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NEWS RELEASE

HONOLULU--On February 23, 2012, the Disciplinary Board of the Hawai'i Supreme Court imposed a PUBLIC REPRIMAND upon Hilo attorney EVERETT WALTON for accessing and using without authorization for 14 months the Westlaw Services account of his former employer, the Republic of Palau's Office of the Special Prosecutor, and for refusing to pay for any portion of the services or reimburse the Republic of Palau for the same. Mr. Walton's conduct violated HRCP 8.4(c) (it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation) and HRCP 8.4(a) (it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to violate or attempt to violate the rules of professional conduct).

While the Reprimand does not prevent Mr. Walton from continuing to practice law, it may cause the sanction for any future violations to be more serious than would otherwise be the case.

Mr. Walton, 65, was admitted to the Hawai'i bar on September 23, 1977, and is a graduate of the Chicago-Kent College of Law.

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