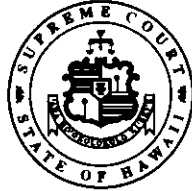


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PRESS RELEASE

HONOLULU - On March 30, 2015, the Disciplinary Board of the Hawai'i Supreme Court imposed a PUBLIC REPRIMAND upon Hilo attorney EVERETT WALTON for filing a disclosure of compensation with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court that inaccurately stated a fee arrangement, for entering into an of counsel relationship and sharing fees with a non-Hawaii corporation, and for assisting that corporation in the unauthorized practice of law in Hawai'i. Mr. Walton's conduct violated HRPC 3.3(a) (a lawyer may not knowingly make a false statement of material fact to a tribunal), HRPC 5.4(a) (a lawyer shall not share legal fees with a nonlawyer with certain exceptions not applicable here), HRPC 5.4(b) (a lawyer shall not form a partnership with a nonlawyer if any of the activities of the partnership consist of the practice of law), HRPC 5.5(b) (a lawyer shall not assist a person who is not a member of the bar in the performance of activity that constitutes the unauthorized practice of law), and HRPC 8.4(c) (it is professional misconduct for a lawyer

to engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation)

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, 68, was admitted to the Hawai'i bar on September 23, 1977, and is a graduate of the Chicago-Kent College of Law. If there are any questions, please contact me at (808)521-4591, ext. 234.

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