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## Background:

Born July 13, 1941, Holyoke, Mass.; raised on East Coast.  
First came to Hawai'i in 1965 on an Army troopship; returned  
after military service and law school; Hawai'i resident since 1969.

## Education:

Cornell University, A.B., 1964  
Cornell Law School, J.D., 1969  
Advanced Mediation Training, 2009, Pepperdine School of  
Law/ Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution  
Advanced Divorce Mediation Training, 2012, MCP

## Admitted:

Hawaii State Bar, 1970

## Attorney Positions:

Associate, Ashford & Wriston (1970-1973)  
Partner, Kelso, Spencer, Snyder & Stirling (1973-1978)  
Partner, Spencer, Snyder & Stirling (1978-1982)  
Partner, Stirling & Kleintop (1982-2008)  
Thomas L. Stirling, Jr., AAL (2008-present)  
Practice now limited to estate planning, pre-marital agreements and  
divorce mediation

## Mediation Experience:

Advocate in over 60 mediations as a practicing divorce attorney  
Volunteer Settlement Master (VSM), Family Court, First Circuit  
Volunteer Mediator, Hawai'i Appellate Mediation Program (AMP)  
Volunteer Mediator, Mediation Center of the Pacific (MCP)  
Named Domestic Mediator of the Year (2014)

## Memberships:

American Bar Association (1970 – present)  
Hawai'i State Bar Association (1970 – present):  
Director, 1997-2000;  
Treasurer, 1982; Secretary, 1976;  
President, Young Lawyers Section, 1975;  
HSBA Family Law Section (Vice-Chair, 1977-1985; Chair, 1985-1988)  
Hawaii Estate Planning Council  
(Director 1977-1978; 1989-1990; 2006-2007)  
Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (1981-2008)

Affiliations:

U.S. Army (Active duty 1964-1967),  
LT COL, USAR (Ret) U.S. Army Reserve (1968-1996)  
Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program/Hawaii,  
Acting Chairman (1986-present)  
American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO)  
Coach, Director and Referee 1976 - 1981  
Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii (fka Hawaii Lawyers  
Care) Director 1991-2000; Board President 1994-1995  
Cornell Club of Hawaii (Interviewing Chair 1972-79;  
President 1980)  
First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu (Elder, 2006-11)  
Common Grace, Director (2016-2022)  
Hawaii Army Museum Society (HAMS), Director (2017-present)

Listed:

The Best Lawyers in America (1987–2008)  
"Hawaii's A+ Attorneys" (1993), "Hawaii's Top Lawyers"  
(1997, 1999) and "Hawaii's Best Lawyers" (2001, 2003, 2005  
and 2007); HONOLULU Magazine

Contributing Author  
to Publications of  
Hawaii State Bar  
Association and Hawaii  
Institute of Continuing  
Legal Education:

Hawaii Divorce Manual  
(Chapter on Divorce and the Older Person)  
Financial and Estate Planning Forms Manual  
(Chapter on Pre Marital Agreements)  
Encyclopedia of Financial and Estate Planning  
(Chapter on Impact of Divorce)  
Hawaii State Bar Journal (November, 2013)  
“Premarital Agreements in Hawaii”