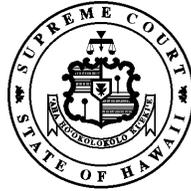


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PRESS RELEASE

HONOLULU—On January 30, 2014, the Disciplinary Board of the Hawai'i Supreme Court imposed a PUBLIC REPRIMAND upon Honolulu attorney Donna Davis Green for mishandling her client trust account and violating various provisions of the Hawai'i Rules of Professional Conduct ("HRPC"). These ethical violations included misappropriation and commingling of client funds by placing unearned fees into her business account, instead of her client trust account; failing to perform monthly and quarterly reconciliations, and failing to maintain required trust account records, all in violation of HRPC 1.15. Ms. Green also failed to properly supervise her bookkeeper in violation of HRPC 5.3. After weighing matters in aggravation and mitigation, the Disciplinary Board decided to impose the reprimand.

In addition to the reprimand, the Disciplinary Board also required Ms. Green to submit a declaration from her bookkeeper attesting to the source of the client trust account shortage, receive educational and instructional direction on client trust account software, and close her client trust account.

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While this reprimand does not prevent Ms. Green from continuing to practice law, it may cause the sanction for any future violations to be more serious than would otherwise be the case.

Ms. Green, 59, was admitted to the Hawai'i bar in 1991.

(A copy of the Disciplinary Board's Order is available upon request.)

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