Being drafted into the Marine Corps, six months after graduation, drafted from the Minnesota Attorney's General's Office and being general counsel to seven state departments.

Not sent to Vietnam, but to California!

Two years as a Legal Clerk based at Camp Pendleton, California, one of the largest Marine Corps bases in the US, on the beautiful Southern California coast in San Diego County. Mustered out as a Sergeant.

Back to the MN AG, but after two years into private practice briefly before I, in 1973, running successfully for Minneapolis City Council, a full-time office. Elected four more times, served a total of 10 years as the 11th Ward Alderman: developing the City's affordable housing programs, starting the City's recycling program, amending the City's civil rights ordinance to protect gays, lesbians, and transgender persons, and restoring the City's financial health. Back to private practice 1984. Retired.