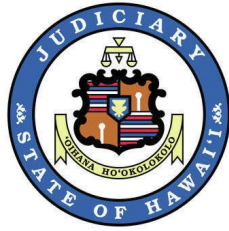


Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i



Proclamation

***WHEREAS**, Associate Justice Michael D. Wilson earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a Juris Doctorate degree from Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C.; and*

***WHEREAS**, in 1979, Justice Wilson began his legal career as an associate with Hart, Leavitt & Hunt. In 1980, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Frank D. Padgett at the Intermediate Court of Appeals; returning to the firm of Hart & Wolff in 1981 practicing criminal law. He later became a partner with Hart, Wolff & Wilson, and with the firm of Pavey, Wilson and Glickstein; and*

***WHEREAS**, from 1995 to 2000, Justice Wilson served the State of Hawai‘i in key leadership positions as Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Chairperson of the State Water Commission, Member of the State Board of Agriculture, Commissioner of the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission, and Administrator of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs’ Division of Consumer Advocacy; and*

***WHEREAS**, on May 10, 2000, the Hawai‘i State Judiciary became the beneficiary of Justice Wilson’s wealth of experience and knowledge after he was appointed by Governor Benjamin J. Cayetano to serve as Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, where he presided over the criminal division in the family court and the adult drug and mental health courts. On April 17, 2014, he was appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawai‘i, where he served for nearly nine years; and*

***WHEREAS**, in 2016, Justice Wilson’s experience and expertise with the criminal justice system was put to good use when he was appointed to chair a newly created task force to study effective incarceration policies to improve Hawai‘i’s correctional system. Under his leadership, the task force made many significant recommendations, including the creation of the Hawai‘i Correctional System Oversight Commission; and*

***WHEREAS**, while at the Supreme Court, Justice Wilson has contributed significantly as the Supreme Court’s Liaison to the Disciplinary Board and the Attorneys and Judges Assistance Program. He also played a significant role in the creation of the statewide Environmental Court. He is a founding member of the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment, and serves as an adjunct faculty member of the Jindal Global University Law School in Sonipat, India. In that capacity, he facilitated opportunities for students from Jindal to serve as summer externs at the Hawai‘i Supreme Court; and*

***WHEREAS**, in addition to his many professional contributions, Justice Wilson has been an unwavering source of friendship, goodwill, and aloha to countless Judiciary employees, attorneys, and other members of our community, and a valued colleague and friend of his fellow justices and judges; and*

***WHEREAS**, although his retirement after many years of dedicated service is, indeed, well-deserved, he will be greatly missed. The Judiciary ‘Ohana extends its heartfelt appreciation to Justice Wilson for his many important contributions and extends our best wishes to him for continued good health and prosperity.*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, I, MARK E. RECKTENWALD, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim **Tuesday, May 23, 2023**, to be*

**“JUSTICE MICHAEL D. WILSON DAY”
in the Courts of the State of Hawai‘i**

DONE, at the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i, this 23rd day of May, 2023.

/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald

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