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NOTICE
JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION, STATE OF HAWAI'I
NOTICE OF ANTICIPATED JUDICIAL VACANCIES

ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS & APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT, CIRCUIT AND SUPREME COURT LEVELS:

The Judicial Selection Commission is accepting nominations and applications to fill the anticipated judicial vacancies in the offices of **Circuit Judge and District Family Judges, First Circuit Court, State of Hawai'i**. The vacancies will occur upon the mandatory retirement of Circuit Judge Michael A. Town on October 24, 2010 and two anticipated vacancies in the District Family Judge, First Circuit Court.

The Judicial Selection Commission is accepting nominations and applications for the anticipated vacancy in judicial office of the **Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Hawai'i**.

The Constitution of the State of Hawai'i requires that the persons selected by the Commission be residents and citizens of the State of Hawai'i and of the United States, and have been licensed to practice law by the Hawai'i Supreme Court. A justice of the supreme court and a judge of the circuit court shall have been so licensed for a period of not less than ten years and a judge of the district family court shall have been so licensed for a period of not less than five years preceding nomination. No judge shall, during the term of office, engage in the practice of law, or run for or hold any other office or position of profit under the United States, the State or its political subdivisions.

The term of office of the chief justice of the supreme court and a judge of the circuit court shall be ten years. The term of office of a judge of the district family court shall be six years. The annual salary in Hawai'i of the chief justice is \$156,727, a circuit judge is \$136,127 and a district family judge is \$128,295.

Full-time justices and judges also receive employer contribution to premiums for enrollment in the state sponsored medical, drug, vision and dental plans, free life insurance policy is offered, state retirement plan, deferred compensation supplemental retirement savings plan, 13 paid holidays each year, 14 days during election years, 21 vacation and 21 sick leave days per year. Benefits are subject to modification or termination due to changes in statutes, pertinent rules and regulations. Justices and judges shall be retired upon attaining the age of seventy years.

The Commission invites anyone interested to nominate individuals who meet the constitutional requirements. **Nominations** with the nominee's mailing address should be **mailed to the Commission's office address below as soon as possible and not later than Tuesday, March 23, 2010**

Persons interested in applying do not need to nominate themselves for the anticipated judicial vacancies but should submit a letter with a contact phone number to the Commission indicating the vacancy(s) applying for as soon as possible. A person applying for the anticipated vacancy(s) should fill out **one** [Application for Judicial Office \(JS-P-084\)](#) form available on the Commission's Web site by going to <http://www.courts.state.hi.us/jsc>. **Completed** applications must be **post-marked or delivered to the address below on or before Thursday, April 15, 2010**.

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