

# **Mark Bennett**

## **Class of 1970**

He attended Union College where he graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in political science. He graduated from Cornell Law School, magna cum laude, where he was on the Board of Editors of the Law Review. After graduation from law school he spent one year as a law clerk to the Hon. Samuel P. King, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii.

From 1980 to 1982, Mark worked as an assistant United States attorney in Washington D.C. where he tried criminal and civil cases. From 1982 to 1989, he served as an assistant United States attorney for the District of Hawaii in Honolulu. In 1986, he received a Special Achievement Award from the Attorney General of the United States. From 1991 through 2002, he worked for the law firm of McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP in Honolulu, where he was a litigation partner, and concentrated in complex civil and criminal litigation. While in private practice, he also served, pro bono, as a special deputy attorney general and a special assistant prosecuting attorney.

On January 2, 2003, Mark took office as Hawaii's attorney general after being appointed by Hawaiian Governor Linda Lingle. He was unanimously confirmed by the Hawaiian State Senate for a four-year term. Mark is the Chief Legal and Law Enforcement Officer of the state of Hawaii, and heads a department of 700, including 175 deputy attorneys general.