

The Board is, however, charged with the duty to adopt and publish advisory opinions interpreting the Hawai'i Rules of Professional Conduct.

It is the Board's ruling that, until such time as retaining liens are explicitly recognized by Hawai'i law, a lawyer's assertion of a retaining lien against papers and other properties of a client or former client would violate the spirit and intent of HRPC 1.16(d) in withdrawal cases and HRPC 1.15(d) in other cases and, hence, would constitute a breach of that lawyer's ethical obligations under our Hawai'i Rules of Professional Conduct.

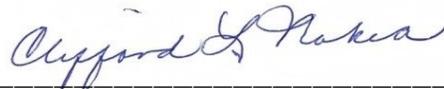
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