

## REPORT . . . LAWYERS PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY BOARD

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### **A Fond Farewell . . . and a Warm Welcome**

By the time this article is published, Daniel G. Heely, the Board's Assistant Director for the past two years, will be back in Hawaii. Dan has accepted the position of Chief Disciplinary Counsel for that State. In that capacity, he will be responsible for enforcing the professional responsibility standards in Hawaii's legal system.

Dan had come to us after three years of private practice in Hawaii. During his term as Assistant Director, Dan showed his abilities as investigator, litigator, and spokesman for the profession. He was a participant in several Continuing Legal Education programs, and his thorough preparation and smooth presentation always brought plaudits.

Within the Board's office, the responsibility has often fallen upon Dan to meet with "walk-in" distraught divorce clients, convicted defendants wishing to blame the finding of guilt upon their attorney or other complainants with grievances too various to be recited here. Dan always handled these difficult conferences with aplomb. Complainants went away with the knowledge that their grievances had been listened to, even if the advice, at times, was that no complaint was warranted.

Dan also worked long hours assisting a sub-committee of the Board in its review of the practices of attorneys who represent collection agencies. As the final product of that effort, the Board adopted Formal Opinion 10, which assists collection attorneys by setting forth clear and enforceable guidelines in their field of practice.

Over and above these professional accomplishments, Dan has been both personal mentor and friend over these two years. His wry humor often lightened the day in the office. We all wish him the best of good fortune in his new position. While sad to see him leave, we can vicariously bask in his accomplishments in Hawaii – if not in its sun.

Assuming the position of Assistant Director will be Michael J. Hoover, who has been Staff Attorney with the Board for almost a year. Mike is a life-long resident of Minnesota, excepting only his stint in the

Army. He is a 1974 graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School, where he was both a student leader and an editor of the law review. Mike had three years of experience in private practice before joining the Board's staff, and he brings maturity and ability to the office.