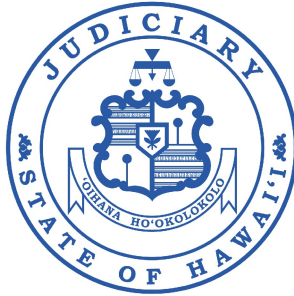


# Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i



## *Proclamation*

### **THE HONORABLE JOSEPH E. CARDOZA**

## *2018 Jurist of the Year*

*The Honorable Joseph E. Cardoza's distinguished 19-year judicial career began in June 1999, when he was appointed by Governor Benjamin Cayetano as judge of the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit. On May 1, 2012, he was appointed as Chief Judge of the Second Circuit, a role he still serves in today.*

*Judge Cardoza is a collaborative leader, with a great sense of fairness and compassion. He employs an enthusiastic, can-do approach to his work as Chief Judge, willingly taking on new and challenging assignments. He is a champion for providing access to the civil justice system for those individuals who cannot afford an attorney. He was instrumental in the opening of Maui's Self-Help Center, where volunteer attorneys provide legal information to individuals who are representing themselves in civil legal cases, and more recently in establishing the Maui Court Navigator Pilot Program, which supplements the Self-Help Center by providing lay volunteers who assist self-represented litigants. He is also deeply committed to enhancing professionalism in the legal profession and has served for 13 years on the Commission on Professionalism, as well as serving on the Committee to Evaluate Hawaii's Revised Code of Judicial Conduct and the Judicial Education Committee.*

*Judge Cardoza's reputation for judicial excellence among his colleagues and the community is outstanding. He is well known for his exceptional work ethic, and unfailingly kind and generous demeanor, which enables him to be particularly effective as a mentor. He has played an important role in improving the administration of justice by having served on a number of rule committees, jury instruction committees, and the 2005 Penal Code Review Committee. He has also been a strong force in developing and supporting the various specialty courts and programs in the Second Circuit that have evolved during his tenure, including Drug Court, Veteran's Treatment Court, and Environmental Court.*

*In addition, Judge Cardoza has been active in the Maui community, having volunteered for more than 40 years as an official for high school and Pop Warner football games. He also volunteers his time to school and church activities, and is actively engaged in mentoring and educating Maui's youth. Judge Cardoza is a consummate professional with a wealth of knowledge, a strong work ethic and a deep commitment to public service. He is a gracious leader who treats everyone he encounters with respect.*

*The Jurist of the Year is selected for exceptional judicial competence evidenced by decisional quality, significant extra-judicial contributions to the administration of justice, and active participation in public service to the community at large. On behalf of the Hawai'i State Judiciary, it is my privilege to recognize the Honorable Joseph E. Cardoza as the 2018 Jurist of the Year.*

*Given at Honolulu, Hawai'i this 5th day of October, 2018.*

*/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald*

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**MARK E. RECKTENWALD**

*Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i*