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PRESS RELEASE

HONOLULU--The Hawai'i Supreme Court disbarred former Big Island attorney **STEVEN B. JOHNSON** (attorney number 8227) effective December 8, 2010. Mr. Johnson, who was also licensed to practice law in the State of Oregon, failed to disclose Oregon disciplinary matters and update his 2004 Hawai'i bar application before being admitted to the practice law in the State of Hawai'i. Johnson's multiple ethical violations included misrepresentation to the Board of Bar Examiners and dishonesty concerning his bar admission. The Court also ordered that Johnson apply for, take, and pass the Hawai'i Bar Examination before a reinstatement petition would be considered. In 2007, Johnson had been previously suspended from the practice of law in Hawai'i for ninety days pursuant to a reciprocal discipline order for the Oregon disciplinary matters.

The public is cautioned and advised that Johnson is not eligible to practice law until reinstated by order of the Hawai'i Supreme Court. Johnson cannot accept any new retainers, clients, or legal matters.

Johnson, 50, was admitted to the Hawai'i bar on January 3, 2005, and is a graduate of Willamette University.

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

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