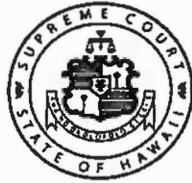


# Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i



## *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS, Kei Hirano was born on July 29, 1930, in Kalaheo, Kauai. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Hawai‘i in 1953. After graduating, Judge Hirano served three years in the U.S. Army and then attended Loyola University School of Law where he earned his law degree in 1959. He then began his legal career with a clerkship at the Hawai‘i Supreme Court in Honolulu; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1960, Judge Hirano returned to Kauai and served first as a Deputy County Attorney, and in May 1969, was appointed by Mayor Antone Vidinha as County Attorney; and*

*WHEREAS, on October 1, 1971, the Judiciary became the beneficiary of Judge Hirano's wisdom and expertise when he was appointed as a Magistrate in Lihue, Kauai. On January 1, 1972, he was appointed by Chief Justice William S. Richardson as Judge of the District Court of the Fifth Circuit. On March 19, 1979, Judge Hirano was assigned by Chief Justice Richardson to temporarily preside in the Circuit Court of the Fifth Circuit; and on March 8, 1980, he was appointed by Governor George Ariyoshi to serve permanently as a Circuit Court Judge of the Fifth Circuit, a position he held until his retirement on December 30, 1987; and*

*WHEREAS, Judge Hirano's service throughout his sixteen years on the bench was marked with honor and distinction. Outside the courtroom, he had a knack for auto mechanics and carpentry, and found relaxation in fishing. His contributions to the courts and the Island of Kauai will always be remembered, and he will be greatly missed; and*

*WHEREAS, the Hawai‘i State Judiciary expresses its sincere condolences to the family of the late Honorable Kei Hirano and extends our sincere appreciation for his many contributions to Hawaii's legal community.*



*DONE, at the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i, this 17th day of July, 2015.*

*Mark E. Recktenwald*  
**MARK E. RECKTENWALD**  
Chief Justice, Hawai‘i State Supreme Court