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NEWS RELEASE

HONOLULU -- On November 9, 2011, the Hawai'i Supreme Court suspended attorney **EARLE A. PARTINGTON** from the practice of law for a period of thirty (30) days, effective December 9, 2011, based upon the order of the Office of the Judge Advocate General for the Department of the Navy indefinitely suspending Partington from the practice of law after finding that he knowingly and wilfully prepared and filed an appellate brief containing false and misleading statements of material fact with the United States Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals in Washington, D.C.

Partington, who likened the Navy's disciplinary proceeding to a Kangaroo Court, argued that the Navy's disciplinary procedure was so lacking in constitutional due process that the Navy's findings must be rejected by the Supreme Court. Justice Nakayama, in her dissenting opinion, observed that the Navy undisputably afforded

Partington due process at every stage of the Navy's disciplinary proceeding and concluded that Partington should be suspended from practicing law in Hawai'i for, at the very least, one year.

Based upon the ethical violations that occurred before United States Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals in Washington, D.C., the Office of Disciplinary Counsel petitioned the Hawai'i Supreme Court to impose similar discipline.

Partington, 69, was admitted to the Hawai'i Bar on May 1, 1975, and is a graduate of Hastings College of Law. [A copy of the Hawai'i Supreme Court's Order of Suspension and Dissenting Opinion are available upon request.]

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