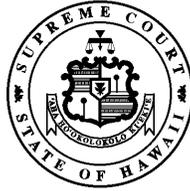


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PRESS RELEASE

HONOLULU—On January 23, 2013, the Hawai'i Supreme Court suspended Big Island attorney **HARRY E. ELIASON** from the practice of law in the State of Hawai'i for 45 days, effective February 22, 2013.

Mr. Eliason's suspension resulted from his failure to communicate with his client in a timely manner; failure to maintain a client trust account; failure to deposit unearned client funds into a client trust account but, rather, commingled unearned client funds with his personal funds; failure to maintain financial records of the receipt and disbursement of client funds; and failure to properly withdraw from representation or provide a refund to his client in a timely manner. Mr. Eliason was also ordered to complete, at his own expense, a course on the appropriate management of client funds offered by the Practicing Attorneys Liability Management Society by July 22, 2013, and submit proof of the completion of this course to the court and the Disciplinary Board.

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

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Mr. Eliason, 54, was admitted to the Hawai'i bar on October 12, 1989, and is a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

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

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