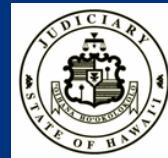


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Aloha

Aloha,

This is my last newsletter article as Director of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution. After 20 wonderful years at the Center, I plan to retire at the end of November. It isn't an easy decision because I love working here. It has been a privilege to work with dedicated and committed people who care about helping others find successful ways to find solutions to their problems.

To those of you who have worked with us on a variety of projects, taken our classes, participated in meetings that we facilitated or sessions that we mediated, attended presentations, assisted with research, and called to ask questions, I want to extend my deepest appreciation. Mahalo also to all my colleagues – it has been a pleasure working with you and we appreciate your assistance. As I look back on the past two decades, I am especially grateful for the opportunity to have met and worked with many interesting people and to have learned so much about the people who work and live in Hawaii.

The Center was started in 1985 and its work has changed as the ADR field has grown and prospered. It will be exciting to see what the next chapter brings. There is one thing I am certain of – the Center is in good hands and whatever comes, it will continue to grow and serve our community.

I'm not sure what my next chapter will bring. A friend asked me how I planned to spend my first day of retirement. My answer was easy -- I will wake up without an alarm clock, walk on the beach, go to the YMCA, and then explore someplace new on Oahu. After I catch up on sleep, I look forward to mediating, facilitating, teaching, focusing on my art, and spending lots of fun time with family and friends. We have a new grandson and it is going to be fun to have more time to be his "tutu (grandmother)." It's a big, beautiful world out there with lots of things to learn and I plan to explore it.

And so, aloha and mahalo, and I hope our paths cross soon again.

Elisabeth

P.S. My position is currently on recruitment. For more information, please visit http://www.courts.state.hi.us/general_information/jobs/exempt_positions.html.