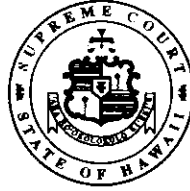


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PRESS RELEASE

HONOLULU—The Hawai'i Supreme Court has issued an Order disbaring former Honolulu attorney **THOMAS S. LEONG** from the practice of law effective May 4, 2005. Leong's multiple ethical violations included misappropriating his clients' funds, failing to deposit his clients' funds into his client trust account, creating and submitting a false or fabricated trust account statement to deceive the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and to avoid disciplinary action, failing to timely prepare and file his clients' bankruptcy petition, and failing to respond to his client's telephone message. The public is cautioned and advised that Leong will not be eligible to practice law until reinstated by order of the Supreme Court. Leong cannot accept any new retainers, clients, or legal matters. Leong must also return to his existing clients their papers, property, and unearned advance fee payments.

Leong, 42, was admitted to the Hawai'i bar on August 24, 1993, and is a graduate of the Pepperdine University School of Law. He is currently imprisoned on another matter.

(A copy of the Supreme Court's Order of Disbarment is available upon request.)

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