elder, Family & Housing)
  - Columnist, *Generations Magazine*
  - Crisis Counselor, Suicide/Crisis Center (6 years)
  - Citizen Police Academy Instructor
  - Neighborhood Board Member – Kapahulu/Diamond Head/St. Louis
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## **Skills and Strengths**

- Elder Law & Abuse Prevention
- Public Policy & Legislative Awareness
- Cross-sector Collaboration & Communication

- Community Outreach & Education
  - Mediation & Conflict Resolution
  - Trauma-Informed Advocacy
  - Ethical Leadership & Public Service
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## **References**

Available upon request.