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PRESS RELEASE

HONOLULU-The Hawai'i Supreme Court suspended Honolulu attorneys **WILLIAM H. ELKNER** and **EUGENE P. VENTAYEN** from the practice of law effective August 27, 1999, due to their separate failures to cooperate with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel's investigations of their professional conduct in six (6) cases and three (3) cases, respectively.

Elkner and Ventayen will remain suspended until further order of the Supreme Court. Meanwhile, the investigations of the pending complaints will continue.

The Court also issued a Restraining Order which restrains and enjoins Honolulu attorney **S. JAY MATSUMARU** from the practice of law effective August 27, 1999, due to his recent federal criminal convictions of wire fraud and visa fraud. Matsumaru will be

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restrained and enjoined until disciplinary proceedings against him are concluded or until further order of the Supreme Court. Matsumaru is currently incarcerated in a California penal institution.

[Copies of the Supreme Court's Orders are available upon request.]

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