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PRESS RELEASE

HONOLULU - On February 15, 2013, the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i issued an order suspending Christopher P. Bertelmann from the practice of law in the State of Hawai'i for a period of one year and one day for neglecting a client, failing to respond to reasonable requests for information regarding the status of the case, misappropriating \$6,208.53 in advance fees and costs by converting the funds to cash immediately rather than depositing the funds in his client trust account, and improperly withdrawing from representation without notice to the client and without returning the client's files, thereby violating Rules 1.3, 1.4(a), 1.15(c), 1.15(d), 1.16(d), 8.1(b) and 8.4(d) of the Hawai'i Rules of Professional Conduct. In addition, it was further ordered that Bertelmann pay \$6,208.53 in restitution to his client within 90 days after the date of the order. The Supreme Court particularly noted, in mitigation, that Bertelmann suffered from a serious medical condition during the period of his misconduct.

Bertelmann, 60, was admitted to the Hawai'i Bar on October 21, 1983. If there are any questions, please contact me at (808)521-4591, ext. 235.

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