

RE: **Proposed Amendment to Rule 17(d) of the
Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i**

REPORTING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The Supreme Court of Hawai‘i seeks public comment regarding a proposal to amend Rule 17(d) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i. The proposal conforms to Rule 6.1 of the Hawai‘i Rules of Professional Conduct regarding reporting of financial contributions made as an alternative to pro bono service. The proposal to amend Rule 17(d) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i is attached hereto.

Comments about the proposed rule should be submitted, in writing, **no later than Monday, April 9, 2012**, to the Judiciary Communications & Community Relations Office by mail to 417 South King Street, Honolulu, HI 96813, by facsimile to 539-4801, or via the Judiciary’s website at www.courts.state.hi.us.

Attachment

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**
(Deleted material is bracketed and stricken; new material is underlined)

Rule 17. THE HAWAII STATE BAR.

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(d) Member registration, information, assessment, suspension and status.

(1) MEMBER REGISTRATION. Each member of the Hawai'i State Bar shall file an attorney registration statement and provide such information as the Board of Directors may require. A member shall notify the Hawai'i State Bar, in writing, within 30 days of any change of such required information. At minimum, the registration statement shall require disclosure of:

~~[(i)]~~(A) professional discipline or convictions in any jurisdiction, provided that convictions for offenses that are or would be classified under Hawai'i law as petty misdemeanors, violations, or infractions need not be disclosed;

~~[(ii)]~~(B) hours of pro bono service and amount of related financial contributions for the previous year if made as an alternative to pro bono service. Pro bono service hours and financial contributions reported by ~~[for]~~ individual members in the attorney registration statement shall be confidential, and the Hawai'i State Bar shall disclose such information only in aggregate reports of pro bono hours and related financial contributions for the entire membership;

~~[(iii)]~~(C) professional liability insurance, if any; provided that each active member who certifies the member is a government lawyer or in-house counsel and does not represent clients outside that capacity is exempt from providing professional liability insurance information; and

~~[(iv)]~~(D) the number of credit hours of Mandatory Continuing Professional Education (MCPE) and Voluntary Continuing Legal Education (VCLE) completed in the previous year, specifying the number of VCLE hours, if any, satisfied by Rule 22(e)(4).

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