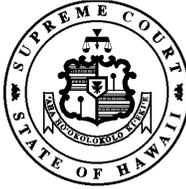


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**PRESS RELEASE**

**HONOLULU, HAWAI'I** - On Wednesday, July 3, 2019, the Hawai'i Supreme Court entered an order for the immediate restraint of Hawai'i attorney Katherine Puana Kealoha from the practice law in Hawai'i state jurisdiction.

The order of restraint is an interim procedure to protect the public while Ms. Kealoha moves forward following her conviction in the federal criminal case of the *United States of America v. Katherine P. Kealoha*, case no. 17-CR-00582-JMS-WRP (D. Haw.). In that matter, Kealoha was found to have committed crimes that involved dishonesty, and included multiple felonies.

The Hawai'i Supreme Court also referred this matter to the Disciplinary Board for determination of the appropriate sanction, with proceedings stayed until the criminal proceedings are final, following sentencing, appeal or expiration of the time to appeal. Once disciplinary proceedings are commenced, the sole issue to be determined is the professional discipline to be imposed.

Ms. Kealoha, age 48, was admitted to the Hawai'i bar in 1996, 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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