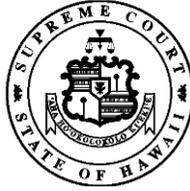


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PRESS RELEASE

HONOLULU, HAWAI'I - On June 7, 2019, the Hawai'i Supreme Court entered an ORDER OF SUSPENSION as to Honolulu Attorney Stanford M.J. Manuia. Mr. Manuia is to be suspended for a period of 180 days, effective July 8, 2019.

Manuia's suspension is based on his 2013 criminal convictions of 34 misdemeanor violations for failing to file annual corporate and general excise tax returns for 2003 through 2008, and annual withholding tax returns for the years 2004 through 2008. The Supreme Court further found he subsequently failed to fulfill the conditions imposed upon him as part of his sentence for those convictions, including failing to pay required fines, make timely contributions toward restitution, or to complete the required 600 hours of pro bono work, and subsequent to his conviction, continued to fail to file required tax returns.

In aggravation, Manuia had a single prior disciplinary event, and in the present case, engaged in a pattern of misconduct and illegal conduct, committed multiple violations, and has had substantial experience in the practice of law. In mitigation, the court found, during a portion of the relevant period, Manuia suffered from physical ailments that impinged on his ability to honor his obligations concerning his sentence, enjoyed a good character or reputation in the community, exhibited candor and cooperation during the disciplinary process, has expressed remorse, and received other penalties or sanctions for his conduct.

During the period of suspension, Manuia is prohibited from practicing law, and may only return to practice upon entry of an order from the Supreme Court authorizing him to do so.

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As a as a prerequisite to any application for reinstatement, Manuia must provide proof to the Disciplinary Board that he has made arrangements to resolve his outstanding tax obligations.

Manuia is also ordered to pay the costs of these disciplinary proceedings in an amount to be determined.

Mr. Manuia, age 67, was admitted to the Hawai'i bar in 1977, and is a graduate of the University of Hawai'i, William S. Richardson School of Law. If there are any questions, please contact me at (808) 469-4026.

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