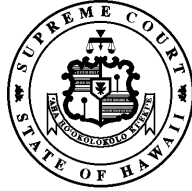


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PRESS RELEASE

HONOLULU - On October 23, 2015, the Hawai'i Supreme Court issued an order allowing Honolulu attorney ROBERT LEE STONE to resign from practicing law in lieu of discipline. By November 22, 2015, he was required to surrender his license to practice law in Hawai'i to the Court.

Mr. Stone, while doing business as Property Rights Law, P.C., in Chicago, Illinois, admitted that he undertook representation of six separate clients in Hawai'i while not licensed to practice law this State. These clients were Hawai'i residents, for whom he attempted to provide mortgage foreclosure defense for their property located in Hawai'i.

Before being sworn in as a Hawai'i licensed attorney on June 7, 2013, there were two ongoing investigations against him conducted by the Office of Consumer Protection of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs for the State of Hawai'i, three disciplinary complaints pending against him with the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, and a lawsuit against a former colleague in the United

States District Court for the District of Hawaii concerning his conduct. Mr. Stone did not disclose this information to the Board of Bar Examiners of the Hawai'i Supreme Court.

Mr. Stone's nondisclosure of this information constituted multiple ethical violations of the Hawai'i Rules of Professional Conduct, including making a false statement of material fact to a tribunal, knowingly making a false statement of material fact in connection with a bar admission application, failing to respond to a lawful demand for information from an admission authority, and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty.

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

Mr. Stone, 69, was admitted to the Hawai'i bar on June 7, 2013, and the Illinois bar on November 15, 1982.

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

If there are any questions, please contact me at (808)521-4591, ext. 240.

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