The mission of the Judiciary, as an independent branch of government, is to administer justice in an impartial, efficient and accessible manner in accordance with the law.

I am pleased to present our 2007 Annual Report that details the work of the Judiciary during the past year. As an independent branch of government, the Judiciary’s role is to administer justice in an impartial manner, free from outside influences.

This report reflects the dedication of the men and women who work in the court system. Each day, these employees strive to fulfill our mission, knowing that what they do may have far-reaching impacts upon people’s lives. I am proud of our employees’ work and extend to them my heartfelt thanks and appreciation. I also thank another valuable part of our Judiciary family—the many volunteers who unselfishly give of their time and talent to serve the people of Hawai‘i.

On behalf of the Judiciary, I also extend our sincere appreciation to the Legislature for its continued support of our budgetary needs and legislative initiatives. I also wish warm aloha to Governor Lingle, her cabinet and members of the Legislature. We pledge our continued commitment to working with you to build a dynamic and progressive judicial system. Our mutual quest for excellence depends on our cooperative and collaborative efforts.

Ronald T. Y. Moon
Chief Justice
Hawai‘i Supreme Court
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Month-by-Month Highlights

JANUARY

HAWA'I DRUG COURTS PERFORM WELL ON NATIONAL EVALUATION

The National Center for State Courts (NCSC) released a 306-page report comparing the Hawai'i Drug Courts to national standards and best practices. According to the report, Hawai'i satisfactorily meets eight of the 10 key components for adult drug courts, 13 of the 16 strategies for juvenile drug courts, and 11 of 12 characteristics of family drug court programs. The report is the first part of a multi-phase and multi-year effort to determine how well Hawaii’s drug courts perform.

Commenting on the Judiciary’s on-going effort to develop and implement Drug Court performance measures, the report states, “These measures place Hawai'i far in advance of many states...” As evidenced by the evaluation, Hawaii’s drug courts are meeting national standards and best practices.

KENT HONORED WITH PEACEMAKER AWARD

Elizabeth Kent receives the Peacemaker award from Ellen Godbey Carson.

Elizabeth Kent, director of the Hawai'i State Judiciary's Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR), was awarded the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Peacemaker Award by the Church of the Crossroads at a ceremony on Jan. 15, Martin Luther King Day. The Church of the Crossroads annually presents this award to an individual or organization that embodies the spirit of Dr. King’s work and has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to peace, justice, and civil rights.

As the Judiciary’s CADR Director for the past ten years, Kent has been instrumental in developing and implementing mediation programs throughout the state.

NATIONAL EXPERT CONDUCTS COURT OFFICERS TRAINING

The Family Court of the First Circuit held a half-day custody investigation and evaluation training on Jan. 30. A systematic approach to custody evaluation, especially cases involving allegations of abuse, was shared with attendees. The featured speaker, Dr. Nancy Olesen, is a national expert, practitioner and presenter in the area of child custody evaluations and issues.

FEBRUARY

CHIEF JUSTICE DELIVERS STATE OF THE JUDICIARY

Chief Justice Ronald Moon delivers the State of the Judiciary Address during a joint legislative session at the state capitol.

During his eighth State of the Judiciary address at a joint legislative session on Jan. 24, Chief Justice Ronald Moon highlighted the importance of maintaining an independent and accountable judicial system to ensure that judicial decisions are free from bias or inappropriate influence. He asked legislators to support problem-solving...
courts such as Drug Court and Girls Court and for additional Family Court judges to help with case workload. Chief Justice Moon also requested $15.5 million for the Kapolei Court Complex to offset increased construction costs.

PEACE POSTERS DISPLAYED AT KA’AHUMANU HALE

Each year, the Mediation Center of the Pacific and the Hawai‘i Association for Conflict Resolution host a “Posters for Peace” contest. The contest, in its sixth year and open to elementary-age students who serve as peer mediators, was part of Alternative Dispute Resolution Month.

The Judiciary’s Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR) helps coordinate the selection of the winners. The winning entries are displayed at the First Circuit Court Building for the public and staff to enjoy.

SUPERVISORS CONFERENCE EARNS HIGH MARKS FROM ATTENDEES

The Judiciary held its first Supervisors Conference on Feb. 1 and 2 at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai‘i. More than 230 supervisors attended one of the two all-day sessions that focused on effective communications in the workplace. Supervisors learned that good communication plays a vital role in developing a healthy workplace and an effective team, and learned effective communication techniques.

The Judiciary will continue to provide professional development opportunities for staff and plans to hold other conferences, meetings and/or one-day workshops.

MARCH

WEBSITE ENHANCEMENTS INCREASE OUTREACH

The Judiciary continued to implement enhancements to its website to increase public outreach. Hawai‘i Supreme Court and Intermediate Court of Appeals oral arguments are now posted on the website within 48 hours of the hearing date.

The Judiciary started video recording selected Lunch ‘n’ Learn the Law programs. These recordings are now available on the Judiciary’s Internet website.

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**MAY**

**KOMENAKA APPOINTED SUPREME COURT CHIEF CLERK**

Former Wahiawā District Court Administrator Naomi Komenaka became the new Chief Clerk of the Hawai‘i Supreme Court on May 21. Komenaka filled the position held by Darrell Phillips, who retired from the Judiciary after 38 years of service.

Komenaka began her career with the Judiciary in 1977, when she was hired as a family court probation officer. She became the Wahiawā District Court Administrator in 1995 after serving as a probation officer and then as the Juvenile Monetary Restitution Program manager.

**DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT-FREE WORKPLACE TRAINING UNDERWAY**

All employees received training on the Judiciary’s new Zero Tolerance Discrimination/Harassment-Free Workplace Policy during the months of May, June, and July.

The current policy is a stricter version of the 2000 policy which it supersedes and applies to all Judiciary employees, including justices and judges, volunteers, and applicants for employment. It also applies to persons or entities providing services to the Judiciary.

**KĀNE‘OHE COURTHOUSE WINS ENERGY EFFICIENT AWARD**


The federal government singled out Chief Justice Ronald Moon and State Comptroller Russ Saito for their roles in protecting the environment by cutting costs through energy-efficient building practices and products. Chief Justice Moon and Director Saito received the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Energy Star Awards. The EPA recognized the Abner Paki Hale Courthouse (Ko‘olaupoko District Courthouse), Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building (State Office Tower), and the Kakuhiheawa Building (Kapolei State Building) as being energy efficient.
STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES MARK NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH

The proclamation ceremony declaring May 2007 as “State Drug Court Month” in Hawai‘i.

In celebration of National Drug Court Month, Drug Courts around the state held a variety of events during May to honor Drug Court graduates and those who helped them break their addictions. Governor Linda Lingle and Lt. Governor James “Duke” Aiona, Jr. signed a proclamation declaring May 2007 as “State Drug Court Month” in Hawai‘i. Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann issued a similar proclamation.

JUNE

IN MEMORIAM

Associate Judge John S.W. Lim
1951 - 2007

Associate Judge John S. W. Lim of the Intermediate Court of Appeals had a brilliant legal mind, but a distinct down-to-earth style. He inspired those around him with his compassion, courage, and wit. Judge Lim passed away on June 13. He was 55 years old.

JULY

NEW CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IMPROVES QUALITY OF COURT INTERPRETING

The Hawai‘i State Judiciary launched a Court Interpreter Certification Program on July 1.

The requirements for certification include full completion and acceptance of the certification program application form; successful completion of a two-day orientation workshop; achieving a passing score on a written English proficiency and court interpreter ethics exam; clearing a criminal background check; and achieving a passing score on an oral certification exam in a non-English language.

According to the 2000 United States Census, non-English speakers in Hawai‘i account for nearly a quarter of the State’s population, ranking Hawai‘i as having one of the largest non-English speaking populations in the country.

KAPOLEI GROUNDBREAKING

On July 17, Chief Justice Ronald Moon, Lt. Governor James “Duke” Aiona, Senate President Colleen Hanabusa, Speaker Calvin Say, Mayor Mufi Hannemann, First Circuit Chief Judge Colleen Hirai, other officials of the Hawai‘i State Judiciary, and members of the design and construction team broke ground on the future site of the Kapolei Court Complex at the corner of Kamokila Boulevard and Kapolei Parkway. Witnessing the occasion were more than 80 participants and guests.

The Judiciary has been planning a new facility for the Family Court and juvenile detention center for nearly 20 years.
The latest design plans call for a four-story, 123,118 square-foot courthouse and a one-story, 52,306 square-foot secure juvenile detention facility to be built on 10.97 acres located in the Kapolei Civic Center. The land was provided by the Estate of James Campbell and will help establish Kapolei as Oahu's “Second City” and foster economic growth in the ‘Ewa region.

JUDICIAL EVALUATION INTERNET SURVEY BEGINS JULY 31 AS PILOT PROJECT

The judicial evaluation survey form was distributed to attorneys electronically beginning July 31 as a pilot project. Previously, the Judiciary mailed a multi-page printed survey form to selected attorneys likely to have appeared before the judges being evaluated.

The goal of the Judiciary’s online project is to make the process “paperless” and more efficient, and allow more attorneys to participate in providing constructive feedback about judges. For attorneys without email addresses, an alternative survey process is available.

A self-selecting questionnaire will restrict the survey to attorneys who have actually appeared before a judge during a two-year time period. Ehawaii.gov, an entity separate from the Judiciary, will administer the project to assure confidentiality and anonymity.

AUGUST

PROVIDERS LEARN HOW RESEARCH AND EVIDENCE HELP ENHANCE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS

Approximately 130 individuals from 40 agencies that treat sex, domestic violence, and drug offenders attended a two-day training session sponsored by the Interagency Council on Intermediate Sanctions (ICIS) on Aug. 22 and 23 at the John A. Burns School of Medicine. This training was designed to show treatment providers how an assessment instrument - called the Correctional Program Checklist (CPC) - may be used to develop effective treatment policies and programs. When used properly, evidence-based treatment programs significantly reduce the likelihood that offenders will re-offend, or recidivate.

ICIS is a cooperative interagency agreement between the Judiciary, Department of Public Safety, Department of Health, and the Department of the Attorney General. It was formed in 2002 to lower the rate of recidivism and prevent future victimization by adult offenders.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Edward Latessa, a professor and head of the Division of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Latessa, who has been working with probation, parole, and corrections institutions in Hawai‘i, presented information on evidence-based correctional practices and characteristics related to lower offender recidivism.
SEPTEMBER

KAUA‘I COURTHOUSE RECOGNIZED FOR ACCESSIBLE DESIGN

Pu‘uhonua Kaulike, the Kaua‘i Judiciary Complex, received an Honorable Mention Award from the Disability and Communication Access Board in the category of Public Design. Deputy Administrative Director Walter Ozawa accepted the award on behalf of the Judiciary on Sept. 6 at the 2007 Design for All Conference at the Ala Moana Hotel.

ICA HOLDS ARGUMENTS ON A REGULAR MONTHLY SCHEDULE

On Sept. 12, the Intermediate Court of Appeals (ICA) began holding oral arguments at 9:00 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. The ICA will hold oral arguments at the Supreme Court courtroom on the same day each month except when the court convenes at the University of Hawaii’s Richardson School of Law.

OCTOBER

JUDGE RADIUS IS JURIST OF THE YEAR

O‘ahu Family Court Judge Karen Radius was named “Jurist of the Year” by Chief Justice Ronald Moon. Chief Justice Moon made the selection after reviewing nominations from employees and attorneys.

Judge Radius, and employee incentive award recipients Lani Ng, Third Circuit; June Amaral, Second Circuit; Evelyne Luk, First Circuit; Neal Hamada, First Circuit; David Kauhola, First Circuit, Facilities Branch, Fifth Circuit; and the Office of Equality and Access to the Courts, Administration, were honored at the Judiciary’s annual Employee Incentive Awards ceremony on Oct. 19.

Judge Radius helped establish the First Circuit Girls Court in 2004. One of the first courts of its kind in the nation, Girls Court addresses the needs of at-risk and delinquent girls by providing more gender-specific programs and services. As the presiding judge of Girls Court, Judge Radius goes beyond the role of a judge to provide hands-on help to the girls and their families, often doing so on her own time.

An individual Meritorious Service award went to Third Circuit’s Lani Ng from the Chambers of Chief Judge Ronald Ibarra. This honor recognizes employees who maintain a high level of excellence on the job.

Receiving the Spirit of the Judiciary award for consistently displaying a helpful and courteous attitude to the public and co-workers was Second Circuit’s June Amaral from the Office of the Deputy Chief Court Administrator and First Circuit’s Evelyne Luk from the Adult Client Services Branch, District Court.

Honored with an individual Certificate of Commendation for superior performance was David Kauhola from the Kane‘ohe District Court and Neal Hamada from First Circuit’s Facilities Branch.

A Group Certificate of Commendation went to Perry Alisna, Romy Basilio, Christine Callejo, Leila Fernandez-Cardoso, Cline Hiranaka, Edgardo Ibanez, Jason Kaui, Dean Kuboyama, Steven Macabeo, and Cisco Peru from Fifth Circuit’s Facilities Branch.
Also receiving a group Certificate of Commendation were Debi Tulang-DeSilva, Philip Liu, Anna Lisa Vidad and Joyce Kajioka from the Office of Equality and Access to the Courts.

**JUDICIARY IS FIRST IN NATION TO TEST ILOKANO, CHUUKES, AND MARSHALLESE INTERPRETERS**

The Office on Equality and Access to the Courts certified the first Ilokano court interpreter in the United States, and will be the first court system in the nation to test for Chuukese and Marshallese interpreters during its next examination period. Ilokano is one of the major languages spoken in Filipino communities. Chuukese and Marshallese are spoken in the islands of Micronesia.

Edmund Calaycay, Jr. became the first Ilokano court interpreter in the nation in October when he earned his certification through the Judiciary’s new certification program for court interpreters.

Hawai‘i is the first state to test for court interpreter certification in the Ilokano language. In the upcoming examination cycle, the Judiciary will be the first court system in the nation to orally test court interpreters in the Chuukese and Marshallese languages. Hawai‘i contracted the National Center for State Courts to develop the two court interpreting oral exams. These exams will be administered free to those deemed eligible to take the exams in April 2008.

**NOVEMBER**

**PHASE I OF JURY MODULE LAUNCHED**

The first phase of the JIMS jury module started on Nov. 13 with the First and Fifth Circuits, followed by the Second and Third Circuits on Nov. 26.

In Phase I, several jury processes statewide were standardized and a single technological platform created to make certain juror management functions - such as the generation of pools, impaneling jurors, tracking juror attendance, and generation of juror payment files sent to the Department of Accounting General Services - easier to accomplish.

The new system has no direct impact on attorneys, who will continue to receive a print-out of the juror questionnaire along with a report listing the names of potential jurors with their status, town, and zip code. Now that the technological platform is in place, it will be possible to implement online interactive services to make jury service more convenient for the public.

**DHS, FAMILY COURT HONORED ADOPTIVE FAMILIES AS PART OF ADOPTION DAY**

The Department of Human Services, their community partners, and First Circuit Family Court honored Hawai‘i’s adoptive families on Saturday, Nov. 17, as part of National Adoption Day ceremonies held across the country.
The event began at the First Circuit Family Court with the finalizing of adoptions of children from Hawaii’s foster care system. Following the ceremony was a celebration featuring professional portraits of the adoptive families, prizes and activities for children, music and food.

National Adoption Day is a collective effort to raise awareness about the 114,000 children in foster care nationwide waiting to find permanent, loving families.

$6.2 MILLION IN DELINQUENT TRAFFIC FINES SENT ELECTRONICALLY TO COLLECTION AGENCY

During the month of November, the Judiciary electronically referred $6,169,000 in unpaid and delinquent traffic fines and fees to Municipal Services Bureau (MSB), a collection agency based in Texas specializing in government collections. During the same time period, MSB collected $82,000 in delinquent judgments, which were automatically deposited into the State’s bank accounts.

Previously, referrals and collections were manually performed by court staff. The new system eliminates the labor-intensive and painstaking process of manual referral.

Unpaid judgments of $500 or less are referred to the collection agency 90 days after the date the judgment is entered. Unpaid judgments greater than $500 are referred for collection 180 days after the date the judgment is entered.

Judgments against persons under 18 years of age and restitution payments are not referred to the collection agency, but will continue to be collected by the court.

DECEMBER

TWENTY JUDGES EVALUATED ON COURTROOM PERFORMANCE

Chief Justice Ronald Moon released the Judicial Performance Program 2007 Report, reporting performance evaluations for 20 judges. The results show that most attorneys believe the judges performed well. Eight judges were also evaluated by jurors.

An internet pilot project was implemented to streamline the evaluation process. Five District Court judges were evaluated via online forms submitted over the Internet from July 31 to Aug. 31. Six District Court judges were evaluated via forms submitted by standard mail from July 31 to Sept. 4. Nine Circuit Court judges were evaluated by standard mail between July 31 and Sept. 4.

For the District Court judges evaluated in the Internet pilot project, the Legal Ability section had a mean score of 4.0. The mean score for Judicial Management Skills was 4.0, the mean score for Comportment was 4.1, and the mean score for Settlement and/or Plea Agreement Ability was 4.0.

For the District Court judges evaluated by standard mail, the Legal Ability mean score measured 4.1. The Judicial Management Skills mean score was 4.2, the Comportment mean score was 4.2, and the Settlement and/or Plea Agreement Ability mean score was 4.1.

The Circuit Court judges had mean scores of 4.2 in the Legal Ability section, 4.2 in the Judicial Management Skills section, 4.2 in the Comportment section, and 4.1 in the Settlement and/or Plea Agreement Ability section. Scores were based on a scale of possible responses ranging from one, for Poor, to five, for Excellent.
Structure of the Court System

**SUPREME COURT**
- Authorized Positions: Courts 1, Judges 5, Other 36
- FY '07 Expenditures: $2,884,520

**INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS**
- Authorized Positions: Courts 1, Judges 6, Other 24
- FY '07 Expenditures: $2,121,221

**LAW LIBRARY**
- Authorized Positions: 8
- FY '07 Expenditures: $1,642,032

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**
- Judicial Council
- Board of Bar Examiners
- Disciplinary Board

**FIRST CIRCUIT**
- Authorized Positions: Courts 3, Judges 46, Other 1,047.5
- FY '07 Expenditures: $70,032,629

**SECOND CIRCUIT**
- Authorized Positions: Courts 3, Judges 9, Other 199
- FY '07 Expenditures: $14,013,011

**THIRD CIRCUIT**
- Authorized Positions: Courts 3, Judges 10, Other 199
- FY '07 Expenditures: $15,807,613

**FIFTH CIRCUIT**
- Authorized Positions: Courts 3, Judges 4, Other 94
- FY '07 Expenditures: $6,203,733
Structure of the Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts

Chief Justice

Administrative Director of the Courts

Deputy Administrative Director of the Courts

Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Office

Intergovernmental & Community Relations Department
- Staff Attorney’s Office
- Public Affairs Office
- Law Library*
- Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Children’s Justice Centers
- Judiciary History Center
- Office on Equality and Access to the Courts
- Office of the Public Guardian
- Volunteers in Public Service

Support Services Department
- Financial Services Division
- Information Technology and Communications Division
- Judiciary Information Management System Office
- Administrative Fiscal Office

Human Resources Department
- Administrative Services Division
- Classification and Pay Division
- Employee Services Division
- Recruitment and Examinations Division
- Labor Relations Division
- Workers’ Compensation Division
- Judicial Education Office

Policy and Planning Department
- Budget and Statistics Division
- Planning and Program Evaluation Division
- Internal Audit Office
- Capital Improvement, Repair and Maintenance Office
- Legislative Coordinating/Special Projects Office
- Administrative Drivers’ License Revocation Office

* Funding reflected under Courts of Appeal
New Judicial Appointments

Judge Harry P. Freitas

Harry P. Freitas was appointed by Chief Justice Ronald Moon as judge of the District Family Court of the Third Circuit (island of Hawai‘i). He had been with the Deputy Corporation Counsel, County of Hawai‘i, specializing in civil litigation since 2002. He was a solo practitioner from 2001 to 2002, a deputy prosecuting attorney with the County of Hawai‘i from 1999 to 2001, and a deputy public defender, State of Hawai‘i, Hilo Office from 1994 to 1999.

Judge Freitas received his law degree from the Hastings College of Law, University of California in 1990.

Judge Glenn J. Kim

Glenn J. Kim was sworn in as a Circuit Court judge on May 1, 2007. He was a deputy prosecuting attorney with the Honolulu Prosecutor’s Office from 1993 until his appointment to the bench in 2007. While at the Prosecutor’s Office, he was primarily a felony trials attorney, also serving as the head of both the domestic violence felony and misdemeanor units. Prior to his work at the Prosecutor’s Office, Judge Kim served as a law clerk for Chief Justice Ronald Moon from 1992 to 1993. He also worked as a law clerk in the Office of the Public Defender, and as a legal extern for Judge Alan Kay at the federal district court.

Judge Kim received his law degree from the Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa.

Judge Mark E. Recktenwald

Mark E. Recktenwald was sworn in as Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals on May 1, 2007. He was the Director of the Hawai‘i Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs from 2003 to 2007. He was also an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Hawai‘i from 1991 to 1997 and from 1999 to 2003, serving as a prosecutor in the office’s criminal division and handling civil fraud cases. Judge Recktenwald worked as a partner at Marr Hipp Jones & Pepper from 1997 to 1999, and as an associate with Goodrich Anderson Quinn & Stifel from 1988 to 1991, and was a law clerk to the late Chief United States District Judge Harold M. Fong from 1986 to 1987.

Judge Recktenwald received his law degree, with honors, from the University of Chicago Law School.
New Judicial Appointments

Judge Keith E. Tanaka

Keith E. Tanaka was appointed by Chief Justice Ronald Moon as judge of the District Family Court of the Second Circuit (Maui). Prior to his appointment, he was in private practice, specializing in the area of criminal defense since 1989. His experience also includes appellate work, divorce and foreclosure proceedings, arbitration, and parole hearings. He was a Deputy Public Defender with the Office of the Public Defender, State of Hawai‘i, from 1983 to 1989, and practiced in the District, Family and Circuit Courts of both the First and Second Circuits.

Judge Tanaka received his law degree from the Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa.

Judge Randal G.B. Valenciano

Randal G. B. Valenciano was sworn in as a Fifth Circuit judge in on June 15, 2007. He is the Chief Judge and Administrative Judge of the Fifth Circuit (Kaua‘i) and is also the Senior Family Court judge of the Fifth Circuit. Prior to his appointment, Judge Valenciano owned his own law firm, the Law Offices of Randal Valenciano. He was a deputy prosecuting attorney for the County of Kaua‘i and was a deputy public defender for the State of Hawai‘i prior to entering private practice. From 1990 to 2002, Judge Valenciano served on the Kaua‘i County Council.

Judge Valenciano received his law degree from the University of Washington Law School.

Judge Lloyd X. Van De Car

Lloyd X. Van De Car was sworn in as a Third Circuit Family Court judge on June 1, 2007. Previously, he served as a deputy attorney general in Hilo representing the Department of Human Services, the Department of Health, and the Department of Education in the Family Court. He was in private practice from 1998 to 2006. His experience also includes work at the Legal Aid Society of Hawai‘i as Litigation Director from 1995 to 1998, Managing Attorney from 1987 to 1995, Interim Executive Director from 1993 to 1994, and a staff attorney from 1983 to 1987. From 1978 to 1983, he worked in the Office of the Public Defender in the Third Circuit representing indigent clients in criminal matters ranging from misdemeanors to murder.

In 1996, he served as appointed councilman from the 6th Council District covering upper Puna, Ka‘u, and parts of South Kona to complete the term of a council member who had resigned to run for mayor.

Judge Van De Car received his law degree from the Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa.
Courts of Appeal

Actions Filed
There were 624 primary cases filed in the Courts of Appeal during the 2006-07 fiscal year – 555 appeals and 69 original proceedings.

Supplemental proceedings, which arise out of primary cases, are comprised of motions, special stipulations and applications for certiorari. In fiscal year 2006-07, 2,647 supplemental proceedings were filed in the Courts of Appeal.

Terminations
The Courts of Appeal terminated 761 primary cases during fiscal year 2006-07, compared to 771 primary cases terminated during the previous fiscal year. Terminations of supplemental proceedings decreased from 2,969 last year to 2,634 this year.

Status of Pending Cases
There were 674 primary cases and 51 supplemental proceedings pending in the Courts of Appeal at the end of the fiscal year. Of the 725 pending cases, 83% were being briefed, 11% were ready to be scheduled for hearing or, in the case of supplemental proceedings, ready and awaiting decision without further hearing, and 6% had been taken under advisement and were awaiting decision.
Supreme Court

The Supreme Court of Hawai‘i is the State’s court of last resort. The Supreme Court hears appeals that are properly brought before the court upon applications for writs of certiorari to the Intermediate Court of Appeals and applications for transfer from the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

The Supreme Court also
- hears reserved questions of law from the circuit courts, the land court, and the tax appeal court;
- hears certified questions of law from federal courts;
- hears applications for writs to judges and other public officers;
- hears complaints regarding elections;
- makes rules of practice and procedure for all state courts;
- licenses, regulates, and disciplines attorneys; and
- disciplines judges.

Each appeal is decided on the basis of the written record. In some cases, the court may hear oral arguments. The court takes no evidence, except in original proceedings. Each justice, or a substitute from the Intermediate Court of Appeals or the Circuit Court, participates in every substantive matter before the court.

The Supreme Court is composed of a Chief Justice and four Associate Justices. Justices are nominated by the Governor from a list of not less than four and not more than six names submitted by the Judicial Selection Commission. A justice’s nomination is subject to confirmation by the State Senate. Each justice is initially appointed for a ten-year term. To be considered for appointment, a person must be a resident and a citizen of the state and of the United States and licensed to practice law by the Supreme Court of Hawai‘i for not less than ten years preceding their nomination. After initial appointment, the Judicial Selection Commission determines whether a justice will be retained in office. A justice may not serve past age 70.

The members of the Supreme Court are Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon and Associate Justices Steven H. Levinson, Paula A. Nakayama, Simeon R. Acoba, Jr. and James E. Duffy, Jr.
**ACTIONS FILED**

During fiscal year 2006-07, 102 primary cases were filed in the Supreme Court. There were also 375 supplemental proceedings filed before the Supreme Court.

**TERMINATIONS**

Terminations of primary cases decreased from last fiscal year – 772 cases to 202.*

**STATUS OF PENDING CASES**

At the end of the fiscal year, 80 primary cases and 24 supplemental proceedings were pending.** All pending supplemental proceedings were complete and awaiting decision.

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**JUSTICES AND THEIR TERMS**

- **CHIEF JUSTICE RONALD T.Y. MOON**
  - March 31, 2003 - March 30, 2013

- **ASSOCIATE JUSTICE STEVEN H. LEVINSON**
  - April 7, 2002 - April 6, 2012

- **ASSOCIATE JUSTICE PAULA A. NAKAYAMA**
  - April 22, 2003 - April 21, 2013

- **ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SIMEON R. ACoba, Jr.**
  - May 19, 2000 - May 18, 2010

- **ASSOCIATE JUSTICE JAMES E. DUFFY, Jr.**
  - June 27, 2003 - June 26, 2013

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* Terminations of 772 primary cases in the previous year included 318 cases assigned to the Intermediate Court of Appeals. No primary cases were assigned to the Intermediate Court of Appeals in fiscal year 2006-07.

** In accordance with Section 82 of Act 202, Session Laws of Hawai’i 2004, 284 appeals pending in the Supreme Court on July 1, 2006 were transferred to the Intermediate Court of Appeals and are accordingly NOT included here.
The Intermediate Court of Appeals (ICA) is the court that hears nearly all appeals from trial courts and some state agencies in the State of Hawai‘i. The ICA is composed of six judges who sit on panels of three. Judges are nominated by the Governor from a list of not less than four and not more than six names submitted by the Judicial Selection Commission. A judge’s nomination is subject to confirmation by the State Senate. Each judge is initially appointed for a ten-year term. After initial appointment, the Judicial Selection Commission determines whether a judge will be retained in office. A judge may not serve past age 70.

The Intermediate Court of Appeals has discretionary authority to entertain cases submitted without a prior suit when there is a question of law that could be the subject of a civil action or a proceeding in the Circuit Court, or Tax Appeal Court, and the parties agree upon the facts upon which the controversy depends.

Cases in the Intermediate Court of Appeals may be transferred to the Hawai‘i Supreme Court upon application to the Supreme Court under circumstances set out in the Hawai‘i Revised Statutes. The ICA’s Judgments on Appeal and dismissal orders are subject to the Hawai‘i Supreme Court’s discretionary review by way of an application for a writ of certiorari.

The current members of the Intermediate Court of Appeals are Chief Judge Mark E. Recktenwald, and Associate Judges Corinne K. A. Watanabe, John S. W. Lim (deceased), Daniel R. Foley, Craig H. Nakamura and Alexa D. M. Fujise.
ACTIONS FILED
A total of 524 primary cases and 2,272 supplemental proceedings were assigned to the ICA in fiscal year 2006-07. Primary cases are assigned from the Supreme Court, while supplemental proceedings may be filed directly with the ICA or transferred from the Supreme Court.

TERMINATIONS
During fiscal year 2006-07, the ICA terminated 82% of its total caseload. This figure includes 561 primary cases and 2,254 supplemental proceedings.

STATUS OF PENDING CASES
At the end of the 2006-07 fiscal year, 594 primary cases and 27 supplemental cases were pending, representing 18% of the total caseload for the year.*

* In accordance with Section 82 of Act 202, Session Laws of Hawai‘i 2004, 284 appeals pending in the Supreme Court on July 1, 2006 were transferred to the Intermediate Court of Appeals and are accordingly included here.
Land Court

**DESCRIPTION**
The Land Court has exclusive statewide jurisdiction over the registration of title to real property and over all disputes that may arise after title registration. Also, the court has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the Land Court Registration law (Chapter 501, Hawai‘i Revised Statues).

The Land Court judge sits in Honolulu but hears cases brought from all islands.

**ACTIONS FILED**
In fiscal year 2006-07, 14 cases were filed in the Land Court. Combined with the 27 cases pending at the end of the last fiscal year, the Land Court handled a total caseload of 41 cases.

**TERMINATIONS AND PENDING CASES**
Nine cases were terminated during fiscal year 2006-07, leaving 32 cases pending at the start of the new fiscal year.

Tax Appeal Court

**DESCRIPTION**
The Tax Appeal Court has exclusive jurisdiction to hear appeals under state laws, including, but not limited to, income tax, general excise tax, franchise tax and real property taxations directly from assessments and/or from the Boards of Review.

Like the Land Court, the Tax Appeal Court judge sits in Honolulu but hears cases brought from all islands.

**ACTIONS FILED**
In fiscal year 2006-07, 127 cases were filed in the Tax Appeal Court. Combined with the 314 pending cases at the end of the last fiscal year, the Tax Appeal Court’s total caseload was 441 cases.

**TERMINATIONS AND PENDING CASES**
The Tax Appeal Court terminated a total of 107 cases, or 24% of the court’s caseload, during the 2006-07 fiscal year. At the close of the fiscal year, 334 cases remained pending.
Hawaii’s trial level is comprised of Circuit Courts and District Courts. Family Courts are included in the Circuit Courts. Hawaii’s trial courts function in four circuits that correspond approximately to the geographical areas served by the counties.

The First Circuit serves the City and County of Honolulu.

The Second Circuit serves the County of Maui, which includes the islands of Maui, Moloka‘i and Lāna‘i.

The Third Circuit, divided into the districts of Hilo and Kona, administers the County of Hawai‘i.

The Fourth Circuit is no longer used as a circuit designation. The Third and Fourth Circuits merged in 1943.

The Fifth Circuit serves the County of Kaua‘i, which includes the islands of Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau.
Circuit Courts

**STRATEGIC MISSION**

The mission of the Circuit Court is to expeditiously and fairly adjudicate or resolve all matters within its jurisdiction in accordance with the law.

**DESCRIPTION**

All jury trials are held in the Circuit Courts, which have general jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases. They also have exclusive jurisdiction in probate, guardianship and criminal felony cases, as well as civil cases where the contested amount exceeds $20,000. Circuit Courts share concurrent jurisdiction with District Courts in civil non-jury cases that specify amounts between $10,000 and $20,000. Additional cases dispensed by the Circuit Courts include mechanics’ liens and misdemeanor violations transferred from the District Courts for jury trials.

Circuit Court judges are appointed to ten-year terms by the Governor from a list of not less than four and not more than six nominees provided by the Judicial Selection Commission. The nominees are subject to confirmation by the State Senate.

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**Caseload Activity in the Circuit Courts Proper**

**Fiscal Year 1996-97 to Fiscal Year 2006-07**

- **Filings**
- **Terminations**
- **Caseload**
- **Pending**
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Circuit Courts

**Actions Filed**
Filings in the Circuit Courts proper totaled 11,308 cases in fiscal year 2006-07. Of the cases filed, 3,582, or 32%, were civil cases; and 4,577, or 40%, were criminal cases.

**Terminations**
During fiscal year 2006-07, the Circuit Courts terminated 8,274 cases.

**Status of Pending Cases**
At the end of the 2006-07 fiscal year, a total of 36,688 cases were pending in the Circuit Courts proper. This includes 2,887 inactive criminal cases and 5,057 criminal cases on deferred status.

**Adult Probation Divisions**
There were 4,570 investigations completed during fiscal year 2006-07. In supervision cases, where persons were placed on probation or subject to court-ordered control, including offenders released from the Hawai‘i State Hospital, there were 6,341 new placements added to the 18,507 cases pending from the previous fiscal year. Of these, 5,637 cases were closed, leaving 19,211 open at the end of the 2006-07 fiscal year.
# Circuit Court Judges and Their Terms

## First Circuit

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SECOND CIRCUIT
Shackley F. Raffetto, 1st Division
Chief Judge/Senior Family Court Judge
June 9, 2004 - June 8, 2014

Joel E. August, 2nd Division
June 10, 2002 - June 9, 2012

Joseph E. Cardoza, 3rd Division
June 24, 1999 - June 23, 2009

Richard T. Bissen, Jr., 4th Division
April 29, 2005 - April 28, 2015

THIRD CIRCUIT
Greg K. Nakamura, 1st Division
Deputy Chief Judge/
Senior Family Court Judge
April 18, 2004 - April 17, 2014

Glenn S. Hara, 2nd Division
June 25, 2004 - June 24, 2014

Ronald Ibarra, 3rd Division
Chief Judge
May 10, 1999 - May 9, 2009

Elizabeth A. Strance, 4th Division
March 31, 2005 - March 30, 2015

FIFTH CIRCUIT
Randal G.B. Valenciano, 1st Division
Chief Judge/Senior Family Court Judge
June 14, 2007 - June 13, 2017

George M. Masuoka
Retired December 31, 2006

Kathleen N. A. Watanabe, 2nd Division
August 17, 2005 - August 16, 2015

Circuit Court Judges
and Their Terms
Family Courts

STRATEGIC MISSION
The mission of the Family Court is to provide a fair, speedy, economical and accessible forum for the resolution of matters involving families and children.

DESCRIPTION
The Family Courts were established by statute in 1965 to deal with virtually all legal problems impinging on Hawaii’s families and children.

The Family Court hears all legal matters involving children, such as delinquency, waiver, status offenses, abuse and neglect, termination of parental rights, adoption, guardianships and detention. The Family Court also hears traditional domestic relations cases, including divorce, nonsupport, paternity, uniform child custody jurisdiction cases and miscellaneous custody matters.

District Family Court judges are appointed to six-year terms by the Chief Justice from a list of at least six names submitted for each opening by the Judicial Selection Commission, subject to confirmation by the State Senate.
**Actions Filed**
A total of 34,092 cases were filed in the Family Courts in fiscal year 2006-07.

**Terminations**
Terminations totaled 32,257 in fiscal year 2006-07.

**Status of Pending Cases**
There were 20,435 cases pending at the end of fiscal year 2006-07.
# Family Court Judges and Their Terms

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STRATEGIC MISSION

The mission of the District Court is to serve the people of Hawai‘i through the fair and efficient adjudication and resolution of cases and controversies brought before it.

DESCRIPTION

The District Courts have exclusive jurisdiction over traffic infractions and summary possession or ejectment proceedings (landlord-tenant), regardless of the claim amount. The District Courts also have jurisdiction over non-jury trial civil cases where the debt, amount, damages or value of the property claimed does not exceed $20,000, or where the remedy sought is specific performance valued under $20,000, criminal offenses punishable by fine or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, cases arising from violations of a county ordinance, and petitions for restraining orders for relief from and for injunctions against harassment.

District Court judges are appointed to six-year terms by the Chief Justice from a list of at least six names submitted for each opening by the Judicial Selection Commission, subject to confirmation by the State Senate.
District Courts

**CASELOAD ACTIVITY (EXCLUDING TRAFFIC)**

**ACTIONS FILED**

During the 2006-07 fiscal year, 55,469 cases were filed in the District Courts. Civil actions represented approximately 32% of filings, criminal actions 63% and other violations 5%.

**TERMINATIONS**

A total of 47,863 cases were terminated in the District Courts during the fiscal year.

**PENDING CASES**

There were 75,890 cases pending at the end of fiscal year 2006-07.

**CASELOAD ACTIVITY (TRAFFIC AND PARKING)**

A criminal traffic case involving multiple offenses is counted as one case, beginning in fiscal year 2006-07.

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Judges

**First Circuit**
- Patricia C. Aburano
- Jeannette H. Castagnetti
- Gale L. F. Ching
- Darryl Y. C. Choy
- James H. Dannenberb
- Paula Devens
- Richard J. Diehl
- Philip M. Doi
- Peter C. K. Fong
- James H. Hershey
- Lenore K. J. H. Lee
- Wilson M. N. Loo
- Michael A. Marr
- Linda S. Martell
- Patricia Ann McManaman
- William J. Nagle, III
- Alvin K. Nishimura
- Blake T. Okimoto
- Catherine H. Remigio
- Nancy Ryan
- Randal I. Shintani
- Peter T. Stone
- Clyde E. Sumida
- Matthew J. Viola
- William K. Wallace, III
- Timothy David Woo, Jr.
- Gregg Young

**Second Circuit**
- Jan K. Apo
- Mimi Desjardins
- Michelle L. Drewyer
- Renata E. Foster-Au
- Ruby A. Hamili
- Paul L. Horikawa
- Kelsey T. Kawano
- Barclay E. MacDonald
- Lloyd A. Poelman
- Richard A. Priest, Jr.
- Eric G. Romanchak
- Douglas J. Sameshima

**Third Circuit**
- William S. Chillingworth
- Ben H. Gaddis
- Steven J. Kim
- Wayne C. Metcalf, III
- Jeanne L. O'Brien
- William E. Smith
- Andrew P. Wilson

**Fifth Circuit**
- Max W. J. Graham, Jr.
- Walton D. Y. Hong
- Joseph N. Kobayashi
- Gerald S. Matsunaga
- Frank D. Rothschild
STRATEGIC MISSION

The mission of the Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts is to promote the administration of justice in Hawai‘i by providing professional, responsive administrative support to the Chief Justice, the courts and Judiciary programs and to expedite, facilitate and enhance the mission of the Judiciary.

ADMINISTRATION

The Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts has the primary responsibility for daily operations of the court system. The Administrative Director is appointed by the Chief Justice with the approval of the Supreme Court, and is assisted by the Deputy Administrative Director.

The Administrative Director also coordinates the Judiciary’s annual presentations to the Legislature, both for the Judiciary budget and for changes in laws relating to operation of the judicial system.

Administrative programs are divided into four departments. The Intergovernmental and Community Relations Department includes: Staff Attorney, Public Affairs, King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center, Children’s Justice Centers, Law Library, Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Equality and Access to the Courts, Office of the Public Guardian and Volunteers in Public Service. The Support Services Department includes: Financial Services, Information Technology and Communications and Admin Fiscal. The Policy and Planning Department includes: Budget and Statistics, Planning and Program Evaluation, Internal Audit, Affirmative Action/EEO, Administrative Driver’s License Revocation Office and Special Projects/Legislative Office. The Human Resources Department includes: Administrative Services, Classification and Pay, Employee Services, Labor Relations, Recruitment and Examinations, Workers’ Compensation and Judicial Education.
Financial Resources

Appropriations for the Hawai‘i State Judiciary are made by the Legislature on a statewide basis, with each fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30. Both the operating and capital improvements budgets of the Judiciary are legislatively determined each biennium with operating monies allocated from the State General and Special Funds and capital improvement monies from the State Capital Project Fund.

Combined, the State General and the Capital Project Funds represent over 97 percent of the funding source of all Judiciary expenditures. The Legislature appropriated $134,065,736 from the State General Fund for operations during the current fiscal year, and $14,000,000 to the Judiciary from the State Capital Project Fund. Other operating monies come from federal funds, trust funds and special revenue funds, such as the Driver Education and Training Fund.
## THE JUDICIARY OPERATING FUNDS
### FISCAL YEARS 2006-2009 BUDGET SUMMARY

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**Financial Resources**

**TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS FROM STATE GENERAL FUND FISCAL YEAR 2006-07**

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Total | $ 5,498,357,149
Financial Resources

STATE GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES
BY COURT ELEMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

Courts of Appeal 5.0% $6.6 million
First Circuit 51.7% 69.1 million
Second Circuit 10.5% 14.0 million
Third Circuit 11.8% 15.8 million
Fifth Circuit 4.7% 6.2 million
Administration 16.3% 21.8 million

Total $133.5 million

STATE GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES
BY COST CATEGORY
FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

Equipment 2% $2.4 million
‘Other’ Current Expenses 31% 41.6 million
Payroll Costs 67% 89.4 million

Total $133.4 million
List of Available
Judiciary Publications

If you are interested in the following publications, please contact:

The Judiciary Public Affairs Office
Ali‘iōlani Hale
417 South King Street
Room 206-C
Honolulu, Hawai‘i  96813

Internet site: www.courts.state.hi.us

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  Dispute Resolution Procedures
  Going to Probate Court?
  Going to Small Claims Court?
  Mediation Times
  Selecting a Facilitator
  Selecting a Mediator
  What is Facilitation?
  When You Have Disputes, There Are Choices
Children and Divorce
Children’s Justice Center of O‘ahu
Commission on Judicial Conduct
Community Mediation
Community Service Sentencing Branch
Court Orientation Tours
Disciplinary Complaints Against Lawyers
King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center
Lawline
Lawyer Referral Information Service
Speakers Bureau Program
The Judiciary State of Hawai‘i 2007 Annual Report
The Judiciary State of Hawai‘i 2007 Statistical Supplement
The Judiciary Welcomes Volunteers
Your Guide to Small Claims Court
Your Guide to Regular Claims Court

Videos
An Informational Video on Deferred Acceptance of Guilty (DAG) and
  Deferred Acceptance of No Contest (DANC) Pleas (TRT 18.00)
Broken Scales: Justice Under Influence (TRT 18.17)
Informational Video on Small Claims (TRT 16.18)
Informational Video on Traffic Violations (TRT 15.15)
Jury Orientation Video (TRT 18.25)
Mediation: An Alternative to Court (TRT: 18.00)
The Purple Family: Divorce Education Video (TRT 23:52)