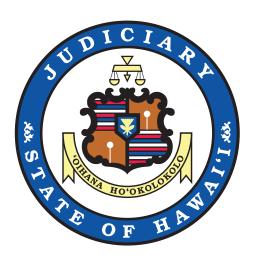
The Judiciary State of Hawai'i



2014 Annual Report



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 2014 Annual Report. The Judiciary's mission is to administer justice in an impartial, efficient, and accessible manner in accordance with the law. Consistent with this mission, we strive to increase access to justice, including for individuals who are unable to afford an attorney to represent them in civil legal matters. This report highlights some of our accomplishments over the past year and provides detailed statistics on our caseloads and budget.

The accomplishments presented in this report reflect the dedication of the individuals who work in our court system. Each day, these employees work toward fulfilling our mission, knowing that their efforts have far-reaching impacts upon the lives of those who depend on our courts to resolve disputes and ensure justice. I am proud of our employees and extend to them my heartfelt thanks and appreciation. I also thank another valuable part of our Judiciary family-the hundreds of volunteers who serve with our employees and contribute their invaluable time, skills, and care.

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. Our ability to fulfill our mission depends on our cooperation and collaboration with the legislative and executive branches of our government. We pledge our continued commitment to working with the Legislature and Executive Branch to build a dynamic and progressive judicial system. We will continue to explore new ways to promote the public's understanding of and confidence in our Judiciary.

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Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald, Hawai'i Supreme Court



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The Judiciary had many occasions in 2014 calling for celebration, including (from top to bottom) our Annual Volunteers in Public Service to the Courts Ceremony, held at the Supreme Court Courtroom. At this event we honored the 1,310 volunteers who have served at First Circuit through FY2013-14 and provided more than 48,700 hours of combined service. Pictured at the top is Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald (left) and Justice Sabrina McKenna (right), posing with volunteer Jocelyn Chong, who will become a full-time law clerk in 2015. Pictured in the center is our Family Drug Court, Juvenile Drug Court and the Veterans Treatment Court teams at a team-building retreat at Pokai Bay in Waianae. Pictured at the bottom are Mayor Kirk Caldwell and Andrew Hipp, Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution Director (to the mayor's left) and other mediation community leaders celebrating "Conflict Resolution Day."

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Month-by-Month Highlights

JANUARY

Veterans Treatment Court Celebrates First Anniversary

The Veterans Treatment Court, under the leadership of First Circuit Court Judge Ed Kubo, marked its first anniversary in January.

The defendants in this specialized court, which began last year, have served in the Armed Forces and experienced difficulties acclimating following their military service. Many have mental health issues, including post-traumatic stress disorder, and the majority also struggle with substance abuse.

Judge Kubo and his team partnered with the U.S. Vets and Salvation Army Addiction Treatment Services so the defendants can be treated for mental health and substance abuse. The Court may also help the defendants find housing and receive job training, and pairs the defendants with volunteer veteran mentors who help support them through the process of recovery.

FEBRUARY

Aloha, Justice Acoba



Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald proclaimed February 28 as "Simeon Acoba, Jr., Day in the Courts of the State of Hawai'i," in honor of Associate Justice Acoba's last day at the Judicary. On behalf of the Hawai'i State Judiciary, the Chief Justice thanked Justice Acoba for the privilege and honor of working with him for the past 35 years, and wished him and his family all the best.

Representative Della Au Belatti also presented Justice Acoba with a commendation from the State House of Representatives.

MARCH

DWI Court Marks One-Year Anniversary



The DWI Court's first graduate receiving a lei. To the graduate's right is his attorney, Patrick McPherson.

The Honolulu DWI Court marked its one-year anniversary on March 7 in the

courtroom of District Court Judge David Lo. While court was in session, Judge Lo congratulated the first DWI Court client to complete the program.

Unlike the traditional traffic court model, DWI Court emphasizes accountability and strict supervision to help ensure compliance. While participating in the treatment program, offenders are required to undergo alcohol and drug testing, individual and group counseling, and regularly attend at self-help meetings.

Offenders must voluntarily apply to be accepted into the program and agree to a guilty plea. Offenders with certain prior convictions, including a violent or sex crime, are not eligible. The participant's sentence is suspended pending successful completion of the DWI Court program, the length of which is determined by each individual's needs but is no less than 12 months.

Kauai Drug Court Community Service Event



On March 28, 30 clients and six Kauai Drug Court staff participated in a community service project at the National Tropical Botanical Garden (NTBG) at Poipu. Volunteers trimmed native palms, removed buffalo grass encroaching on the native Naupaka hedge, mulched vegetation around the entrance of the gardens, and spruced up the NTBG Visitor Center. They were treated to lunch by the Friends of the Kauai Drug Court, a Kauai United Way Agency.

"We the People"



Month-by-Month Highlights

The students of Mililani High's Advanced Placement Government and Politics class and their teacher, Dr. Amy Perruso, were recognized by legislators as the state finalist in the "We the People" program.

The "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" program was developed by the Center for Civic Education to teach young people about the history and principles of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and is administered in Hawai'i by the King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center.

APRIL

Children's Justice Centers Statewide Recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Children's Justice Centers (CJC) of Maui, Kauai, West Hawai'i, East Hawai'i and Oahu, in collaboration with Prevent Child Abuse Hawai'i and the Hawai'i State Department of Health, "planted" pinwheels in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Prevention Month. The pinwheels represented hope, healing and justice for children.

Month-by-Month Highlights

The CJC's, programs of the Hawai'i State Judiciary, bring together a multidisciplinary team of professionals who coordinate the activities and investigations including minors who have been victims of abuse. The CJCs provide a warm, homelike setting where children are made as comfortable and safe as possible while being interviewed about reports of child abuse, sexual abuse, and as witnesses to crimes.

Last year, more than 1,100 victims of child abuse or children who witnessed a crime were served at one of the five CJCs of Hawaiii. More than 30,000 children have been served since the first CJC opened in Hawaiii n 1998.

Hawai'i Supreme Court Welcomes Associate Justice Wilson

On April 17, former First Circuit Court Judge Michael Wilson was sworn in to a ten-year term as associate justice of the Hawai'i Supreme Court before a standing-room only crowd of friends, family and colleagues.

The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald. Guest speakers were Governor Neil Abercrombie; Clayton Hee, Chair, Judiciary and Labor Committee, State Senate; Gregory K. Markham, President-Elect, Hawai'i State Bar Association; Judge Christine Kuriyama, President, Hawai'i State Trial Judges Association and James Bickerton, Vice-Chair, Judicial Selection Commission.

Supreme Court Takes Oral Argument to Hawai'i Island



On April 29, the Hawai'i Supreme Court heard oral arguments at the Kealakehe High School Gymnasium before an audience of 600 students from Kealakehe High School, Kohala High School, Konawaena High School, Kau High School, Kua O Ka La New Century Public Charter School, Makua Lani Christian Academy and West Hawai'i Explorations Academy, as well as members of the public.

This was part of the Judiciary's Courts in the Community outreach program, which educates students and informs the general public about the Judiciary's role in government and its function in resolving disputes in a democratic society.

MAY

Hawai'i State Judiciary Commemorates Law Day

The Hawai'i State Judiciary held several events as part of its annual celebration of Law Day, the theme of which was, "American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters." The theme recognized the 50th anniversaries of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The Second and Fifth Circuit Courts hosted students from area schools and invited them to attend court proceedings.

On Oahu, the King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center hosted a special presentation on the history of the Voting Rights Act in Hawai'i and the 2013 Supreme Court decision, *Shelby County v. Holder*, which overturned part of the Act.

14 Graduates Honored at 55th Drug Court Graduation



Pictured are the new Drug Court graduates with First Circuit Drug Court Judge Steven Alm, Drug Court Administrator Janice Bennett and Drug Court Counselor Elvira Ajanovic.

The Hawai'i Supreme Court courtroom was packed with friends, family and supporters as 14 individuals were recognized on May 1 by First Circuit Drug Court Judge Steven Alm for completing the Hawai'i Drug Court program.

Offenders in the program have access to a court-based intensive outpatient substance abuse treatment program which provides intensive case management and probation supervision. Program services include frequent and random drug and alcohol testing, employment and housing assistance, random home visits, strict curfew monitoring, mental health evaluation and treatment, and most importantly, frequent review hearings before the drug court judge.

Since it was established in 1995, the program has admitted 1,272 offenders. Two-hundred and ten offenders are currently participating and 785 have successfully graduated, with an overall completion rate of 79 percent.

Month-by-Month Highlights

JUNE

Family Drug Court Program Celebrates Reunification Month

Vivian Kim-Seu and her husband Randy were reunited with Vivian's four daughters more than a year ago after both graduated from the Family Drug Court program. For Vivian, it had been 10 years since her daughters were placed in foster care.

In honor of National Reunification Month, the First Circuit Family Drug Court Program and the Hawai'i State Department of Human Services (DHS) celebrated the success of former Family Drug Court clients like Vivian and Randy Kim-Seu with a luncheon on June 20 at the Ronald T.Y. Moon Kapolei Court Complex. Present were the Kim-Seu's, their daughters, and their support teams including staff from the Family Drug Court Program and DHS' Child Welfare Services.



Month-by-Month Highlights

JULY

Big Island Drug Court's Parade Float Wins First Place



The Friends of the Big Island Drug Court's entry in the annual Kailua-Kona Independence Day Parade won first place in the Non-Profit category. For its entry, Drug Court clients rode and walked alongside a truck decorated with red, white and blue balloons, streamers and flags. Fronting the truck was a banner that read, "Big Island Drug Court — Drug Court Works!"

AUGUST

HOPE Probation Wins National Criminal Justice Award



At an awards ceremony in Breckenridge, Colorado, First Circuit Court Judge Steven Alm (center) received the National Criminal Justice Association's (NCJA) Outstanding Criminal Justice Program Award, Western Region, for HOPE Probation, the successful probation model that reduces probation violations and recidivism.

Pictured with Judge Alm is Julie Ebato (left), Administrator, Hawai'i Department of the Attorney General, Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance Division, and Karhlton Moore, NCJA's Vice President and Executive Director of the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services.

New Partnership Uses Technology to Assist Public with Legal Forms



Before unveiling state-of-the-art self-help interactive court forms at the new Aiea Public Library, Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald (left) thanked State Librarian Richard Burns (far right) and M. Nalani Fujimori Kaina (center), Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i (Legal Aid), for a partnership that provides the public expanded access to these self-help legal resources. Legal Aid utilized state-of-the-art software to develop the self-help interactive forms, which will help guide the public in identifying and completing civil legal forms.

"Identifying and then filling out the correct court form can sometimes be a complicated process. Together, we have identified the 13 most frequently used civil legal forms and found a solution to assist self-represented litigants fill out these forms," said Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald. "This software

is similar to computerized tax preparation programs and will assist users to fill out forms easily and correctly. This is a great resource for the public, and will help the courts process cases more effectively and efficiently," he explained.

The Hawai'i State Public Library System provided access to the interactive forms on its 800 library computers and 250 netbooks statewide.

The Judiciary's Self-Help Interactive Forms Expansion project was made possible by a grant from the State Justice Institute and builds on funding Legal Aid received from the Legal Services Corporation Technology Initiative Grant.

The new A2J self-help interactive forms are also available online at Legal Aid's LawHelp website and the Hawai'i State Judiciary's website.

Chief Justice Issues Proclamation Marking 150th Presentation of Divorce Law in Hawai'i

Since its inception more than twelve years ago, the First Circuit Family Court's Divorce Law in Hawai'i program has hosted free presentations to the public during the lunch hour on a monthly basis, and August 28, 2014 marked the 150th presentation of this educational program.

On the day of the 150th milestone, Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald and First Circuit Senior Family Court Judge Mark Browning expressed their appreciation to Mediation Center of the Pacific Director Tracey Wiltgen and Attorney William Darrah for the valuable service they are providing to divorcing couples as volunteer speakers for the Divorce Law in Hawai'i program. The Chief Justice also issued a proclamation declaring August 28, 2014, to be "Divorce Law in Hawai'i Day in the Courts of the State of Hawai'i."

SEPTEMBER

Hale Hilinai Gets a Makeover



On September 13, First Circuit Family Court hosted a community service event to give the lanai at Hale Hilinai a "splash of color". Under the leadership of Tim Bramsen of Bowers & Kubota, 50 volunteers from the Boys and Girls Club of Hawai'i, Waianae Clubhouse, Hawai'i Youth Helping Youth, Hawai'i State Bar Association, Hawai'i Families as Allies, and others spent the day painting the lanai. Funding for the project was provided by Mr. Bramsem and the Construction Management Association of America. The young volunteers and their adult mentors helped create a more cheerful and bright atmosphere for Hale Hilinai's young clients.

OCTOBER

Jurist of the Year and Employees Honored



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Trudy Senda, Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court of the Fifth Circuit, was chosen by Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald as the 2014 Jurist of the Year and received the award at a ceremony held October 3 in the Hawai'i Supreme Court courtroom.

The Jurist of the Year is selected for exceptional judicial competence evidenced by decisional quality, significant extrajudicial contributions to the administration of justice, and active participation in public service to the community at large.

In addition to being an outstanding trial judge presiding over both criminal and civil cases, Judge Senda has been a leader statewide in addressing important issues of judicial administration. She has helped guide the rollout of the JIMS electronic case management system in district court, and contributed greatly as a member of the Judiciary's Strategic Planning Committee to develop a clear vision for the Judiciary's future.

As a member of the Access to Justice Commission, Judge Senda has been a leader in increasing access to justice and in enhancing the administration of justice in the state courts. She was instrumental in the opening of the Judiciary's Self-Help Center on Kauai, where volunteer attorneys provide legal information to individuals who are representing themselves in civil legal cases. The Kauai center was the first such center to open in the state. Since its opening in 2011, more than 1,000 people have been assisted there.

In addition to the presentation of the Jurist of the Year award, the Hawai'i State Judiciary recognized employees who have distinguished themselves through exceptional accomplishments achieved as an individual or as a member of a team with a Meritorious, Spirit of the Judiciary, or Certificate of Commendation Award.

The awards presented at this year's ceremony and the recipients of those awards are:

Meritorious Service Award: Joanne Krippaehne, CIP Branch, Budget & Statistics Division, Policy & Planning Department, Administration; and Alison Hanamoto, ICA Staff Attorney's Office, Office of the Chief Judge, Intermediate Court of Appeals

Group Meritorious Service Award: Kauaʻ,i Drug Court, Fifth Circuit: Tammy Kakutani, Tori Ann Miyazaki, Vonn Ramos, Martin Steinhaus, and Jennifer Tone

Spirit of the Judiciary Award: Selma Iha, Judicial Services Branch, Family Court, First Circuit; Kim Cuadro, Special Services Branch, Client Services Division, Second Circuit; and M. Ululani Johnasen; Legal Documents Section, Hilo Support & Operations Branch, Third Circuit

Certificate of Commendation: Edwin Nishimoto, IT & Systems Department, IT & Communications Division, Administration; Craig Hirayasu, Domestic Violence Section, Adult Client Services Branch, Client Services Division, Second Circuit; and Jayson Taniguchi, Personnel/ Computer Support Branch, Administrative Services Division, Fifth Circuit



Pictured Above: Group Certificate of Commendation awarded to Ka`ahumanu Flood Team Members Gerald Chung, Ricardo DeGuzman, Sunny Freitas, Mark Fujishige, Sonny Lim, Victor Liu, Colleen Masaki, Glenn Murakami, Andrew Nansen, Arnold Nishiki, Elsa Ornellas, Joshua Pi, Wayne Taniguchi, Todd Unten and Kesha Wing.

2014 Family Court Symposium

The 2014 Family Court Symposium brought together the Family Court Judges of all circuits statewide for training and to provide a forum for dicussing issues and new developments. The three-day symposium was jam-packed with training. Speakers included the Honorable Shawna Schwarz, Santa Clara Superior Court Judge, who spoke on youth engagement and extending foster care, and Olga Trujillo, Esq., who spoke on intimate partner violence and trauma. Others spoke on the Department of Human Services' Title IV Waiver Program, the Trauma Informed Care Initiative, Hawai'i's Joyful Heart Foundation, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, and the 2014 Child Support Guidelines.

During the symposium, Chief Justice Recktenwald joined Family Court in honoring its "Unsung Heroes" who have given so much to the community and supported the efforts of Family Court to serve the families, adults, and children who come before it.

Big Island Drug Court Volunteers at the Ironman World Championships



Month-by-Month Highlights

On October 11, Big Island Drug Court helped out in the community by volunteering at the Ironman World Championship. The volunteers assisted at an aide station, passed out water, ice, sponges, drinks and snacks. Participants say it was awesome being able to help out in the community and to witness race participants putting every ounce of their effort into accomplishing their goals.

Hawai'i Justice Foundation Annual Meeting

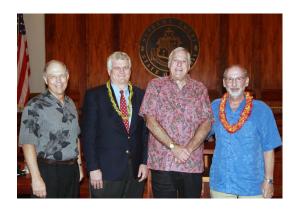
More than 150 people gathered at the Hawai'i State Supreme Court Courtroom for the annual Hawai'i Justice Foundation (HJF) Meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2014.

HJF Executive Director Robert J. LeClair and HJF President William Hunt introduced Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald who provided introductory remarks. The Chief Justice applauded the efforts of HJF and all stakeholders involved in expanding access to justice and encouraged the group to "keep up the momentum."

Month-by-Month Highlights

Intermediate Court of Appeals Associate Judge Daniel R. Foley described the Access to Justice Commission activities during the past year. Judge Foley was also presented with the "Spirit of Justice" award for his leadership and commitment as the Hawai'i Access to Justice Commission Chair.

The event wrapped up with keynote speaker Professor James H. Pietsch, Professor and Director of University of Hawai'i Elder Law Program at the Wiilliam S. Richardson School of Law, U.H. Manoa. He spoke about "Access to Justice for our Kupuna and their Caregivers," encouraging expanded community outreach and efforts to protect Hawai'i's growing elderly population.



NOVEMBER

Court Staff Learn How to Better Provide Language Access Services

All court employees statewide are learning how to better help LEP (Limited English Proficient) court users by participating in a half-day training course developed and taught by the Hawai'i State Judiciary's Office on Equality and Access to the Courts.

LEP users are persons who have trouble speaking or understanding English. They may be a party, witness or individual with a substantial interest in a case, or someone seeking assistance over the counter or over the telephone for a Judiciary-related matter.

After identifying the language, court employees learned when and how to obtain a telephone interpreter or a court interpreter, and how to document and report the encounter.

Twenty-Nine Justices and Judges Evaluated on Courtroom Performance

Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald released the summary results of performance evaluations for eight Appellate Court justices and judges, twelve Circuit Court judges, and nine Family Court judges. The results contained in the Judicial Performance Program 2014 Report show that most lawyers ranked the judges as performing well.

Scores could range from one, for Never or Poor, to five, for Always or Excellent. For the Appellate Court justices and judges, the Fairness/Impartiality section had a mean score of 4.5. The mean score for Written Opinions was 4.3, the mean score for Oral Argument was 4.6, and the mean score for Overall Evaluation was 4.2.

The Circuit Court judges had mean scores of 3.9 for Legal Ability, 3.9 for Judicial Management Skills, 4.0 for Comportment, and 3.8 for Settlement and/ or Plea Agreement Ability. The Family Court judges had mean scores of 4.0 for Legal Ability, 4.0 for Judicial Management Skills, 4.1 for Comportment, and 4.0 for Settlement and/or Plea Agreement Ability.

To ensure security, anonymity, and confidentiality, the evaluation process was administered by Hawai'i Information Consortium, an entity that is independent of the Judiciary.

The Judiciary established the annual performance review as a permanent program in 1993. The main goals are improving the performances of judges, increasing the efficiency of judicial management, and providing the Judicial Selection Commission with a potential source of information for retention and promotion decisions.

Scores and comments received for individual judges are available to the Judicial Selection Commission upon its request. All yearly Judicial Performance Program reports are available to the public and are posted to the Judiciary's website.

DECEMBER

Grant Allows Court to Make Child Passenger Safety Course More Effective

Thanks to a \$23,625 grant from the Highway Safety Grant Program, administered by the State Department of Transportation, the Hawai'i State Judiciary is now developing a four-hour standardized curriculum for its court-mandated child passenger safety course. Once developed, all driver education instructors statewide will be trained on using the curriculum. The grant also allows the Judiciary to purchase demonstration seats and training dolls simulating various infant ages and sizes for a more effective and hands-on learning experience.

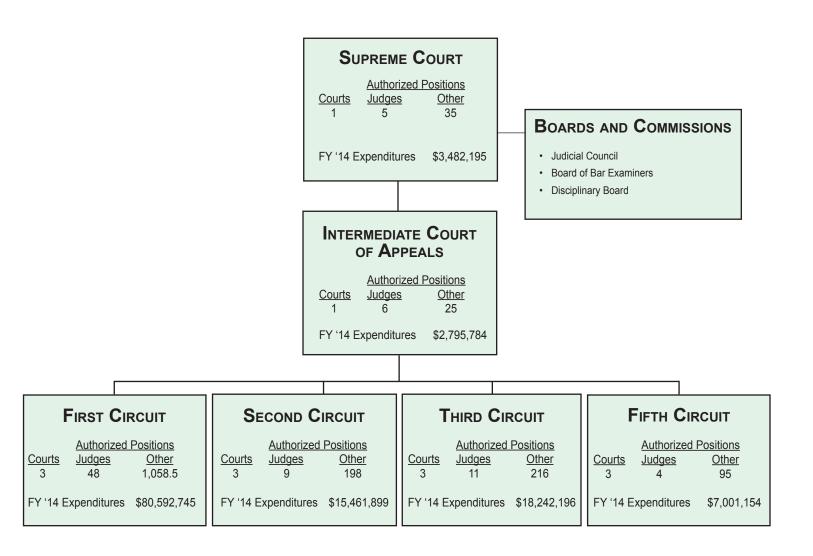
Hawai'i Ranks Fourth in Nationwide Access to Justice Study

The National Center for Access to Justice released its Justice Index findings, ranking Hawai'i as one of the top four states in the country for best practices of ensuring access to the civil and criminal justice systems. The report measured how accessible the justice system is in four categories: attorney access for low-income litigants; support for self-represented litigants; support for litigants with limited language proficiency; and support for people with disabilities.

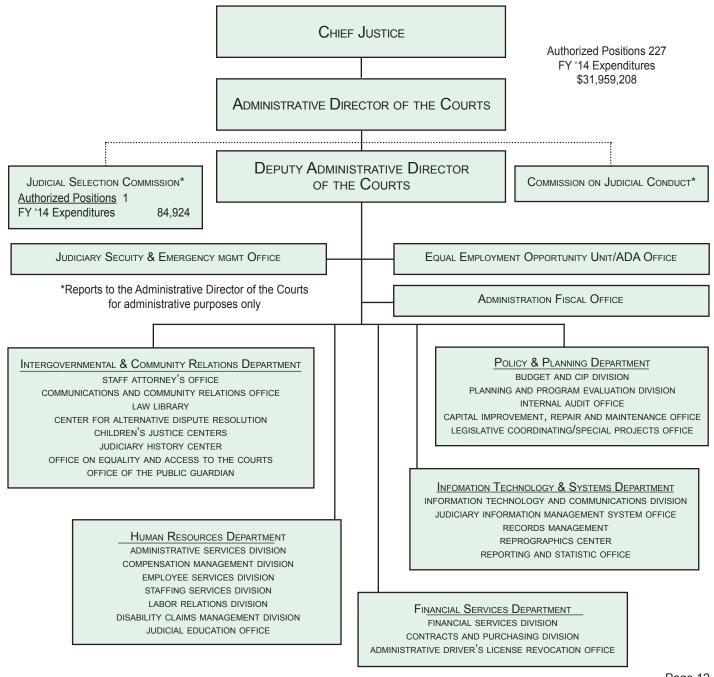
"I'm very pleased that Hawai'i has been recognized as a leader in providing access to justice. Our hard work is paving off. The Hawai'i Access to Justice Commission was formed by the Supreme Court in 2008 with these very objectives in mind. The Justice Index results serve as a testament to how much the Commission, the state judiciary, volunteer attorneys, and our other partners have been able to accomplish with limited resources," said Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald. "The Findings reflect dedication and commitment toward realizing justice for all in Hawaii, and the effectiveness of the partnerships that the Commission has forged."

Month-by-Month Highlights

Structure of the Court System



Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts



Courts of Appeal

ACTIONS FILED

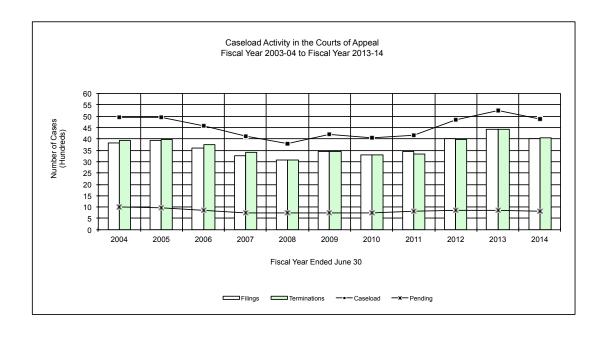
711 primary cases were filed in the Courts of Appeal during the 2013-14 fiscal year (608 appeals and 103 original proceedings).

Supplemental proceedings, which arise out of primary cases, are comprised of motions, special stipulations and applications for certiorari. In fiscal year 2013-14, 3,314 supplemental proceedings were filed in the Courts of Appeal.

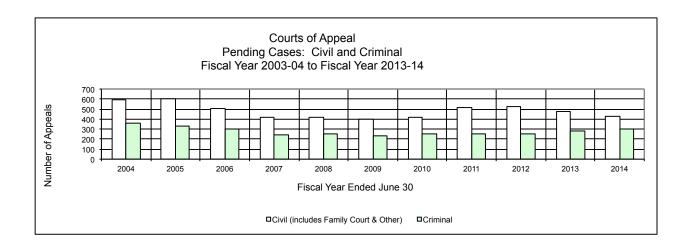
TERMINATIONS

The Courts of Appeal terminated 743 primary cases during fiscal year 2013-14, compared to 817 primary cases terminated during the previous fiscal year. Terminations of supplemental proceedings decreased from 3,599 last year to 3,308 this year.

Status of Pending Cases 745 primary cases and 82 supplemental proceedings were pending in the Courts of Appeal at the end of the fiscal year.



Courts of Appeal



Supreme Court



Aliʻiōlani Hale, Hawaiʻi Supreme Court

The Supreme Court of Hawai'i is the State's court of last resort. The Supreme Court hears appeals that are 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.

Supreme Court

JUSTICES AND THEIR TERMS

CHIEF JUSTICE MARK E. RECKTENWALD September 14, 2010 - September 13, 2020

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE PAULA A. NAKAYAMA April 22, 2013 - April 21, 2023

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SABRINA S. MCKENNA March 3, 2011 - March 2, 2021

Associate Justice Richard W. Pollack August 6, 2012 - August 5, 2022

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE MICHAEL D. WILSON April 17, 2014 - April 16, 2024



Bottom row (left to right): Associate Justice Paula A. Nakayama, Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald, Associate Justice Sabrina S. McKenna

Top row (left to right): Associate Justices Richard W. Pollack and Michael D. Wilson

Intermediate Court of Appeals

The Intermediate Court of Appeals (ICA) hears almost all appeals from trial courts and some 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 tenyear 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.



Intermediate Court of Appeals

Intermediate Court of Appeals

JUDGES AND THEIR TERMS

CHIEF JUDGE CRAIG H. NAKAMURA September 16, 2009 - September 15, 2019

Associate Judge Daniel R. Foley October 2, 2010 - October 1, 2020

ASSOCIATE JUDGE ALEXA D.M. FUJISE June 10, 2014 - June 9, 2024

Associate Judge Katherine G. Leonard January 30, 2008 - January 29, 2018

Associate Judge Lawrence M. Reifurth March 11, 2010 - March 10, 2020

ASSOCIATE JUDGE LISA M. GINOZA May 6, 2010 - May 5, 2020

Land Court

DESCRIPTION

The Land Court has exclusive statewide jurisdiction over the registration of title to real property and 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 2013-14, 240 cases were filed in the Land Court. Combined with the 535 cases pending at the beginning of the fiscal year, the Land Court handled a total of 775 cases.

TERMINATIONS AND PENDING CASES 194 cases were terminated during fiscal year 2013-14, leaving 581 cases pending at the end of the 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 2013-14, 289 cases were filed in the Tax Appeal Court. Combined with the 827 pending cases at the beginning of the fiscal year, the Tax Appeal Court's total caseload was 1,116 cases.

TERMINATIONS AND PENDING CASES
The Tax Appeal Court terminated
a total of 228 cases, or 20% of the
court's caseload, during the 2013-14
fiscal year. At the close of the fiscal
year, 888 cases remained pending.

Trial Courts

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, serves 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

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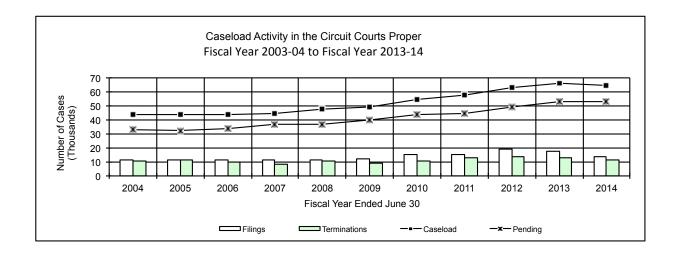
The mission of the Circuit Court is to expeditiously and fairly adjudicate or resolve all matters within its jurisdiction in accordance with the law.

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 \$40,000. Circuit Courts share concurrent jurisdiction with District Courts in civil non-jury cases that specify amounts between \$5,000 and \$40,000.

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.



Circuit Courts

ACTIONS FILED

Filings in the Circuit Courts totaled 13,495 cases in fiscal year 2013-14. 5,036, or 37%, were civil cases; and 4,507, or 33%, were criminal cases.

TERMINATIONS

During fiscal year 2013-14, the Circuit Courts terminated 11,172 cases.

STATUS OF PENDING CASES

At the end of the 2013-14 fiscal year, a total of 53,439 cases were pending in the Circuit Courts proper. This includes 14,160 criminal cases.

ADULT PROBATION DIVISIONS

There were 3,651 pre-sentence investigations completed during fiscal year 2013-14. 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 6,435 new placements added to the 19,996 cases pending at the start of the fiscal year. 5,523 cases were closed, leaving 20,908 open at the end of the 2013-14 fiscal year.



Hoapili Hale, Second Circuit (Maui) Court

Circuit Court Judges and Their Terms

FIRST CIRCUIT

KARL K. SAKAMOTO, 1ST DIVISION *June 1, 2010 - May 31, 2020*

Steven S. Alm, 2^{ND} Division May 14, 2011 - May 13, 2021

R. Mark Browning, 3RD DIVISION DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE FAMILY COURT May 6, 2010 - May 5, 2020

GLENN J. KIM, 4^{TH} DIVISION April 30, 2007 - April 29, 2017

JEANNETTE H. CASTAGNETTI, 5TH DIVISION September 30, 2010 - September 29, 2020

JEFFERY P. CRABTREE, 6[™] DIVISION November 25, 2014 - November 24, 2024

DEAN E. OCHIAI, 7^{TH} DIVISION February 15, 2013 - February 14, 2023

RICHARD K. PERKINS, 8TH DIVISION DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE CRIMINAL DIVISION May 6, 2014 - May 5, 2024

VIRGINIA LEA CRANDALL, 9^{TH} DIVISION April 1, 2011 - March 31, 2021

RHONDA A. NISHIMURA, 10TH DIVISION *June 20, 2013 - June 19, 2023*

KAREN S. S. AHN, 11[™] DIVISION *May 10, 2010 - May 9, 2020*

RANDAL K. O. LEE, 12[™] DIVISION *April* 22, 2005 - *April* 21, 2015

DEXTER D. DEL ROSARIO, 13^{TH} DIVISION April 15, 2014 - April 14, 2024

GARY W. B. CHANG, 14[™] DIVISION *June 1, 2009 - May 31, 2019*

EDWIN C. NACINO, 15^{TH} DIVISION January 28, 2010 - January 27, 2020

CHRISTINE E. KURIYAMA, 16TH DIVISION November 25, 2014 - November 24, 2024

ROM A. TRADER, 17^{TH} DIVISION March 27, 2009 - March 26, 2019

EDWARD H. KUBO JR., 18TH DIVISION *March 11, 2010 - March 10, 2020*

Fa'auuga L. To'oto'o, 19[™] Division *October 7, 2010 - October 6, 2020*

Colette Y. Garibaldi, 20^{TH} Division September 30, 2010 - September 29, 2020

BERT I. AYABE, 21ST DIVISION DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE CIVIL DIVISION June 10, 2014 - June 9, 2024

KAREN T. NAKASONE, 22^{ND} DIVISION November 1, 2011 - October 31, 2021

DERRICK H. M. CHAN, 23RD DIVISION CHIEF JUDGE *August 25, 2010 - August 24, 2020*

Circuit Court Judges and Their Terms

SECOND CIRCUIT

PETER T. CAHILL, 1ST DIVISION September 17, 2012 - September 16, 2022

RHONDA I.L. LOO, 2^{ND} DIVISION June 9, 2011 - June 8, 2021

JOSEPH E. CARDOZA, 3RD DIVISION CHIEF JUDGE

June 24, 2009 - June 23, 2019

RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR., 4^{TH} DIVISION April 29, 2005 - April 28, 2015

THIRD CIRCUIT

GREG K. NAKAMURA, 1ST DIVISION DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE/ SENIOR FAMILY COURT JUDGE April 18, 2014 - April 17, 2024

GLENN S. HARA, 2^{ND} DIVISION June 25, 2014 - June 24, 2024

RONALD IBARRA, 3RD DIVISION CHIEF JUDGE *May 10, 2009 - May 9, 2019*

ELIZABETH A. STRANCE, 4^{TH} 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

Kathleen N. A. Watanabe, 2^{ND} Division *August 17, 2005 - August 16, 2015*

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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.

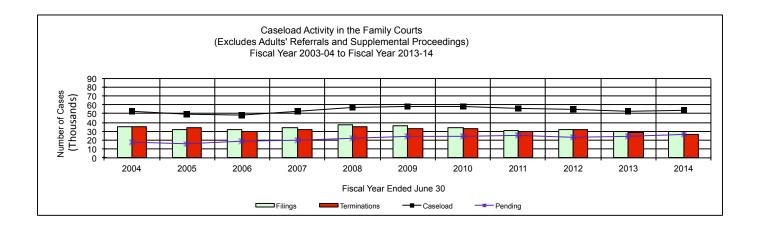
DESCRIPTION

The Family Courts were established by statute in 1965 to deal with virtually all legal problems impacting 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.



Family Courts

ACTIONS FILED 29,708 cases were filed in the Family Courts in fiscal year 2013-14.

TERMINATIONS
Terminations totaled 26,579 in fiscal year 2013-14.

Status of Pending Cases 26,690 cases were pending at the end of fiscal year 2013-14.



Ronald T.Y. Moon Kapolei Courthouse, First Circuit (Oʻahu) Family Court

Family Court Judges and Their Terms

FIRST CIRCUIT

R. MARK BROWNING FIRST CIRCUIT COURT 3RD DIVISION DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE May 6, 2010 - May 5, 2020

JEANNETTE H. CASTAGNETTI
FIRST CIRCUIT COURT
5TH DIVISION
September 30, 2010 - September 29, 2020

Fa'auuga L. To'oto'o FIRST CIRCUIT COURT 19[™] DIVISION October 7, 2010 - October 6, 2020

JENNIFER L. CHING June 24, 2011 - June 23, 2017

SHERRI-ANN L. IHA August 26, 2010 - August 25, 2016

LANSON K. KUPAU June 9, 2011 - June 18, 2017

Paul T. Murakami June 7, 2014 - June 6, 2020

STEVEN M. NAKASHIMA August 26, 2010 - August 25, 2016

CATHERINE H. REMIGIO *June 23, 2011 - June 22, 2017*

KEVIN A. SOUZA February 15, 2013 - December 14, 2019

BODE A. UALE October 27, 2010 - October 26, 2016

MATTHEW J. VIOLA August 26, 2010 - August 25, 2016

SECOND CIRCUIT

JOSEPH E. CARDOZA SECOND CIRCUIT COURT, 3RD DIVISION CHIEF JUDGE/SENIOR FAMILY COURT JUDGE June 24, 2009 - June 23, 2019

KEITH E. TANAKA March 9, 2013 - March 8, 2019

LLOYD A. POELMAN
December 13, 2013 - December 12, 2019

THIRD CIRCUIT

GREG K. NAKAMURA
THIRD CIRCUIT COURT, 1ST DIVISION
DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE
April 18, 2014 - April 17, 2024

ALEY K. AUNA, JR. April 4, 2012 - April 3, 2018

MELVIN H. FUJINO December 19, 2014 - December 18, 2020

HENRY NAKAMOTO June 10, 2014 - June 9, 2020

FIFTH CIRCUIT

RANDAL G. B. VALENCIANO FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT, 1ST DIVISION CHIEF JUDGE/SENIOR FAMILY COURT JUDGE June 14, 2007 - June 13, 2017

EDMUND D. ACOBA May 27, 2011 - May 26, 2017

District Courts

STRATEGIC MISSION

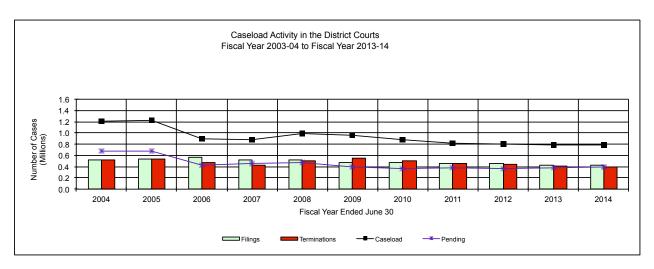
The mission of the District Court is to serve the people of Hawai'i through the fair and efficient adjudication and resolution of cases and controversies brought before it.

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 \$40,000, or where the remedy sought is specific performance valued under \$40,000, 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.



^{*}A criminal case involving multiple offenses is counted as one case, beginning in fiscal year 2006-07

^{**}Total filings, terminations, caseload, and pending are combined from Tables 17, 19, and 21 of the Statistical Supplement

District Courts

CASELOAD ACTIVITY (EXCLUDING TRAFFIC)

ACTIONS FILED

During the 2013-14 fiscal year, 51,674 cases were filed in the District Courts. Civil actions represented almost 46% of filings. Criminal actions represented almost 52% of filings.

TERMINATIONS

42,982 cases were terminated in the District Courts during the fiscal year.

STATUS OF PENDING CASES 110,472 cases were pending at the end of fiscal year 2013-14.

Caseload Activity (Traffic and Parking)

New Filings totaled 370,878 cases in fiscal year 2013-14.

Entry of Judgment dispositions totaled 355,906 cases in fiscal year 2013-14.

Active Pending Cases at the end of fiscal year 2013-14 totaled 206,975 cases. Inactive pending cases numbered 74,644 cases.



Kauikeaouli Hale, First Circuit (Oʻahu) District Court

District Court Judges and Their Terms

FIRST CIRCUIT

BARBARA P. RICHARDSON DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE May 5, 2012 - May 4, 2018

JAMES H. ASHFORD September 30, 2013 - September 29, 2019

HILARY BENSON GANGNES

May 22, 2014 - May 21, 2020

LESLIE ANN HAYASHI November 5, 2008 - October 31, 2014 (Retired)

SHIRLEY M. KAWAMURA *May 29, 2012 - May 28, 2018*

GERALD H. KIBE January 6, 2013 - January 5, 2019

FAYE M. KOYANAGI June 10, 2009 - June 9, 2015

LONO J. LEE June 10, 2009 - June 9, 2015

DAVID W. LO August 23, 2012 - August 22, 2018

LINDA K.C. LUKE December 29, 2010 - December 28, 2016

MELANIE MITO MAY June 23, 2011 - June 22, 2017

CLARENCE A. PACARRO June 7, 2014 - June 6, 2020

MICHAEL K. TANIGAWA August 26, 2010 - August 25, 2016

Paul B.K. Wong May 29, 2012 - May 28, 2018

SECOND CIRCUIT

KELSEY T. KAWANO DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE August 29, 2014 - August 28, 2020

ADRIANNE N. HEELY *May 14, 2012 - May 13, 2018*

BLAINE J. KOBAYASHI
October 12, 2010 - October 11, 2016

LLOYD A. POELMAN
December 13, 2013 - December 12, 2019

THIRD CIRCUIT

BARBARA T. TAKASE DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE May 26, 2010 - May 25, 2016

Harry P. Freitas June 1, 2013 - May 31, 2019

MARGARET MASUNAGA
December 2, 2014 - December 1, 2020

LLOYD X. VAN DE CAR June 1, 2013 - May 31, 2019

FIFTH CIRCUIT

EDMUND D. ACOBA

May 27, 2011 - May 26, 2017

TRUDY K. SENDA DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE May 4, 2013 - May 3, 2019

Per Diem Judges

FIRST CIRCUIT

Patricia C. Aburano Ronald A. Albu Gale L. F. Ching Darryl Y. C. Choy

Paula Devens-Matayoshi

Richard J. Diehl
Philip M. Doi
Peter C. K. Fong
Thomas A.K. Haia
James H. Hershey
Na'unanikina'u Kamali'i
James S. Kawashima
Lenore K. J. H. Lee

Wilson M. N. Loo Michael A. Marr

Linda S. Martell

Paul A. Meares

John A. Montalbano

Russel S. Nagata

William J. Nagle III

Alvin K. Nishimura

Maura M. Okamoto

Blake T. Okimoto

Karen M. Radius

Nancy Ryan

Randal I. Shintani

Frances Q. F. Wong

SECOND CIRCUIT

Jan K. Apo

Richard B. Berman Michelle L. Drewyer

Kirstin Hamman

Fredrick Matson Kelley Georgia K. McMillen Richard A. Priest, Jr. Douglas J. Sameshima

THIRD CIRCUIT

Diana L. Van De Car Andrew P. Wilson

FIFTH CIRCUIT

Jonathan J. Chun Craig A. DeCosta Max W. J. Graham, Jr. Danel G. Hempey Joseph N. Kobayashi Laurel Loo Gregory H. Meyers

Joe P. Moss

Frank D. Rothschild Sara Lee Silverman

Support Services

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 is responsible 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 Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Office and the Judiciary Security Emergency Management Office are attached to the Deputy Administrative Director.

Administrative programs are divided into five departments. The Intergovernmental and Community Relations Department includes: Staff Attorney's office, King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center, Children's

Justice Centers, Law Library, Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Communications and Community Relations, Equality and Access to the Courts, and Office of the Public Guardian. The Information Technology and Systems Department includes: Information Technology and Communications, Judiciary Information Management System, Records Management, Reprographics Center and Reporting and Statistics Office. The Policy and Planning Department includes: Budget and CIP Division, Planning and Program Evaluation, Internal Audit, and Special Projects/Legislative Office, and Capital Improvement Repair and Maintenance office. The Human Resources Department includes: Administrative Services, Compensation Management, Employee Services, Labor Relations, Staffing Services, Disability Claims Management and Judicial Education. The Financial Services Department includes: Fiscal Services Division, Contracts and Purchasing Division, and Administrative Drivers' License Revocation Office.

Financial Resources

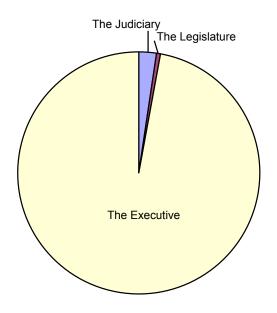
Appropriations for the Hawai'i State Judiciary are made by the Legislature on a statewide basis, with each fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30. Both the operating and capital improvements budgets of the Judiciary are legislatively determined each biennium with operating monies allocated from 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 93 percent of the funding source of the Judiciary expenditures. The Legislature appropriated \$148,686,364 from the State General Fund for operations during the current fiscal year, which constitutes 2.32% of the total state general fund appropriations. Other operating monies come from federal funds, trust funds and special revenue funds, such as the Driver Education and Training Fund.

Financial Resources

THE JUDICIARY • OPERATING FUNDS FISCAL YEARS 2014 - 2017 • BUDGET SUMMARY

PROGRAM	FY 2014 Actual Expenditures	FY 2015 Planned Expenditures	Biennium Budg FY 2016	get Appropriations* FY 2017
JUD 101 - COURTS OF APPEAL				
General Fund	6,277,979	6,470,180	6,664,537	6,700,574
JUD 310 - FIRST CIRCUIT				
General Fund	77,296,770	80,603,129	81,679,431	81,869,049
Special Fund	3,295,975	4,144,799	4,144,799	4,144,799
JUD 320 - SECOND CIRCUIT				
General Fund	15,461,899	15,992,986	16,535,533	16,655,213
JUD 330 - THIRD CIRCUIT				
General Fund	18,242,196	19,127,344	19,731,580	19,558,115
JUD 350 - FIFTH CIRCUIT				
General Fund	7,001,154	7,405,714	7,653,207	7,658,339
JUD 501 - JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION				
General Fund	84,924	93,418	93,418	93,418
JUD 601 - ADMINISTRATION				
General Fund	24,102,284	25,169,797	25,839,316	25,825,153
Special Fund	7,829,138	7,976,193	7,976,193	7,976,193
Revolving Fund	27,786	343,261	343,261	343,261
TOTALS				
General Fund	148,467,206	154,862,568	158,197,022	158,359,861
Special Fund	11,125,113	12,120,992	12,120,992	12,120,992
Revolving Fund	27,786	343,261	343,261	343,261
* Subject to final legislative review.				



Total State Government Appropriations From State General Fund Fiscal Year 2013-14

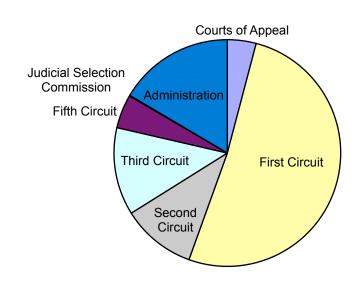
The Judiciary		\$ 148,686,364
The Legislature	.56%	35,533,007
The Executive	97.12%	6,215,450,959
Total		\$6.399.670.330

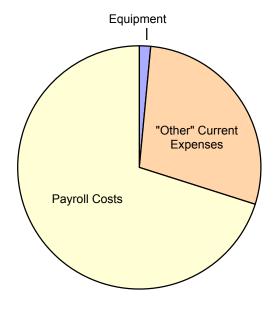
Financial Resources

STATE GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY COURT ELEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2013-14

Courts of Appeal	4.2%	\$ 6.3 million
First Circuit	52.1%	77.3 million
Second Circuit	10.4%	15.5 million
Third Circuit	12.3%	18.2 million
Fifth Circuit	4.7%	7.0 million
Judicial Selection Commission	.1%	.1 million
Administration	16.2%	24.1 million

Total \$ 148.5 million





STATE GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY COST CATEGORY FISCAL YEAR 2013-14

Equipment 2.0% \$ 3.0 million "Other" Current Expenses 27.8% 41.3 million Payroll Costs 70.2% 104.2 million

Total \$ 148.5 million