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PRESS RELEASE

Attorney MATTHEW S. BATTISTA, of Honolulu, has been suspended from the practice of law by the Supreme Court of Hawaii until the conclusion of disciplinary proceedings before the Disciplinary Board and until further order of the Supreme Court. The suspension took effect immediately upon issuance of the Court's Order on March 20, 1989.

The Order suspending Mr. Battista was issued under a new Supreme Court rule which permits suspension of attorneys who fail to cooperate with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel's investigations of complaints filed against them. The Supreme Court found that Mr. Battista had failed to cooperate in the investigation of several complaints of unprofessional conduct brought against him.

Mr. Battista, 35, was admitted to the Hawaii bar on October 2, 1979.

A copy of the Supreme Court's public Order is attached for your reference.

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