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PRESS RELEASE

HONOLULU—On October 31, 2012, the Hawai'i Supreme Court suspended Honolulu attorney **CAROLYN S. KIYOTA** from the practice of law in the State of Hawai'i for one year and one day, effective November 30, 2012.

Ms. Kiyota's suspension resulted from her multiple occasions of commingling and misappropriating funds held in trust, her failure to promptly pay third parties the funds requested, which those parties were entitled to receive, her failure to maintain required financial records, her failure to respond to lawful demands for information from the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and Disciplinary Board, and her failure to cooperate with the subsequent disciplinary proceedings.

The public is cautioned and advised that Ms. Kiyota will not be eligible to practice law until reinstated by order of the Supreme Court. Ms. Kiyota cannot accept any new retainers, clients, or legal matters, and she must also return to her existing clients their papers, property, and unearned advance fee payments.

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Ms. Kiyota, 55, was admitted to the Hawai'i bar on October 29, 1993, and is a graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law.

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

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