

# *Mr. Kali Watson*

## Experience

2000-present Hawaiian Community Development Board Honolulu, HI

### **President/CEO**

- Founder of 501(c)-3 nonprofit corporation
- Established impressive & well-respected Board of Directors
- Established Advisory Panel made up of Chairs of Alii Trusts, OHA, DHHL, ALU LIKE, Papa Ola Lokahi, State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations, Hui Kako'o'aina Ho'opulapula
- Developing housing projects, multi-service centers, Boys & Girls Clubs, and small commercial/community centers in Hawaiian communities
- Partnered with various private developers to build Low-income housing tax credit projects including projects funded and about to start construction: Hale Makana O Nanakuli, Hale Makana O Maili, Hale Makana O Moiliili, Hale Makana O Pi'ikea I & II, Kewalo Apartments, Halawa View I, II, & III, Uahi Ridge I

2003-present Hawaiian Community Development Enterprises, LLC Honolulu, HI

### **President/CEO**

- Created for profit arm of nonprofit Hawaiian Community Development Board
- Developed a used auto center on Hawaiian Home Lands at Kalaeloa, Oahu
- Created an industrial park for primarily native Hawaiian small contractors
- Created training program with Kapolei High School

2003-2021 Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association Nanakuli, HI

### **Project Director**

- Coordinated the planning, design and construction of the Nanakuli Village Center which includes the Kamehameha Schools' Kalanihookaha Hawaiian Cultural Center, Commercial/Medical Clinics Center, and the 48-unit Hale Makana O Nanakuli affordable rental housing Project
- Worked with the Nanakuli and leeward communities, Board of Directors, architect/engineers, funders, various agencies, and contractors

2006-2009 Kahikolu Ohana Hale O Waianae Waianae, HI

### **Project Director**

- Coordinated the planning, design and construction of the Kahikolu Housing Project which includes 72 multi-family, garden style apartments, including 32 traditional units, 24 low-income rental units, and 16 emergency units. In addition, the emergency units feature 40 beds in dormitory rooms. The Project has a complete kitchen, dining facility, two laundry facilities and a Resource Center Building.

2003-2012 Hawaiian Community Development Board Nanakuli, Papakolea, Waimanalo

### **Project Director**

- Kauhalepono Replacement Home Project
- Worked with 23 native Hawaiian families to assist in building replacement homes for their dilapidated homes
- Worked with the various homestead communities on Oahu, lenders, community social-service organizations, architects, and contractors
- Obtained private, State & county funding

- Lobbied county legislation waiving building permit fees
- Obtained waiver of dumping fees from waste disposal site
- Obtained GET Exemption from HHFDC

2003-2014 Hawaiian Community Development Board Maui County

**Project Director**

- Maui County New Home Construction Project
- Assisted 25 families in obtaining counseling, financing, construction of their new homes

2005-2008 Pavey Hoke & Watson, LLC Honolulu, HI

**Private Attorney**

- Member attorney of limited liability legal company
- Emphasis on litigation and commercial/industrial development

2002-2006 Quality Homes Development, LLC Honolulu, HI

**President/CEO**

- Marketing and development company
- Developed housing on Hawaiian Homestead areas and private lands

2001-2003 Quality Homes of the Pacific, LLC Honolulu, HI

**President/CEO**

- Formed housing plant that manufactured HUD approved steel-framed houses in partnership with OHA, Hawaiian Community Development Board and the private sector.
- Created training program with ALU LIKE, Inc. and Laborers Union

1999-2000 Office of Hawaiian Affairs Honolulu, HI

**Legal Counsel**

- Advised Board of Trustees on Ceded Land Negotiations & fashioned settlement package designed to double portfolio and expand development potential
- Advised Board on Rice v. Cayetano
- Developed presentation on legal requirements & fiduciary responsibilities of OHA and Trustees

1995-1998 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Honolulu, HI

**Director of DHHL & Chairman of Hawaiian Homes Commission**

- Successfully lobbied State Legislature's funding of \$600 million state settlement
- Fashioned \$70-\$90 million federal settlement package with federal agencies under the 1995 Hawaiian Homes Recovery Act
- Developed record 3,100 new homestead lots in four years costing \$164.5 million
- Established partnerships with the various Hawaiian trusts
- Utilized bonding authority, tax laws and unique statutory zoning and subdivision exemption to accelerate development and increase revenues

1984-1994 Private Practice Honolulu, HI

**Attorney**

- Civil and Criminal Litigation.
- Appointed Special Deputy Attorney General for construction litigation.

1979-1984 State Department of the Attorney General Honolulu, HI

**Deputy Attorney General**

- Assigned to Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, advised the Commission and oversaw the commercial and industrial properties
- Promoted to Litigation Unit.

1978 State Constitutional Convention Honolulu, HI  
**Staff member of Hawaiian Affairs Committee**  

- Drafted & testified on legislation re native Hawaiian rights, adverse possession & the creation of OHA

1977 Alu Like, Inc. Honolulu, HI  
**Independent Contractor**  

- Published reports on native Hawaiian rights and adverse possession
- Conducted statewide workshops on above topics in the Hawaiian communities

**Education**

1976–1979 UH Richardson School of Law Honolulu, HI  

- Juris Doctorate Degree

1970–1975 UH School of Business, Manoa Honolulu, HI  

- B.B.A., Business Administration and Management.
- Dean’s List.

1960–1969 Kamehameha Schools – Graduate  
Honolulu, HI

**Other**

- 1999 O’o Award Winner for Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Native Hawaiian Bar Association
- Admitted to practice before United States Supreme Court
- Past Member, National Boys & Girls Clubs of America - Native American Advisory Committee
- Past Member, Honolulu Habitat for Humanity - Board of Directors
- Past Member, Internat’l Habitat for Humanity - Native People’s Initiative Advisory Committee
- Past Chairman, Hawaii State Housing Directors and Administrators
- Past Member, Hawaiian Service Institutions and Agencies
- Past Member, Barbers Point Naval Air Station Redevelopment Commission
- Past Director of Young Lawyers Bar
- Past President of Legal Aid Society of Hawaii
- Past President of Honolulu Hawaiian Jaycees
- Board Member of the Nanakuli Boys & Girls YET Center
- Board Member of the Youth Challenge Foundation