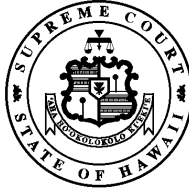


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PRESS RELEASE

HONOLULU, HAWAI'I - On January 11, 2023, the Hawai'i Supreme Court indefinitely suspended Honolulu attorney Dexter K. Ka'iama from the practice of law in Hawai'i. Mr. Ka'iama refused to cooperate with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) in its investigation into specific acts of misconduct raised with the ODC, and he refused to comply with ODC's lawfully issued subpoena. Later, after ODC sought Mr. Ka'iama's suspension for the failure to cooperate, and an Order to Show Cause (OSC) was issued by the supreme court, he would not comply with that OSC, and instead "tender[ed] his resignation and/or surrender of his license to practice law." ODC objected to the purported resignation as procedurally improper and asked the court to impose the sought relief of suspension. Ultimately, the court granted the petition and imposed this indefinite suspension until such time as Mr. Ka'iama seeks reinstatement with proof that he has cured the failure to cooperate.

Upon entry of the January 11, 2023, suspension order, Mr. Ka'iama shall not accept any new retainer or engage as attorney for another in any case or legal matter of any nature. He is also required to promptly notify all of his clients, and any attorneys for any adverse party in any pending litigation, of his suspension and consequent inability to act as an attorney. Mr. Ka'iama shall surrender to all clients all papers and property to which the clients are entitled and any advance payments of fees that have not been earned.

Mr. Ka'iama, was admitted to the Hawai'i bar in 1986, 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. Ka'iama*, SCAD-22-0000623