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#### NEWS RELEASE

HONOLULU -- The Hawai'i Supreme Court disbarred former Honolulu attorney **WILLIAM H. ELKNER** effective January 17, 2007, for ethical misconduct involving: incompetent representation; failure to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client; mishandling an application fee; failure to maintain financial records; mislabeling bank records; failure to provide clients with accurate accountings; commingling and misappropriating funds of three of his clients for his own use and benefit; delaying distribution of settlement proceeds; making false certifications; failure to demand to lawful demands for information; failure to cooperate during the court of ethics investigations; and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.

Elkner, 51, was admitted to the Hawai 'i Bar on October 29, 1993, and is a graduate of Vanderbilt University. [A copy of the Supreme Court's Amended Order of Disbarment is available upon request.]

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