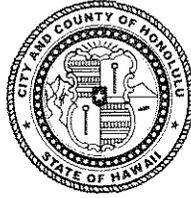


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DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

January 26, 2009

The Honorable Todd Apo, Chair
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Apo and Councilmembers:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of my current curriculum vitae.

I look forward to meeting with all of you at the upcoming confirmation hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kanthi De Alwis".

Kanthi De Alwis, M.D.
Acting Chief Medical Examiner

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Enclosure

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kirk W. Caldwell".

Kirk W. Caldwell
Acting Managing Director

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CURRICULUM VITAE
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(Formerly Kanthi von Guenther, M.D.)
Revised January 22, 2009

Current Position

Chief Medical Examiner
City and County of Honolulu
835 Iwilei Road
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Tel: (808) 527-6777
Fax: (808) 524-8797

Professional Certification

Diplomate, American Board of Pathology, Forensic Pathology (1989)
Diplomate, American Board of Pathology, Anatomical/Clinical Pathology (1984)

Personal Data

Date of Birth: June 14, 1953
Citizenship: United States of America

Medical Education

Faculty of Medicine
University of Sri Lanka
Colombo, Sri Lanka
MBBS with Honors and Distinction in Microbiology (1976)

Postgraduate Clinical Training

07/80 - 06/84	Anatomic/Clinical Pathology Residency Integrated Pathology Residency Program University of Hawaii - John A. Burns School of Medicine Honolulu, Hawaii
11/76 - 04/78	Combined Internship Obstetrics/Gynecology & Internal Medicine General Hospital Colombo, Sri Lanka

Physician Licensure

Hawaii State Board of Medical Examiners (MD-04765), (1983)

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Professional Appointments

Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Pathology
University of Hawaii – John A. Burns School of Medicine

Consultant in Forensic Pathology, State of Hawaii

Professional Memberships

Member, National Association of Medical Examiners

Member, American Medical Association

Member, Hawaii Society of Pathologists

Fellow, American Academy of Forensic Sciences

Employment History

01/01 – Present Chief Medical Examiner
Department of the Medical Examiner
City and County of Honolulu

11/90 – 01/01 First Deputy Medical Examiner
Department of the Medical Examiner
City and County of Honolulu

12/85 – 11/90 Anatomical/Clinical Pathologist
Department of the Medical Examiner
City and County of Honolulu

04/78 – 06/79 Medical Officer
Government Hospital
Padukka, Sri Lanka

Professional Experience

Performed approximately 7000 forensic autopsies since 1984

Expert witness testimony in circuit and district courts of the State of Hawaii in
criminal and civil litigation cases (over 700 times since 1985)

Experience in mass disaster operations

Notable Events:

- Incident commander of the Molokai Air Crash victims at Halawa Heights, Molokai (1989)
- Training seminar to Maui Police and Fire Departments following Molokai Air Crash incident (1989)
- Landslide victims of Sacred Falls, Oahu, Hawaii (1999)
- Xerox murder victims (1999)
- Ehime Maru victims recovery operations (2001)
- Developed standard operating procedures for mass disaster preparation for the Department of the Medical Examiner

Forensic consultation and expert witness testimony in cases such as Dana Ireland on the island of Hawaii (1999), and Dana Ambrose in Honolulu, Hawaii (2002)

Teaching Experience

08/2005 – Present	Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Pathology University of Hawaii – John A. Burns School of Medicine
1987 – 07/2005	Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Pathology University of Hawaii – John A. Burns School of Medicine
1982 – 1987	Clinical Teaching Assistant, Instructor in Gross Anatomy University of Hawaii School of Medicine

Teaching activities include:

- Clinical training of medical students and residents of the University of Hawaii – JABSOM rotating through their clerkships
- Clinical Didactic Lectures – monthly lectures are given to medical students, residents, and at Grand Rounds upon invitation from various departments
- Presentation of various forensic issues at national forensic conventions

National Recognition/Honors

Board of Editors, The American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology

Honoree, Salute to Women in Law Enforcement (April 2004), Honolulu Country Club, Honolulu, Hawaii

Nominated for the 2003 Dr. Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service, Career Public Servant (August 2002)

Requested as an honorary editor by the Forensic Panel of New York to conduct a book review on Forensic Pathology authored by Vincent J. M. DiMaio M.D. (2000)

Invited into the organization as an honorary forensic consultant of the Forensic Panel in New York (2000)

Medical School Graduate with Honors (1976)

Honorary Distinction in Microbiology (1974)

Special Professional Interests

Child Death Investigations:

- 1) Developed investigative procedures and guidelines
- 2) Member of the State of Hawaii Child Death Review Council Board and Review Committee
- 3) Conducted seminars on several aspects of child death investigations
- 4) Participation in public education through news media

Elderly Neglect/Abuse:

- 1) Conducted seminars on issues related to elderly neglect

Morgue Tours:

- 1) Implemented public outreach program for death prevention to at-risk and high school students, counselors, teachers and driver's education participants.

Internship Program:

- 1) Implemented an internship program for forensic science students at Chaminade University.

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Miscellaneous Endeavors

Participated in an interview for Hawaii Public Television – “Island Insights” (2001)

Technical Director – “One West Waikiki” – TV series aired on NBC (1994)

Publications

John A. Lewis, Jr., D.D.S., Kanthi von Guenther, M.D. Recovery and Identification of the Victims of the Ehime Maru/USS Greenville Collision at Sea, Journal of Forensic Sciences, May 2004, Vol. 49, No. 3.

M. Lee Goff, Ph.D., K. Gunatilake (De Alwis von Guenther), M.D., A. I. Omori, M.D. Estimation of Postmortem Interval by Arthropod Succession.

K. Gunatilake (De Alwis von Guenther), M.D., M. Lee Goff, Ph.D., Detection of Organophosphate Poisoning in a Putrefying Body by Analyzing Arthropod Larvae.

Book review, Forensic Pathology, Vincent Di Maio, M.D. and Suzanne Dana (August 2000)

Presentations/Speaking Engagements/Training Seminars

Role of the Medical Examiner in Hawaii’s Justice System
Several social organizations, e.g., Rotary Club, Lion’s Club, etc. (2007, 2008)

Role of the Medical Examiner in the American Justice System
9th Indo-Pacific Congress on Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences
Colombo, Sri Lanka (July 2007)

Role of the Medical Examiner as it Relates to the Criminal Justice System
Pacific Century Fellows (February 2007, 2008)

Interdisciplinary Peer-Review in Action, American Academy of Forensic Sciences
58th annual meeting in Seattle (February 2006)

Drug-Induced Delirium and Deaths in Custody (July 2005)
Honolulu Police Department

Forensic Files – Tales of the Honolulu Medical Examiner (May 2005)
ASCLS/CLMA 2005 Annual Meeting, Waikiki Beach Marriot Resort Hotel,
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Drug-Related Deaths (April 2005)
Juvenile Court Program, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Honolulu, Hawaii

Methamphetamine Related Deaths (September 2004)
Prosecuting Attorney's Office – Law enforcement agencies

Role of the Medical Examiner (July 2004)
Chaminade University – High school science teachers

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Death Certification Session (May 2004)

University of Hawaii – John A. Burns School of Medicine

Documentary Special, "ICE: Hawaii's Crystal Meth Epidemic", Interview with
Ms. Edgy Lee of Film Works, Ltd. (July 2003)

Workshop, Examining the Collective Community Response to the Needs of Victims
and Survivors of a Mass Casualty Incident Occurring on Oahu (July 2003)
United States Attorney's Office, Hawaii Department of the Attorney General,
Federal Office for Victims of Crime, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney
Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii

The Medical Perspectives of Classifying Drowning (May 2003)

2003 State of Hawaii Annual Drowning Prevention & Ocean Safety
Conference, Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii

Death Certification Session (May 2003)

University of Hawaii – John A. Burns School of Medicine

Medical Examiner's Role in a Mass Fatality/Casualty Event (March 2003)

U.S. Attorney Office

Elderly Neglect/Abuse (February 2003)

American Academy of Forensic Sciences 55th Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois

Role of the Medical Examiner (January 2003)

Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Development Committee

Investigative and Autopsy Protocol for Infants/Unexpected Death in Infancy and
the Status of SIDS in Hawaii (December 2002)

Child Death Review Council Training Seminar, Prince Kuhio Hotel, Honolulu

Role of the Medical Examiner in a Mass Fatality (November 2002)

Funeral Directors Association, Turtle Bay Hilton

Elderly Neglect/Evidence Collection/Head Injuries in Children (October 2002)

Interisland Detectives Seminar, Outrigger Waikoloa Beach Resort

Recognition of Elderly Abuse/Neglect (October 2002)

Health Care Assurance Group

Mass Disaster Preparation/Mass Fatalities Incident Response Workshop
(September 2002)

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Functions of the Department of the Medical Examiner with Reference to
Medical Examiner Cases (September 2002)
Queen's Trauma Surgeons' Grand Rounds

Recognition of Elderly Abuse (July 2002)
Adult Protective Service

The Pathology of Abusive Head Trauma in Children (July 2002)
Children's Justice Center

Medical Examiner Case Files (May 2002)
Hawaii Society of Clinical Lab Science

Death Certification Session (May 2002)
University of Hawaii – John A. Burns School of Medicine

Sudden Unexpected Deaths in Infancy (May 2002)
University of Hawaii – John A. Burns School of Medicine

Current Status of SIDS in Hawaii (April 2002)
Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children

Forensic Autopsy (April 2002)
Chaminade University

Pediatric Forensic Neuropathology (August 2001)
Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children

Neonaticide – Investigation of Newborn Killings and Medicolegal Investigations
in Unusual Violent Deaths (October 2001)
Interisland Detectives Seminar, Hawaii Convention Center

Investigation of Sudden Unexplained Deaths in Infancy and Child Abuse (May 2001)
Hilo Police Department

Neonaticide and Sudden Unexpected Deaths in Infancy (March 2001)
Honolulu Police Department, Criminal Investigation Division
State of Hawaii Child Protective Services
Office of the Prosecuting Attorney

Jurisdictional and Preventive Issues Regarding Medical Examiner Cases
(February 2001)
Risk Managers, Hawaii Health Care Facilities
Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children

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Investigation of Child Deaths (January 2001)
Honolulu Police Department, Criminal Investigation Division
State of Hawaii Child Protective Services
Office of the Prosecuting Attorney

Fatal Child Abuse Investigation (October 2000)
Inter-island Detectives Seminar, Lahaina, Maui

Educational Seminars

9th Indo-Pacific Congress on Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences
Colombo, Sri Lanka (July 2007)

American Academy of Forensic Sciences
Seattle, Washington (February 2006)

International Meeting for Coroners and Medical Examiners
Las Vegas, Nevada (June 2005)

Pediatric Forensic Issues Conference
Orlando, Florida (November 1997 & December 2001)

American Academy of Forensic Sciences
Seattle, Washington (February 2006)
Dallas, Texas (February 2004)
Chicago, Illinois (February 2003)
Reno, Nevada (February 2000)
New York, New York (February 1997)
Seattle, Washington (February 1995)
Boston, Massachusetts (February 1993)
New Orleans, Louisiana (February 1992)
Anaheim, California (February 1991)

National Association of Medical Examiners
Albuquerque, New Mexico (November 1998)
San Diego, California (October 1995)
Fort Worth, Texas (September 1993)

New England Seminar in Forensic Sciences
Colby College, Waterville, Maine (August 1998 & August 1999)

Advanced Forensic Pathology Course
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology/FBI Academy, Washington D.C. (1987)