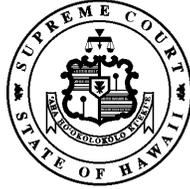


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PRESS RELEASE

HONOLULU - On December 5, 2016, the Hawai'i Supreme Court issued an order allowing Melodie R. Williams Aduja to resign from practicing law in lieu of discipline, effective January 4, 2017. Ms. Aduja is required to surrender her license to practice law in Hawai'i to the Supreme Court.

The public is cautioned and advised that Ms. Aduja will not be eligible to practice law until reinstated by order of the Supreme Court. Ms. Aduja 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.

Ms. Aduja, 56, was admitted to the Hawai'i bar on October 23, 1987.

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

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