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

The Judicial Selection Commission is accepting nominations and applications to fill the following anticipated judicial vacancies in the offices of Circuit Judges and District Judge of the First Circuit Court, State of Hawai'i. The anticipated vacancies will occur upon the retirement of the Honorable Circuit Judge Eden Elizabeth Hifo and the Honorable Circuit Judge Colleen K. Hirai on December 31, 2009 and because the Senate confirmed the Gubernatorial Nominee, the Honorable District Judge Edwin C. Nacino as Circuit Judge, First Circuit Court.

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 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 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 a judge of the circuit court shall be ten years and a judge of the district court shall be six years. The annual salary in Hawai'i of a circuit judge is \$136,127 and a district judge is \$128,295.

Full-time 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. 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** should be mailed to the Commission's office **as soon as possible and not later than Monday, December 28, 2009.**

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 the [Application for Judicial Office \(JS-P-084\)](#) form available on the Commission's web site by going to <http://www.courts.state.hi.us>, under the category Courts, select Judicial Selection Commission. **Completed** applications must be post-marked or delivered to the address below **on or before Wednesday, January 13, 2010.**

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