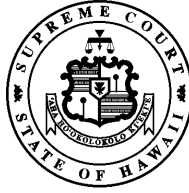


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PRESS RELEASE

HONOLULU, HAWAI'I - On December 23, 2019, the Hawai'i Supreme Court entered an Order reinstating Andrew A. Agard to the practice of law in the State of Hawai'i, effective immediately, subject to the completion of re-registration, and payment of dues, with the Hawai'i State Bar Association.

In 2012 Mr. Agard was charged in federal court with filing a false federal tax return. He subsequently pled guilty and was sentenced to serve twenty-four (24) months in federal prison and to pay restitution to the federal government. Following conviction and incarceration, on February 14, 2014, the Hawai'i Supreme Court entered an order restraining Agard from the practice of law as a result of that criminal conviction. Formal attorney discipline proceedings were stayed pending finality of that conviction.

Agard appealed the criminal conviction, but did not seek a stay of the incarceration order, and began to serve his time. Due to good behavior in prison, Agard was released early; first to a half-way house, then to home confinement. By June 25, 2015, Agard's prison sentence was deemed fully served. Ultimately, the Ninth Circuit affirmed the conviction, and the Hawai'i formal attorney discipline proceedings were commenced on November 13, 2015 to determine the appropriate professional discipline. Following formal hearing, and review by the Disciplinary Board, the Hawai'i Supreme Court imposed a four (4) year suspension from the practice of law, retroactive to the February 14, 2014 date when Agard was first restrained from the practice of law.

On November 5, 2018, Agard petitioned for reinstatement, and presented evidence, following a public comment period, of rehabilitation and fitness to practice law. The formal hearing officer's report, and subsequent review by the entire disciplinary

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board, recommended reinstatement, which the Hawai'i Supreme Court has now approved and ordered.

Andrew A. Agard, age 66, was admitted to the Hawai'i bar in 1987, 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.

Case information: ODC v. Andrew A. Agard, SCAD-19-00000849.

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