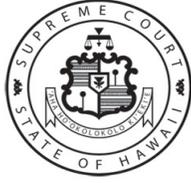


Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i



Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1979, a year after being admitted to the Hawai‘i Bar and while beginning his career as an attorney in a private firm in Honolulu, Robert “Bobby” A. Chong was appointed by Chief Justice William S. Richardson as a member of the Board of Bar Examiners of the Hawai‘i Supreme Court, tasked with carrying out the Board’s mission to examine, recommend, and record applicants for admission to the Hawai‘i Bar; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, after serving fourteen years as a member of the Board, Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon appointed Bobby as the Board’s chair; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Bobby was nominated and accepted a position on the Board of Trustees with the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE), headquartered in Madison, Wisconsin. He served in this capacity in addition to his role as Chair of the Hawai‘i Board of Bar Examiners, as well as being a member of the Council of Bar Admission Administrators; and

WHEREAS, in August 2016, after six years of serving as a Trustee with the NCBE, Bobby took the helm as Chair. Being asked to serve in this prominent national role is a great honor for Bobby personally and for the State of Hawai‘i. As a result of this honor at the national level, and the demands and responsibilities that come with it, Bobby is relinquishing his role as Chair of the Hawai‘i Board of Bar Examiners, although he will remain as a Board member. We deeply appreciate his 23 years of leadership as the Board’s Chair, and are proud to see him now serving in a leadership role at the national level; and

WHEREAS, the Judiciary and the legal community have benefitted greatly from Bobby’s tireless dedication and commitment to ensuring the highest level of competency and professionalism of attorneys admitted to practice law in Hawai‘i. He is a leader of great integrity and keen judgment, approaching issues in a very collaborative and level-headed manner. He is a true visionary, who has dedicated his professional career to improving attorney professionalism, receiving accolades along the way from his peers through the HSBA C. Frederick Schutte Award in 2005, and the Young Lawyer’s Division Justice Award in 2007, and earning the privilege of “Robert A. Chong Day” on June 10, 2010, bestowed upon him by Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon; and

*WHEREAS, Bobby has accomplished all this and much more, while becoming one of Hawaii’s most respected attorneys, and earning recognition in *The Best Lawyers in America* and *The Best Lawyers in Hawai‘i*, in the area of worker’s compensation law; and*

WHEREAS, the Hawai‘i State Judiciary expresses its sincere appreciation to Robert “Bobby” A. Chong for his many, many significant contributions as Chair of the Hawai‘i Board of Bar Examiners.

*DONE, at the Supreme Court of the State
of Hawai‘i, this 14th day of December, 2016.*

/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald

MARK E. RECKTENWALD
Chief Justice, Hawai‘i Supreme Court