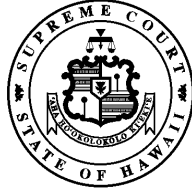


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PRESS RELEASE

HONOLULU -- The Hawai'i Supreme Court issued an Order of Suspension on June 9, 2017, against Hilo attorney **JAMAE K. K. KAWAUCHI**. The Court determined that Kawauchi committed multiple violations of the Hawai'i Rules of Professional Conduct warranting her suspension from the practice of law for a period of 150 days.

Kawauchi stipulated that she withdrew client trust account funds for her own use and benefit that she had not earned, failed to inform her client of the withdrawals, allowed the balance of her client trust account to fall below the level of funds to which her clients had a claim, failed, over a five-month period, to promptly refund monies belonging to her client, failed to use pre-printed deposit slips labeled with her client trust account information, and misrepresented on her annual IOLTA registration form filed with the Hawai'i State Bar Association that she maintained client trust funds in accordance with Rule 1.15 of the Hawai'i Rules of Professional Conduct, when she did not. Kawauchi's conduct

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violated Rules 1.5(b), 1.15(a), 1.15(c), 1.15(d), 1.16(d) and 8.4(c) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Kawauchi's suspension is effective 30 days from the entry of the Supreme Court's Order.

The public is cautioned and advised that Kawauchi is barred from the practice law effective July 10, 2017, until such time as she is granted reinstatement by order of the Hawai'i Supreme Court. Kawauchi may not accept any new retainers, clients, or legal matters while she is suspended.

Kawauchi, 44, was admitted to the Hawai'i State Bar on October 27, 1999.

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[A copy of the Hawai'i Supreme Court's Order of Suspension is available upon request.]

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