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helped change the law, both locally and nationally. These biographies advance our understanding of the changing position of professional women. Managing their careers in the face of gender bias and limitations on their personal and professional lives, these women found creative ways to resist male-centered assumptions. Their stories add insight to some of the major themes in the emerging field of feminist historiography. The substantial introduction by the editor places the lives of these early women lawyers in the context of Hawai'i history, women's history, legal history, and professional history. *Called from Within* will interest a broad audience: lawyers and law students, historians and students of history, and readers of biography.