

RE: **Proposal to Amend Rule 8.4(a) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i**

CLARIFYING THE DUTY OF CONFIDENTIALITY
IN JUDICIAL DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

The Supreme Court of Hawai'i seeks public comment regarding a proposal to amend Rule 8.4(a) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i to clarify upon whom the duty of confidentiality is imposed in judicial disciplinary proceedings. The proposal is attached hereto.

Comments about the proposed amendment should be submitted, in writing, **no later than Friday, April 17, 2020**, to the Judiciary Communications & Community Relations Office by mail to 417 South King Street, Honolulu, HI 96813, by facsimile to 539-4801, or via the [Judiciary's website](#).

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**
(Deleted material is bracketed and stricken; new material is underlined.)

Rule 8. JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE

8.4. Confidentiality.

(a) In general. All proceedings involving allegations of misconduct by or disability of a judge shall be kept confidential until and unless the supreme court enters an order for the imposition of public discipline or the judge requests that the matter be public. ~~[All participants in the proceeding]~~The Commission and special counsel and their staffs shall conduct themselves so as to maintain the confidentiality of the proceedings.
