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## **NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RETENTION IN JUDICIAL OFFICES**

The Judicial Selection Commission announces that the following justice and judges terms expire in May 2010. In accordance with Section 3, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, the following justice and judges have petitioned the Commission to be retained in office for a new term:

**Supreme Court Associate Justice Simeon R. Acoba, Jr., term expires on May 18, 2010**

**O'ahu - Circuit Court Judge Karen S.S. Ahn, term expires on May 9, 2010**

**O'ahu - Circuit Court Judge Richard W. Pollack, term expires on May 9, 2010**

**O'ahu - Circuit Court Judge Karl K. Sakamoto, term expires on May 31, 2010**

**O'ahu - Circuit Court Judge Michael D. Wilson, term expires on May 9, 2010**

**O'ahu - District Court Judge William A. Cardwell, term expires on May 19, 2010**

**O'ahu - District Court Family Judge Christine E. Kuriyama, term expires on May 19, 2010**

**Maui - District Court Judge Simone C. Polak, term expires on May 27, 2010**

**Hawai'i - District Court Judge Barbara T. Takase, term expires on May 25, 2010**

The Constitution of the State of Hawai'i empowers the Commission to determine whether the justice and judges should be retained in office for a new term. Justices and judges of the supreme court and circuit courts are appointed for a ten year term. Judges of the district courts are appointed for a six year term.

The Commission invites interested persons to submit written comments on whether the justice and judges should be retained in office for a new term. All comments will be kept confidential. Written comments must be delivered or mailed to the Commission's office address below **not later than Monday, January 25, 2010**, or by facsimile to 538-5205.

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