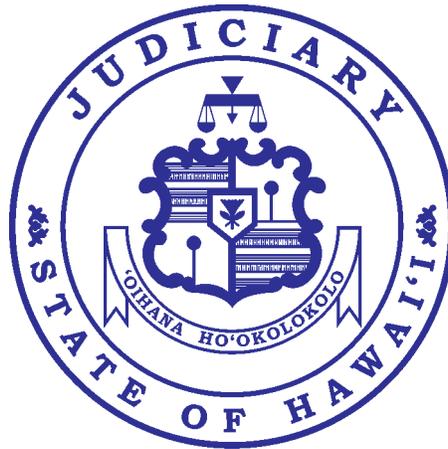


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# The Judiciary State of Hawai'i



2003 Annual Report

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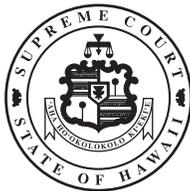
I am pleased to present our 2003 Annual Report that details the work of the Judiciary during the past year. As an independent branch of government, the Judiciary's role is to administer justice in an impartial manner, free from outside influences.

This report reflects the dedication of the men and women who work in the court system. Each day, these employees strive to do their best to fulfill our mission, all the while knowing that what they do could likely have far-reaching effects on people's lives. I am proud of the work of our employees and extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to them. I also thank another valuable part of our Judiciary family—the many volunteers who unselfishly give of their time and talent to serve the people of Hawai'i.

On behalf of the Judiciary, I extend our sincere appreciation to the Legislature for its continued support of our budgetary needs and legislative initiatives. I also extend warmest *aloha* to Governor Lingle, her cabinet, and members of the Legislature. We pledge our continuing commitment to working with you to build a dynamic and progressive judicial system. Our mutual quest for excellence depends on our cooperative and collaborative efforts.



Ronald T. Y. Moon  
Chief Justice  
Hawai'i Supreme Court





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# Month-By-Month Highlights

## **JANUARY**

### *Chief Justice Addresses Legislature*

In his State of the Judiciary address to the Legislature and other dignitaries on January 22, Chief Justice Ronald Moon said that although the state of the Judiciary remains sound, he is concerned about the public's perception of the judicial system. "To enhance the public's perception of our justice system, it is critical that, first, we in the Judiciary make decisions in accordance with the facts of the case and the applicable law and, second, that the Judiciary, the Executive, and Legislature work together to address popular misconceptions of the courts," said Chief Justice Moon.

## **FEBRUARY**

### *Chief Justice Moon Receives National Award*

On February 24, Roger Warren, president of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), presented Chief Justice Ronald Moon with the Distinguished Service Award. The NCSC, a non-profit organization founded in 1971 to improve the administration of justice,

commended the Chief Justice as a leader who has made significant contributions in conducting the judicial administration of the State of Hawai'i and who has consistently focused on measures elevating public trust and confidence in the justice system.

## **MARCH**

### *Nakayama Named Woman Jurist of the Year*

Hawai'i Women Lawyers (HWL) named Associate Justice Paula A. Nakayama as the Hawai'i Woman Jurist of the Year. She was honored at the HWL annual award ceremony on March 14. Justice Nakayama is the first woman to serve on the state Supreme Court in 26 years and was cited for her many accomplishments.

### *Ground Broken for Kaua'i Complex*

On March 21, the Judiciary broke ground for the Kaua'i Judiciary Complex, the second major Judiciary facility to be constructed since 1987. The official name of the new courthouse, Pu'uhonua Kaulike, means "Sanctuary of Justice" in Hawaiian.



Judiciary, state, and project officials "turn the soil" during the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Kaua'i Judiciary Complex. Photo courtesy of Unlimited Construction Services, Inc.

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The 3-story, 112,000 square foot facility will be built on a six and one-half acre parcel next to the Kaua'i Veterans' Center. One wing will contain six courtrooms and judicial chambers and another will house administrative functions and court user services. The complex will have updated security provisions not found in most of the existing courthouses in the state. The site will also have more than 240 parking stalls. The total construction cost is approximately \$36 million.

*Kāne'ohe Courthouse Dedicated*

A dedication ceremony for Abner Pākī Hale, the new Kāne'ohe Courthouse, was held on March 25. The courthouse is the first Judiciary facility constructed since 1987 and was open for operation on March 27. The building is named after Justice Abner Pākī, one of the original Supreme Court justices who served on the court from 1842-1847.

The courthouse is built on a two-acre parcel of state-owned land that was originally part of the State Hospital grounds. No land acquisition funds were required for the project. The Legislature appropriated \$8.9 million for construction of the project. The new 28,000 square foot, bi-level courthouse facility has two courtrooms, one of which may accommodate jury trials, improved public and staff areas, larger and more secure holding facilities, and several technological features, including four electronic bulletin boards that provide the status of the cases scheduled for the day.



Earlyn Otake (left), Sharilyn Himeda, and Mike Carlin pose at the main entrance of their "New Home," the Abner Pākī Hale in Kāne'ohe.

**MAY**

*Pyun Sworn In*

On May 14, Matthew S. K. Pyun, Jr. was sworn in as judge of the District Court of the Third Judicial Circuit to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Jeffrey Choi.

## Month-By- Month Highlights

### JUNE

#### *Ayabe and Broderick Sworn In*

Bert I. Ayabe and Michael F. Broderick were sworn in on June 6 as a District Court judge and District Family Court judge, respectively, of the First Judicial Circuit. Judge Ayabe was appointed to the vacancy created when Judge Marcia Waldorf was elevated to the Circuit Court. Judge Broderick filled the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge John Bryant, Jr.

#### *Keller Becomes Administrative Director*

Thomas R. Keller became the administrative director of the courts on June 6. He assumed the position on the day Michael Broderick – the former administrative director – was sworn in as a District Family Court judge.

Mr. Keller served with the Department of the Attorney General from 1995 to 2002. His most recent assignment was as first deputy attorney general, where he supervised nearly 700 personnel and oversaw a department budget of \$64.5 million.



*Rick Keller, administrator director of the courts, shares a light moment with his secretary, Linda Saito, who transferred from the Department of the Attorney General.*

#### *Koyanagi and Lee Sworn In*

On June 10, Faye M. Koyanagi and Lono J. Lee were sworn in as judges of the District Court of the First Judicial Circuit. Judge Lee filled the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge George Kimura. Judge Koyanagi filled the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge David Fong.

#### *Nishimura Sworn In*

Governor Linda Lingle named Rhonda A. Nishimura to the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit to fill the seat vacated by Judge Wilfred K. Watanabe. Judge Nishimura was sworn in on June 20.

#### *Duffy Sworn In*

James E. Duffy, Jr. was sworn in as a Hawai'i Supreme Court associate justice on June 27. He was appointed by Governor Lingle to the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Mario R. Ramil.

### JULY

#### *New or Amended State Court Fees Enacted into Law*

On July 1, the Judiciary began assessing additional administrative fees payable upon the initial filing of most civil filings. The new fees, authorized by Act 216, will be used to upgrade and modernize the Judiciary's antiquated case management information systems.

In the district courts, a \$20 fee is payable upon the initial filing of all civil cases except those:

- brought by the State or any county or political subdivisions of the State;
- initiated by a petition to temporarily restrain harassment; and
- initiated and conducted in the small claims division of the district court.

A new \$50 fee must be paid when initially filing a civil case in the circuit or family courts, including probate, divorce, paternity, and adoption cases. The law exempts the fee for cases brought by the State or any county.

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**AUGUST**

*Fifth Judicial Circuit Launches Drug Court*

The Fifth Judicial Circuit launched a minimum 12-month treatment-based Drug Court program for 20 offenders in August. The Judiciary also has drug courts on O’ahu, Maui, and in Kona and Hilo on the Big Island, as well as a Juvenile Drug Court on O’ahu.

The Drug Court program is an alternative to traditional criminal prosecution and has proven to be cost efficient and effective. In Hawai’i, treating an adult offender in drug court costs up to \$8,000 yearly, while incarceration costs approximately \$32,000 per offender per year.

*ABA Honors Judge Hayashi*

Judge Leslie Ann Hayashi, District Court of the First Judicial Circuit, received the 2003 Franklin N. Flaschner Judicial Award at the annual American Bar Association (ABA) meeting in San Francisco in August 2003. The ABA Judicial Division National Conference of Specialized Court Judges gives the annual award to recognize an outstanding judge serving in a court of limited or special jurisdiction. Judge Hayashi was commended for her contributions in several areas.



Judge Hayashi

*Community Informed About New Hilo Complex*

On August 7, the Third Judicial Circuit invited the East Hawai’i community to an informational display of preliminary design concepts for the proposed Hilo Judiciary Complex. Judiciary officials and architectural consultants from Durrant-Media 5 were on hand to discuss the proposal for the complex.

Plans call for building the new courthouse on the eight-acre site of the former Kaiko’o Mall shopping center. The

estimated construction cost is \$53 million. The three-story complex will be approximately 140,000 square feet. Major facility components include seven general-purpose courtrooms, two family courtrooms, and a law library. Construction is expected to begin in September 2004 with an anticipated completion date of May 2007.

**OCTOBER**

*Marks, Usui Earn Top Honors*

Chief Justice Ronald Moon honored Circuit Court Judge Victoria Marks with the Jurist of the Year Award

at the Judiciary’s annual Incentive Awards Ceremony held on October 24 in the Supreme Court courtroom. Judge Marks is the first recipient of the new award, which recognizes a full-time trial judge for exceptional judicial



Judge Victoria Marks

competence, significant extra-judicial contributions to the administration of justice, and active participation in public service to the community.

During the annual ceremony, Judiciary employees and groups were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the state



Elberta Usui

court system. This year, Elberta Usui, a research statistician with the Office of the Chief Court Administrator, First Judicial Circuit, received the Judiciary’s most prestigious employee award – the Distinguished Service Award.

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**NOVEMBER**

*ACS Begins Overhauling Case Management Systems*

On November 3, the Judiciary and Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. (ACS) officially kicked off a long-planned, major project that will, when fully implemented, integrate all the State's appellate, circuit, family and district courts through a unified database. The Judiciary Information Managements Systems Project, or JIMS, will involve a major overhaul or replacement of the Judiciary's current antiquated and disparate computer systems over the next seven years. Over 150 Judiciary employees and representatives from the Bar and government agencies attended the event at the State Senate Chamber. The speakers described how the project will improve and streamline court processes and provide greater convenience to the public and the legal community.

*Transparency Conference a Success*

On November 7, the Judiciary and Hawai'i State Bar Association held a unique and dynamic conference on "Openness in the Courts" to address issues of transparency in the state court system. Feedback from numerous participants, which included nearly all state justices and judges, was overwhelmingly positive.

"Public trust in the way we do business is based, in part, on an open Judiciary, which means the judicial system must have some degree of transparency," said Chief Justice Ronald Moon. "The conference provided a unique opportunity for the media, the bench, the bar and representatives from the general public to learn from each other, to engage in constructive dialogue focused on three main discussion topics, and to brainstorm viable solutions for increased openness in the



*From left: Troy Hickman, Robin Brockman, Lisa Churchill, David Maeshiro, Mark Gregory, Milton Hee, Dave Anderson, Rick Keller, Ed Sweeney and Judge Corinne Watanabe kick-off the JIMS Project on November 3, 2003.*

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From left: Guest speaker Judge Robert Alsdorf, Moderator David Fairbanks, and Administrative Director Rick Keller share their views on improving transparency in the courts.

judicial system that will lead to enhancing public trust and confidence in that system.”

A study funded by the State Justice Institute and conducted by Ward Research found that focus group participants comprised of the public, media, and attorneys in Hawai‘i are not well informed about many court processes, thereby contributing to the perception that the Judiciary is “closed” to outsiders. Ward Research’s complete report is available on the Judiciary’s Web site at [www.courts.state.hi.us](http://www.courts.state.hi.us).

*Lāna‘i Teens Learn Consequences of Drug Abuse*

Throughout the year, groups of students on school excursions will frequently tour the courthouses and meet with judges. On November 13, twelve Lāna‘i teens visited the Maui Drug Court. During the visit to the courthouse in Wailuku, the Lāna‘i High and Elementary School students witnessed a Drug Court session with Judge Joseph Cardoza presiding. After the court session, the students had the opportunity to talk with Judge Cardoza, who told the students, “It’s a whole lot easier not to get involved with drugs in the first place than to try to recover from substance abuse.”

**DECEMBER**

*Twenty-six State Judges Evaluated on Courtroom Performance*

The ninth Judicial Performance Program report provided the results of performance evaluations of 26 judges, who performed well in the areas evaluated.

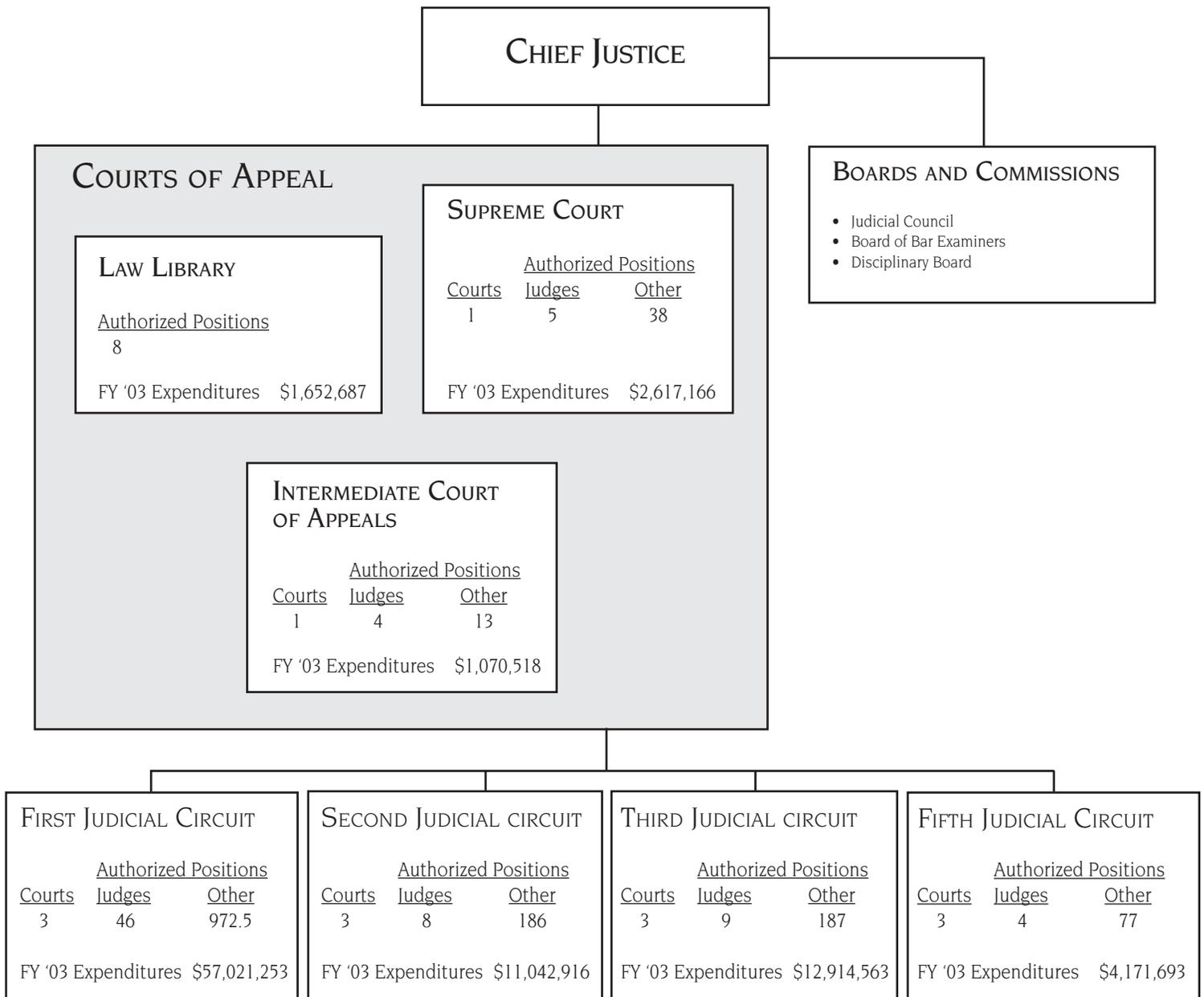
The Circuit Court judges had mean scores of 4.1 in the Legal Ability section, 4.2 for Judicial Management Skills, 4.2 for Comportment, and 4.1 in the Settlement and/or Plea Agreement Ability section. Scores were based on a scale of possible responses ranging from one, for Poor, to five, for Excellent.

The average score for the Family Court judges in the Legal Ability section was 4.2. The Family Court mean score in the Judicial Management Skills section was 4.2, the mean score for Comportment was also 4.2, and the mean for Settlement and/or Plea Agreement Ability was 4.1. As in Circuit Court, these scores were based on a one to five scale.

For District Court judges, the average score for the Legal Ability section was 4.2, the average score for the Settlement and/or Plea Agreement Ability section was 4.1, and the Judicial Management Skills section averaged 4.2. In these three sections, District Court judges could receive scores ranging from one to five, just as Circuit Court and Family Court judges could.

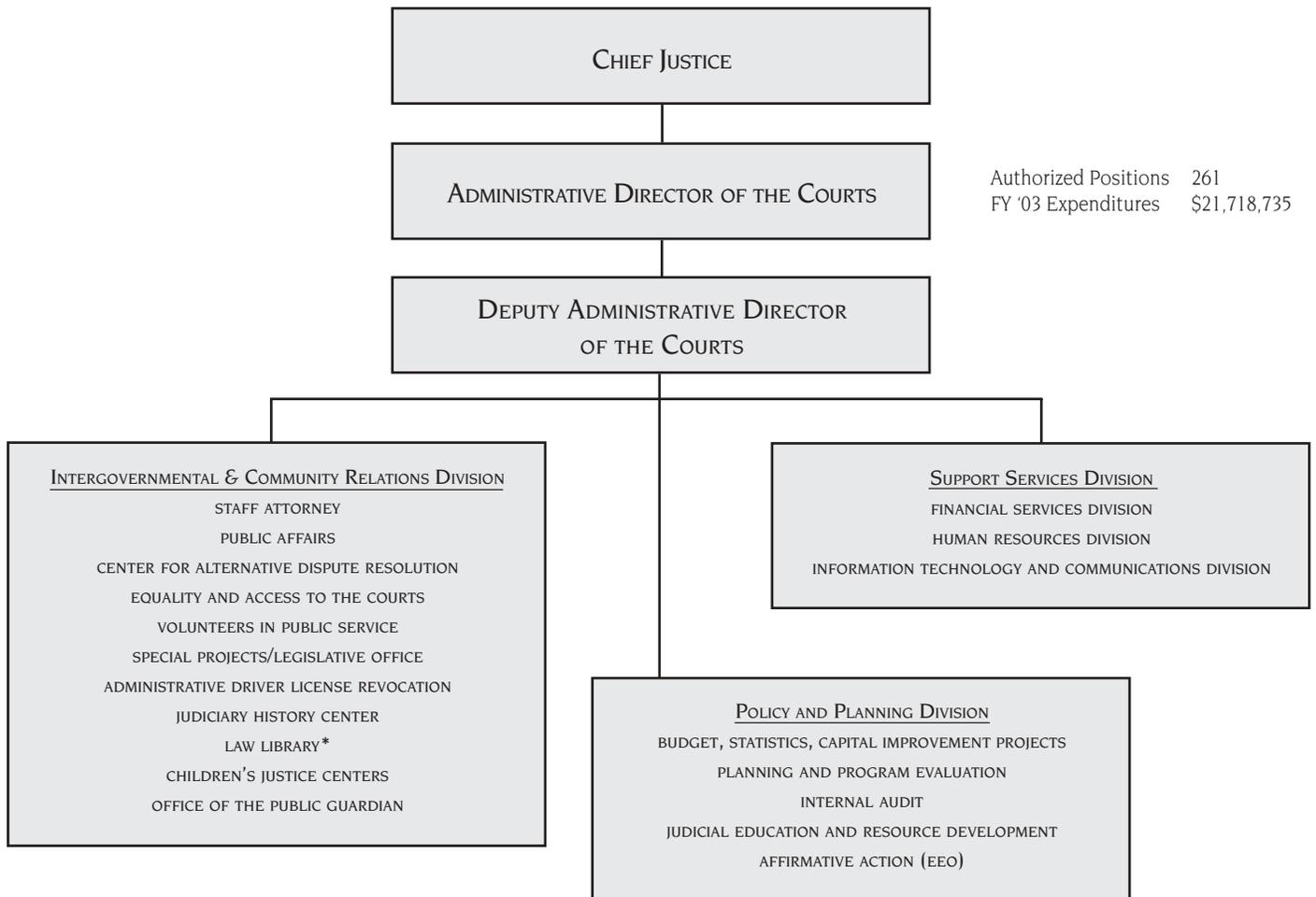
All currently eligible justices and full-time judges have now been evaluated at least once.

# Structure of the Court System



\*Funding and positions assigned to First Judicial Circuit.

# Structure of the Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts



\* Funding reflected under Courts of Appeal

## New Judicial Appointments



Judge Bert I. Ayabe  
June 6, 2003 –  
June 5, 2009

### Judge Bert I. Ayabe

Judge Bert I. Ayabe was appointed to the vacancy created when Judge Marcia Waldorf was elevated to the Circuit Court. He was sworn in as a District Court judge for the First Judicial Circuit on June 6. Judge Ayabe was a sole practitioner who specialized in the areas of personal injury, commercial litigation, arbitrations and mediations. He received his law degree from Hastings College of Law in 1981. After practicing in Los Angeles, Judge Ayabe returned to Hawai'i in 1986 and joined Hisaka and Furusho, which later became Hisaka Furusho and Ayabe in 1988 when he became a partner in the firm. In 1994, Judge Ayabe left the firm to start his own practice.



Judge Michael F.  
Broderick  
June 6, 2003 –  
June 5, 2009

### Judge Michael F. Broderick

Judge Michael F. Broderick was sworn in on June 6 as a District Family Court judge of the First Judicial Circuit, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge John Bryant, Jr. Prior to his appointment, Judge Broderick was the Administrative Director of the Courts for the Hawai'i State Judiciary. He also worked as an attorney in private practice in commercial litigation and employment law, served as legal counsel to Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, was a policy and research analyst for the Hawai'i State Board of Education, and director of the Judiciary's Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution. He is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles Law School.



Associate Justice  
James E. Duffy, Jr.  
June 27, 2003 –  
June 26, 2013

### Associate Justice James E. Duffy, Jr.

Governor Linda Lingle named James E. Duffy, Jr. to the Hawai'i Supreme Court to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Mario R. Ramil. Justice Duffy, who was sworn in on June 27, was a senior partner at the law firm of Fujiyama, Duffy & Fujiyama from 1975 to 2000. He had been in private practice from 1968 to 2003. Justice Duffy is a graduate of Marquette University Law School.



Judge Faye M. Koyanagi  
June 10, 2003 –  
June 9, 2009

### Judge Faye M. Koyanagi

On June 10, Judge Faye M. Koyanagi was sworn in as a judge of the District Court of the First Judicial Circuit by Chief Justice Ronald Moon to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge David Fong. Judge Koyanagi has been in private practice since 1982, handling litigation for personal injury, product and construction defects, property damage, no-fault dispute, and professional malpractice cases. Her previous positions include serving as head trial counsel and associate attorney in private practice, and deputy corporation counsel and deputy prosecuting attorney for the City and County of Honolulu. She received her law degree from the University of California Hastings College of Law.

## *New Judicial Appointments*

### **Judge Lono J. Lee**

Chief Justice Moon appointed Lono J. Lee a judge of the District Court of the First Judicial Circuit. Judge Lee was sworn in on June 10 and filled the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge George Kimura. Judge Lee has been a per diem judge for the District Court of the First Judicial Circuit since 2000. He has been in private practice since 1999, and was a sole practitioner specializing in family law, collections, and workers' compensation and personal injury cases. Judge Lee received his law degree and Masters in Social Work from the University of Hawaii.



Judge Lono J. Lee  
June 10, 2003 –  
June 9, 2009

### **Judge Rhonda A. Nishimura**

Judge Rhonda A. Nishimura became a judge of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit on June 20. She was appointed to the position by Governor Linda Lingle to fill the seat vacated by Judge Wilfred K. Watanabe. Judge Nishimura was a District Court judge for the past six years and also presided over Circuit Court matters as a substitute judge. Prior to her appointment to the District Court bench, Judge Nishimura was a partner with the law firm of Ayabe, Chong, Nishimoto, Sia & Nakamura. She is a graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law.



Judge Rhonda A.  
Nishimura  
June 20, 2003 –  
June 19, 2013

### **Judge Matthew S. K. Pyun, Jr.**

On May 14, Judge Matthew S. K. Pyun, Jr. was sworn in as judge of the District Court of the Third Judicial Circuit. Judge Pyun filled the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Jeffrey Choi. Pyun served as a per diem judge for the District Court of the First Judicial Circuit from 1979 to 1984 and from 2000 to his appointment as a full-time judge. Judge Pyun entered private practice in 1971, and has worked on cases involving corporations and business entities, real property transactions, family law, worker's compensation, criminal defense, civil litigation, and labor. He received his law degree from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.



Judge Matthew S. K.  
Pyun, Jr.  
May 14, 2003 –  
May 13, 2009

## *Courts of Appeal*

The Judiciary's appellate level is composed of the Supreme Court and the Intermediate Court of Appeals (ICA). The Courts of Appeal hear appeals from all trial courts and specific state boards and agencies.

Generally, cases assigned to the Supreme Court involve the formulation and development of the law, while cases assigned to the ICA involve possible trial court error or the application of settled law. An ICA decision may be reviewed by the Supreme Court upon request by any party, though the Supreme Court may exercise its discretion in accepting the matter.

Members of the Supreme Court and ICA are appointed to an initial ten-year term by the Governor. The Governor selects appointees from a list of not less than four and not more than six names submitted by the Judicial Selection Commission. All appointments must be confirmed by the State Senate.

To be considered for appointment, a person must be a resident and a citizen of the State and of the United States and licensed to practice law by the Supreme Court of Hawaii for not less than ten years preceding their nomination. Justices and judges may be retained by the Judicial Selection Commission, but must retire at age 70.

## Courts of Appeal

### ACTIONS FILED

There were 731 primary cases filed in the Courts of Appeal during the 2002-03 fiscal year – 660 appeals and 71 original proceedings.

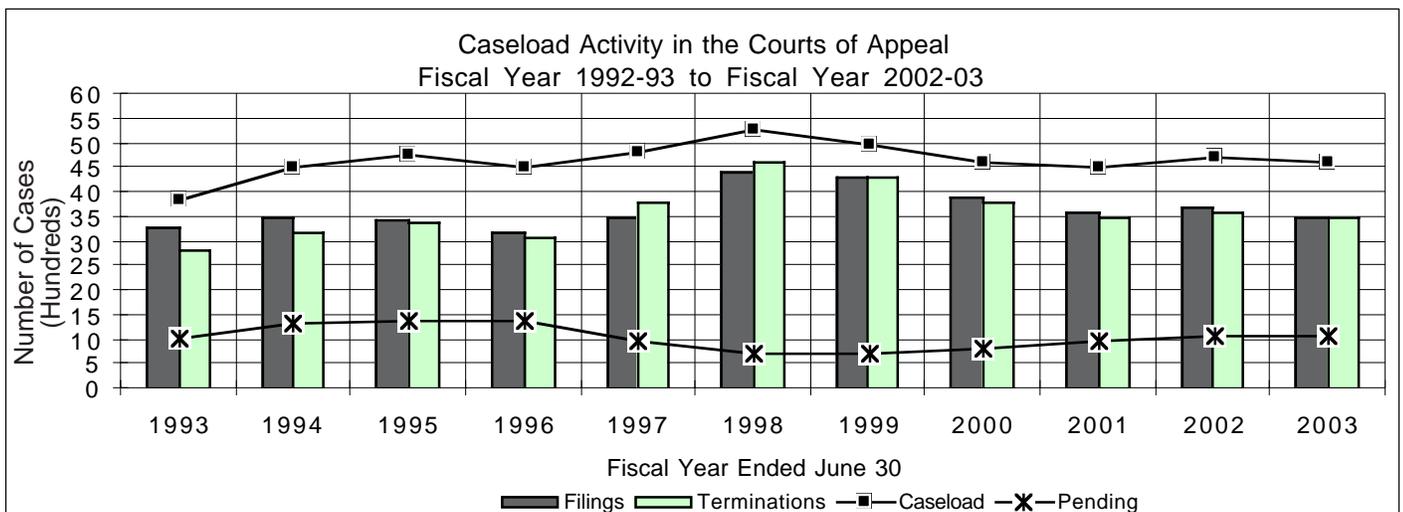
Supplemental proceedings, which arise out of primary cases, are comprised of motions, special stipulations, and applications for certiorari. In fiscal year 2002-03, 2,720 supplemental proceedings were filed in the Courts of Appeal.

### STATUS OF PENDING CASES

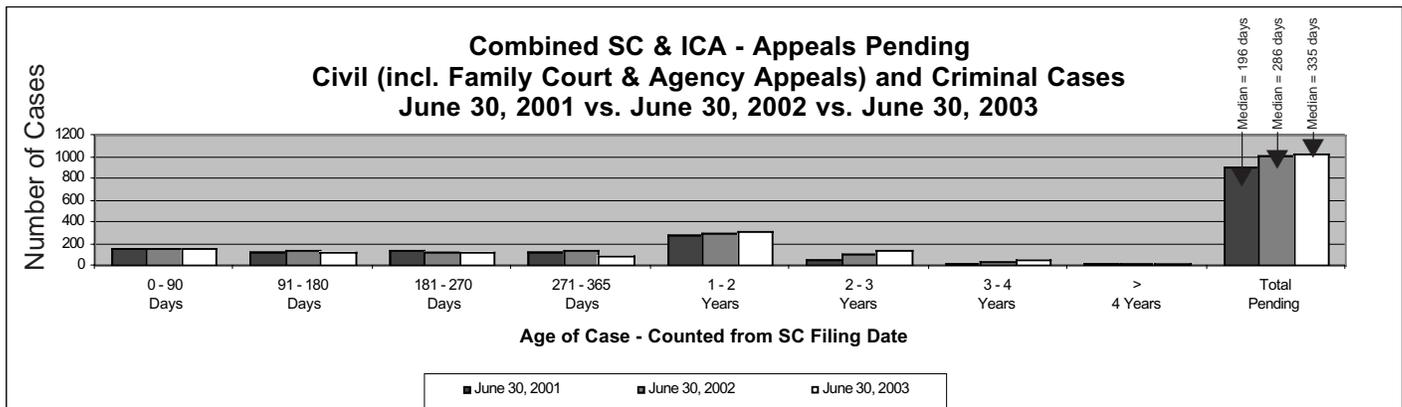
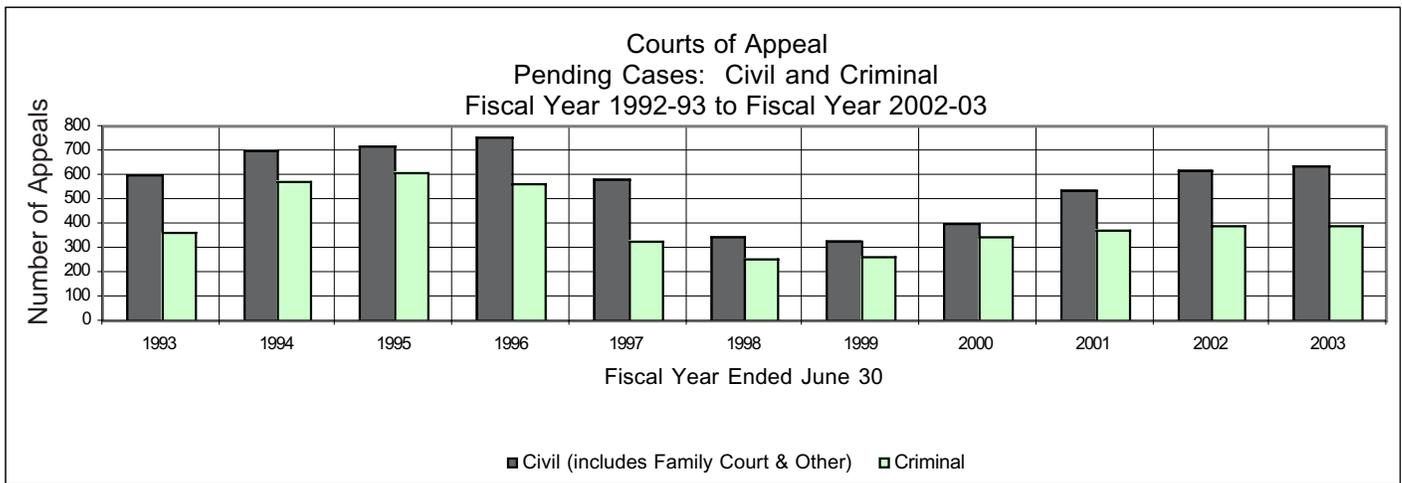
There were 1,050 primary cases and 51 supplemental proceedings pending in the Courts of Appeal at the end of the fiscal year. Of the 1,101 pending cases, 68% were being briefed, 29% were ready to be scheduled for hearing or, in the case of supplemental proceedings, ready and awaiting decision without further hearing, and 3% had been taken under advisement and were awaiting decision.

### TERMINATIONS

The Courts of Appeal terminated 703 primary cases during fiscal year 2002-03 compared to 724 primary cases terminated during the previous fiscal year. Terminations of supplemental proceedings decreased from 2,878 last year to 2,743 this year.



Courts of Appeal



## Supreme Court

### STRATEGIC MISSION

The mission of the Supreme Court is to provide timely disposition of cases, including resolution of particular disputes and explication of applicable law; license and discipline attorneys; discipline judges; and make rules of procedure for all Hawai'i courts.

### COURT DESCRIPTION

The Supreme Court is the State's highest court. Its decisions are binding on all other Hawai'i courts.

In Hawai'i, the primary mission of the Supreme Court is to review the decisions of the lower courts in which appeals have been allowed. Cases that are reviewed by appeal have been initiated in either a trial court or an agency. The Supreme Court has original jurisdiction in proceedings for extraordinary relief in the nature of mandamus, certiorari, and prohibition, and in habeas corpus proceedings.

Each appeal is decided on the basis of the written record. In some cases, the court may hear oral arguments. The court takes no evidence, except in original proceedings. All five justices hear each case.

The members of the Supreme Court are Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon, and Associate Justices Steven H. Levinson, Paula A. Nakayama, Simeon R. Acoba, Jr., and James E. Duffy, Jr.

Members of the Supreme Court are appointed to an initial ten-year term by the Governor. The Governor selects appointees from a list of not less than four and not more than six names submitted by the Judicial

Selection Commission. All appointments must be confirmed by the State Senate. To be considered for appointment, a person must be a resident and a citizen of the State and of the United States and licensed to practice law by the Supreme Court of Hawai'i for not less than ten years preceding their nomination. Justices may be retained by the Judicial Selection Commission, but must retire by age 70.

In addition to its appellate functions, the Supreme Court is also responsible for formulating court rules, licensing and disciplining attorneys, and determining judicial fitness.

Chief Justice Moon and the Supreme Court are assisted by committees of lawyers and non-lawyers and by staff. The Judicial Council, a citizen's group, provides advice about the administration of justice. The Board of Examiners examines the qualifications of those seeking to practice law in the State.

The Commission on Judicial Conduct reviews complaints against judges and recommends discipline to the Supreme Court. The Office of Disciplinary Counsel investigates complaints against lawyers and recommends appropriate discipline to the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court Staff Attorney heads a staff of four attorneys who assist the Supreme Court in the processing of its work.

In Hawai'i, the Chief Justice is responsible for the administration of all courts in the State and appoints an administrative director of the courts to manage the non-judicial aspects of the Judiciary.

## Supreme Court

### ACTIONS FILED

During fiscal year 2002-03, 731 primary cases were filed in the Supreme Court. There were also 2,554 supplemental proceedings filed before the Supreme Court.

### TERMINATIONS

Terminations of primary cases decreased from last fiscal year – 778 cases to 710. These included 229 cases which were assigned to the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

### STATUS OF PENDING CASES

At the end of the fiscal year, 798 primary cases and 25 supplemental proceedings were pending. All pending supplemental proceedings were complete and awaiting decision.

### JUSTICES AND THEIR TERMS

CHIEF JUSTICE RONALD T.Y. MOON

*March 31, 2003 - March 30, 2013*

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE STEVEN H. LEVINSON

*April 7, 2002 - April 6, 2012*

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE PAULA A. NAKAYAMA

*April 22, 2003 - April 21, 2013*

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SIMEON R. ACOBA, JR.

*May 19, 2000 - May 18, 2010*

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE JAMES E. DUFFY, JR.

*June 27, 2003 - June 26, 2013*

*Intermediate  
Court of  
Appeals*

**STRATEGIC MISSION**

The mission of the Intermediate Court of Appeals is to provide timely disposition of appeals from trial courts and state agencies, including the resolution of the particular dispute and explication of the law for the benefit of the litigants, the bar, and the public.

**COURT DESCRIPTION**

The second highest court in the State, the Intermediate Court of Appeals (ICA) shares concurrent jurisdiction with the Supreme Court in reviewing legal matters brought before the Courts of Appeal. The ICA's cases are assigned by the Supreme Court. Usually, the ICA reviews trial court decisions for errors while the Supreme Court reviews matters involving the formulation of the law. The ICA has the authority to reverse, remand, modify, or affirm decisions in all trial courts. Its decisions are subject to review by the Supreme Court.

The ICA is comprised of four judges, who sit in panels of three.

## *Intermediate Court of Appeals*

### **ACTIONS FILED**

A total of 231 primary cases and 166 supplemental proceedings were assigned to the Intermediate Court of Appeals in fiscal year 2002-03. Primary cases are assigned to the Intermediate Court of Appeals from the Supreme Court while supplemental proceedings may be filed directly with the Intermediate Court of Appeals or transferred from the Supreme Court.

### **TERMINATIONS**

During fiscal year 2002-03, the Intermediate Court of Appeals terminated 58% of its total caseload. This figure includes 224 primary cases and 166 supplemental proceedings.

### **STATUS OF PENDING CASES**

Two hundred fifty-two primary cases and 26 supplemental proceedings were pending at the end of the 2002-03 fiscal year, 42% of the total caseload for the year.

### **JUDGES AND THEIR TERMS**

CHIEF JUDGE JAMES S. BURNS  
*May 14, 2002 - May 13, 2012*

ASSOCIATE JUDGE CORINNE K.A. WATANABE  
*May 11, 2002 - May 10, 2012*

ASSOCIATE JUDGE JOHN S.W. LIM  
*June 1, 1999 - May 31, 2009*

ASSOCIATE JUDGE DANIEL R. FOLEY  
*October 2, 2000 - October 1, 2010*

## *Land Court*

### **DESCRIPTION**

The Land Court is a statewide court of record which has exclusive jurisdiction of all applications for the registration of title to land and easements or rights in land held and possessed in fee simple within the state. It has the power to hear and determine all questions arising upon applications as they come before it under Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 501, subject to the rights of appeal.

### **ACTIONS FILED**

In fiscal year 2002-03, 39 cases were filed in the Land Court. Combined with the 123 cases pending at the end of the last fiscal year, the Land Court handled a total caseload of 162 cases.

### **TERMINATIONS AND PENDING CASES**

One hundred fourteen cases were terminated during fiscal year 2002-03, leaving 48 cases pending at the start of the new fiscal year.

## *Tax Appeal Court*

### **DESCRIPTION**

The Tax Appeal Court is a statewide court with jurisdiction over disputes concerning property, excise, liquor, income and insurance taxes.

The Tax Appeal Court is located in Honolulu and convenes in the other circuits (Hawai'i, Maui and Kaua'i) at least once each year to hear disputes involving real property taxes.

### **ACTIONS FILED**

In fiscal year 2002-03, 197 cases were filed in the Tax Appeal Court. Combined with the 678 pending cases at the end of the last fiscal year, the Tax Appeal Court's total caseload was 875 cases.

### **TERMINATIONS AND PENDING CASES**

The Tax Appeal Court terminated a total of 408 cases or 47% of the Court's caseload during the 2002-03 fiscal year. Four hundred sixty-seven cases remained pending at the close of the fiscal year.

## *Trial Courts*

Hawaii's trial level is comprised of Circuit Courts and District Courts. Family Courts are included in the Circuit Courts. Hawaii's trial courts function in four judicial circuits that correspond approximately to the geographical areas served by the counties.

The First Judicial Circuit serves the City and County of Honolulu.

The Second Judicial Circuit serves the County of Maui, which includes the islands of Maui, Moloka'i, and Lāna'i.

The Third Judicial Circuit, divided into the districts of Hilo and Kona, administers the County of Hawai'i.

The Fourth Judicial Circuit is no longer used as a circuit designation. The Third and Fourth Circuits merged in 1943.

The Fifth Judicial Circuit serves the County of Kaua'i, which includes the islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau.

# Circuit Courts

## STRATEGIC MISSION

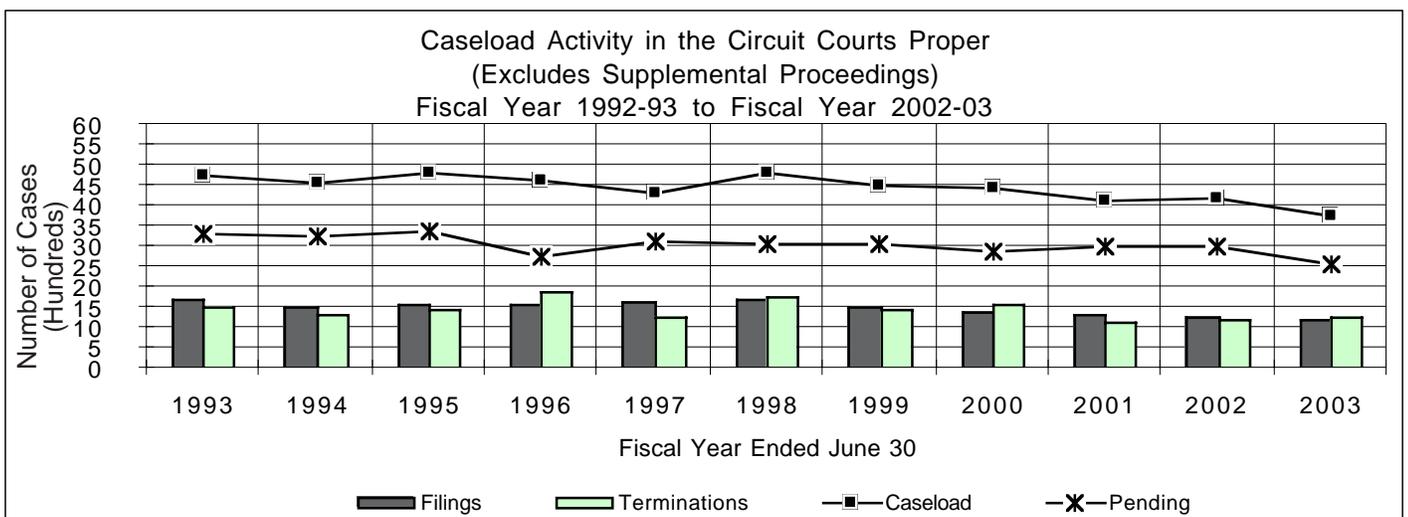
The mission of the Circuit Court is to expeditiously and fairly adjudicate or resolve all matters within its jurisdiction in accordance with law.

## DESCRIPTION

All jury trials are held in the Circuit Courts, which have general jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases. They also have exclusive jurisdiction in probate, guardianship and criminal felony cases, as well as civil cases where the contested amount exceeds \$20,000. Circuit Courts share concurrent jurisdiction

with District Courts in civil non-jury cases that specify amounts between \$10,000-\$20,000. Additional cases dispensed by the Circuit Courts include mechanics' lien, and misdemeanor violations transferred from the District Courts for jury trials.

Circuit Court judges are appointed to ten-year terms by the Governor from a list of not less than four and not more than six nominees provided by the Judicial Selection Commission. The nominees are subject to confirmation by the State Senate.



## Circuit Courts

### **ACTIONS FILED**

Filings in the Circuit Courts Proper totaled 11,952 cases in fiscal year 2002-03. Of the cases filed, 4,133 or 35%, were civil cases, and 5,003, or 42%, were criminal cases.

### **TERMINATIONS**

During fiscal year 2002-03, the Circuit Courts terminated 12,220 cases.

### **STATUS OF PENDING CASES**

At the end of the 2002-03 fiscal year, a total of 32,472 cases were pending in the Circuit Courts Proper.

### **ADULT PROBATION DIVISIONS**

There were 3,428 investigations completed during fiscal year 2002-03. In supervision cases, where persons were placed on probation or subject to court-ordered control, including offenders released from the Hawai'i State Hospital, there were 2,165 new placements added to the 10,874 cases pending from the previous fiscal year. Of these, 1,657 cases were closed, leaving 11,382 open at the end of the 2002-03 fiscal year.

*Judges and  
their Terms  
Circuit Court Judges*

**FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

KARL K. SAKAMOTO, 1<sup>ST</sup> DIVISION  
*June 1, 2000 - May 31, 2010*

STEVEN S. ALM, 2<sup>ND</sup> DIVISION  
*May 14, 2001 - May 13, 2011*

VICTORIA S. MARKS, 3<sup>RD</sup> DIVISION  
*May 26, 1994 - May 25, 2004*

MARCIA J. WALDORF, 4<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
*June 18, 2002 - June 17, 2012*

EDEN ELIZABETH HIFO, 5<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
*April 30, 2003 - April 29, 2013*

MICHAEL D. WILSON, 6<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
*May 10, 2000 - May 9, 2010*

RICHARD W. POLLACK, 7<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
*May 10, 2000 - May 9, 2010*

RICHARD K. PERKINS, 8<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
*May 6, 1994 - May 5, 2004*

VIRGINIA LEA CRANDALL, 9<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
*April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2011*

RHONDA A. NISHIMURA, 10<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
*June 20, 2003 - June 19, 2013*

WILFRED K. WATANABE  
*Retired May 30, 2003*

KAREN S. S. AHN, 11<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
*May 10, 2000 - May 9, 2010*

SANDRA A. SIMMS, 12<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
*May 26, 1994 - May 25, 2004*

DEXTER D. DEL ROSARIO, 13<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
*April 15, 1994 - April 14, 2004*

GARY W. B. CHANG, 14<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
*June 1, 1999 - May 31, 2009*

KAREN N. BLONDIN, 15<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE  
CIVIL ADMINISTRATION  
*May 11, 2002 - May 10, 2012*

MARIE N. MILKS, 16<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
*March 16, 1994 - March 15, 2004*

REYNALDO D. GRAULTY, 17<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
*March 5, 1999 - March 4, 2009*

FRANCES Q. F. WONG, 18<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE/  
SENIOR FAMILY COURT JUDGE  
*May 11, 2002 - May 10, 2012*

MICHAEL A. TOWN, 19<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
*April 30, 2003 - April 29, 2013*

COLLEEN K. HIRAI, 20<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
CHIEF JUDGE  
*May 6, 1994 - May 5, 2004*

DAN T. KOCHI  
*Retired December 31, 2003*

SABRINA S. MCKENNA, 22<sup>ND</sup> DIVISION  
*June 30, 1995 - June 29, 2005*

DERRICK H. M. CHAN, 23<sup>RD</sup> DIVISION  
*August 25, 2000 - August 24, 2010*

*Judges and  
their Terms*

*Circuit Court  
Judges*

**SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

SHACKLEY F. RAFFETTO, 1<sup>ST</sup> DIVISION  
CHIEF JUDGE/SENIOR FAMILY COURT JUDGE  
*June 9, 1994 - June 8, 2004*

JOEL E. AUGUST, 2<sup>ND</sup> DIVISION  
*June 10, 2002 - June 9, 2012*

JOSEPH E. CARDOZA, 3<sup>RD</sup> DIVISION  
*June 24, 1999 - June 23, 2009*

**THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

GREG K. NAKAMURA, 1<sup>ST</sup> DIVISION  
DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE/  
SENIOR FAMILY COURT JUDGE  
*April 18, 1994 - April 17, 2004*

RIKI MAY AMANO  
*Retired April 11, 2003*

RONALD IBARRA, 3<sup>RD</sup> DIVISION  
CHIEF JUDGE  
*May 10, 1999 - May 9, 2009*

**FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

GEORGE M. MASUOKA, 1<sup>ST</sup> DIVISION  
CHIEF JUDGE/SENIOR FAMILY COURT JUDGE  
*July 8, 1998 - July 7, 2008*

CLIFFORD L. NAKEA, 2<sup>ND</sup> DIVISION  
*September 22, 2000 - September 21, 2010*

## Family Courts

### STRATEGIC MISSION

The mission of the Family Court is to provide a fair, speedy, economical and accessible forum for the resolution of matters involving families and children.

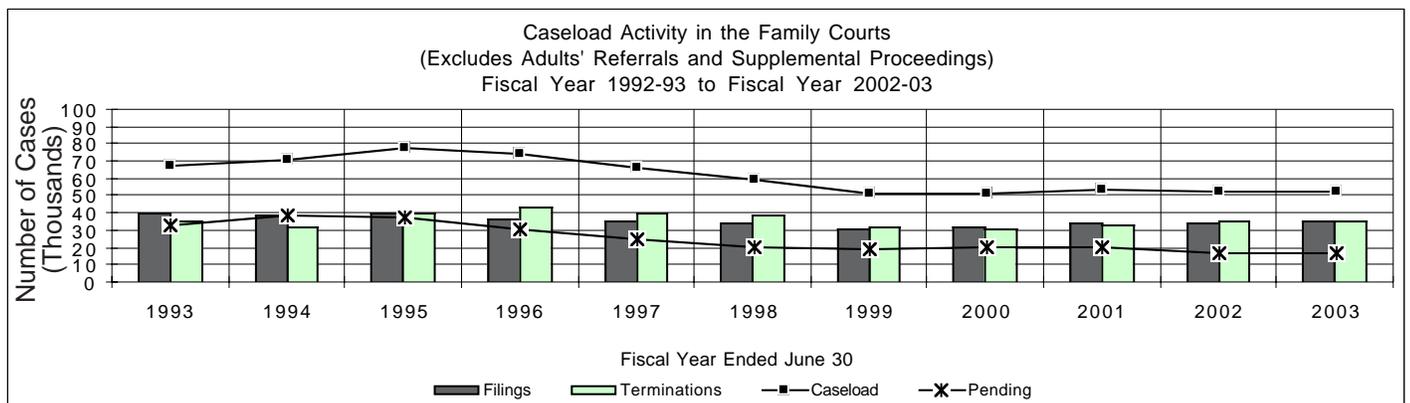
### DESCRIPTION

The Family Courts were established by statute in 1965 to deal with virtually all legal problems impinging on Hawaii's families and children.

The Family Court hears all legal matters involving children, such as delinquency, waiver, status offenses, abuse and neglect,

termination of parental rights, adoption, guardianships, and detention. The Family Court also hears traditional domestic relations cases, including divorce, nonsupport, paternity, uniform child custody jurisdiction cases, and miscellaneous custody matters.

District Family Court judges are appointed to six-year terms by the Chief Justice from a list of at least six names submitted for each opening by the Judicial Selection Commission, subject to confirmation by the State Senate.



*Family  
Courts*

**ACTIONS FILED**

A total of 36,034 cases were filed in the Family Courts in fiscal year 2002-03.

**TERMINATIONS**

Terminations totaled 35,365 in fiscal year 2002-03.

**STATUS OF PENDING CASES**

There were 17,678 cases pending at the end of fiscal year 2002-03.

*Judges and  
their Terms*

**FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

FRANCES Q. F. WONG, FIRST CIRCUIT COURT  
18<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE/  
SENIOR FAMILY COURT JUDGE  
*May 11, 2002 - May 10, 2012*

REYNALDO D. GRAULTY, FIRST CIRCUIT COURT  
17<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
*March 5, 1999 - March 4, 2009*

RHONDA A. NISHIMURA, FIRST CIRCUIT COURT  
10<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
*June 20, 2003 - June 19, 2013*

MICHAEL F. BRODERICK  
*June 6, 2003 - June 5, 2009*

R. MARK BROWNING  
*June 6, 2003 - June 5, 2009*

DARRYL Y. C. CHOY  
*Retired December 31, 2003*

KENNETH E. ENRIGHT  
*February 28, 2003 - February 27, 2009*

LINDA K. C. LUKE  
*December 29, 1998 - December 28, 2004*

PAUL T. MURAKAMI  
*June 7, 2002 - June 6, 2008*

KAREN M. RADIUS  
*December 9, 2000 - December 8, 2006*

ALLENE K. SUEMORI  
*March 31, 1999 - March 30, 2005*

BODE A. UALE  
*October 27, 1998 - October 26, 2004*

**SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

SHACKLEY F. RAFFETTO, SECOND CIRCUIT COURT  
1<sup>ST</sup> DIVISION  
CHIEF JUDGE/SENIOR FAMILY COURT JUDGE  
*June 9, 1994 - June 8, 2004*

GERONIMO VALDRIZ, JR.  
*May 26, 2000 - May 25, 2006*

ERIC G. ROMANCHAK  
*Retired July 31, 2003*

**THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

GREG K. NAKAMURA, THIRD CIRCUIT COURT  
1<sup>ST</sup> DIVISION  
DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE/  
SENIOR FAMILY COURT JUDGE  
*April 18, 1994 - April 17, 2004*

BEN H. GADDIS  
*May 17, 2001 - May 16, 2007*

ALEY K. AUNA, JR.  
*April 4, 2000 - April 3, 2006*

**FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

GEORGE M. MASUOKA, FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT  
1<sup>ST</sup> DIVISION  
CHIEF JUDGE/SENIOR FAMILY COURT JUDGE  
*July 8, 1998 - July 7, 2008*

CALVIN K. MURASHIGE  
*June 25, 1999 - June 24, 2005*

*Family Court  
Judges*

## District Courts

### STRATEGIC MISSION

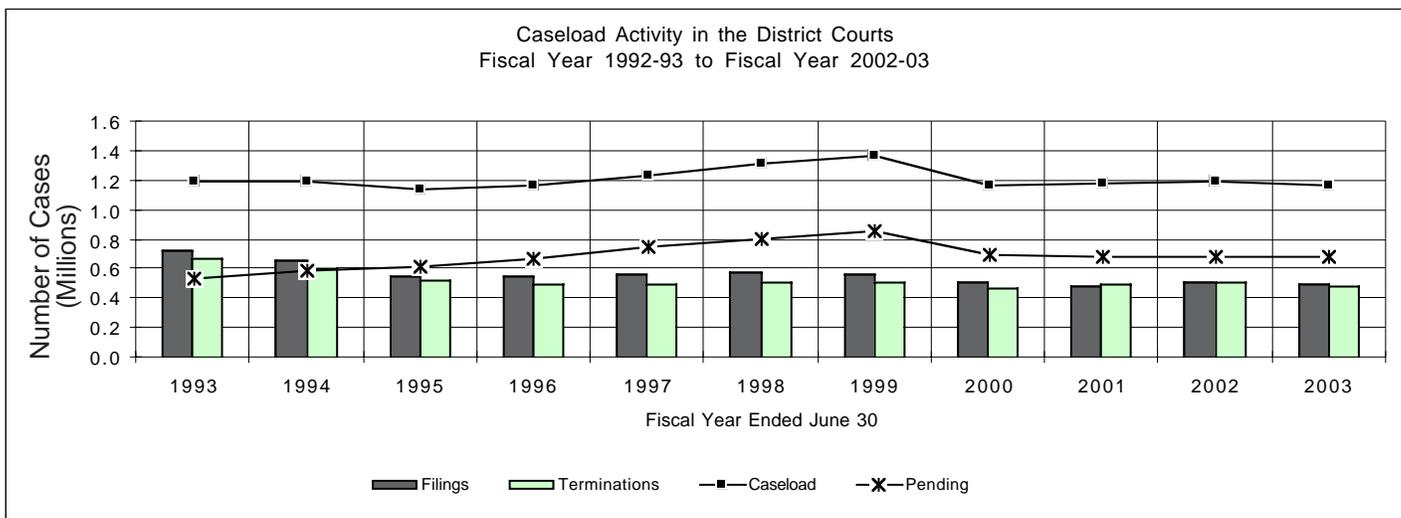
The mission of the District Court is to serve the people of Hawai'i through the fair and efficient adjudication and resolution of cases and controversies brought before it.

### DESCRIPTION

The District Courts have exclusive jurisdiction over traffic infractions, summary possession or ejection proceedings (landlord-tenant), regardless of the amount of the claim. The District Courts also have jurisdiction over non-jury trial civil cases where the debt, amount, damages, or value of the property claimed does not exceed

\$20,000, or where the remedy sought is specific performance valued under \$20,000, criminal offenses punishable by fine or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, cases arising from violations of a county ordinance, and petitions for restraining orders for relief from and for injunctions against harassment.

District Court judges are appointed to six-year terms by the Chief Justice from a list of at least six names submitted for each opening by the Judicial Selection Commission, subject to confirmation by the State Senate.



*District  
Courts*

**ACTIONS FILED**

During the 2002-03 fiscal year, 499,941 cases were filed in the District Courts. Traffic violation cases constituted the bulk of the filings, accounting for 84% of all case filings. Civil actions represented approximately 4% of filings, criminal actions 11%, and other violations 1%.

**TERMINATIONS**

A total of 488,973 cases were terminated in the District Courts during the fiscal year.

**PENDING CASES**

There were 683,259 cases pending at the end of fiscal year 2002-03.

## Judges and their Terms

### District Court Judges

#### **FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

BERT I. AYABE  
*June 6, 2003 - June 5, 2009*

HILARY BENSON GANGNES  
*May 22, 2002 - May 21, 2008*

COLETTE Y. GARIBALDI  
DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE  
*February 28, 2003 - February 27, 2009*

LESLIE ANN HAYASHI  
*November 5, 2002 - November 4, 2008*

GERALD H. KIBE  
*January 6, 2001 - January 5, 2007*

GEORGE Y. KIMURA  
*Retired February 28, 2003*

FAYE M. KOYANAGI  
*June 10, 2003 - June 9, 2009*

LONO J. LEE  
*June 10, 2003 - June 9, 2009*

DAVID W. LO  
*August 23, 2000 - August 22, 2006*

CHRISTOPHER P. MCKENZIE  
*May 22, 2002 - May 21, 2008*

RUSSEL S. NAGATA  
*October 5, 1998 - October 4, 2004*

CLARENCE A. PACARRO  
*June 7, 2002 - June 6, 2008*

BARBARA P. RICHARDSON  
*May 5, 2000 - May 4, 2006*

FA'AUUGA TO'OTO'O  
*December 9, 2000 - December 8, 2006*

#### **SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

REINETTE W. COOPER  
*May 7, 2001 - May 6, 2007*

DOUGLAS H. IGE  
DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE  
*June 28, 2002 - June 27, 2008*

RHONDA I. L. LOO  
*May 1, 2003 - April 30, 2009*

#### **THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

TERENCE T. YOSHIOKA  
DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE  
*April 28, 2000 - April 27, 2006*

JOSEPH P. FLORENDO, JR.  
*November 3, 1998 - November 2, 2004*

MATTHEW S. K. PYUN, JR.  
*May 14, 2003 - May 13, 2009*

SANDRA E. P. SCHUTTE  
*Retired May 30, 2003*

#### **FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

CALVIN K. MURASHIGE  
DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE  
*June 25, 1999 - June 24, 2005*

TRUDY K. SENDA  
*May 4, 2001 - May 3, 2007*

*Per Diem Judges*

**FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

William A. Cardwell  
Marilyn Carlsmith  
Valerie W.H. Chang  
Gale L.F. Ching  
Lawrence R. Cohen  
James H. Dannenberg  
Paula Devens-Matayoshi  
Philip Doi  
Peter V.N. Esser  
Peter C.K. Fong  
Christine E. Kuriyama  
Lenore K.J.H. Lee  
Wilson M.N. Loo  
Michael A. Marr  
Richard A. Marshall  
Patricia Ann McManaman  
William J. Nagle III  
Katharine M. Nohr  
Lillian Ramirez-Uy  
Nancy Ryan  
Yvonne R. Shinmura  
Peter T. Stone  
Clyde E. Sumida  
Matthew J. Viola  
William K. Wallace, III  
Timothy David Woo, Jr.  
Gregg Young

**SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Jan K. Apo  
Ruby A. Hamili  
Paul L. Horikawa  
Mary Blaine Johnston  
Barclay E. MacDonald  
Jack R. Naiditch  
Eric G. Romanchak  
Anthony L. Ranken  
Douglas J. Sameshima

**THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Karen Napua Brown  
William S. Chillingworth  
Victor M. Cox  
Colin L. Love  
Shawn Maile Nakoia  
Wayne C. Metcalf, III  
John P. Moran  
Stuart H. Oda  
Elizabeth Ann Strance  
Barbara T. Takase  
George S. Yuda

**FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Max W.J. Graham, Jr.  
Walton D.Y. Hong  
Joseph N. Kobayashi  
Gerald S. Matsunaga  
Frank D. Rothschild

## Support Services

### STRATEGIC MISSION

The mission of the Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts is to promote the administration of justice in Hawai'i by providing professional, responsive administrative support to the Chief Justice, the courts and Judiciary programs and to expedite, facilitate and enhance the mission of the Judiciary.

### ADMINISTRATION

The Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts has the primary responsibility for the daily operations of the court system. The Administrative Director is appointed by the Chief Justice with the approval of the Supreme Court, and is assisted by the Deputy Administrative Director.

The Administrative Director also coordinates the Judiciary's annual presentations to the Legislature, both for the Judiciary budget and for changes in laws relating to the operation of the judicial system.

Administrative programs are divided into three divisions: the Intergovernmental and Community Relations Division, the Support Services Division, and the Policy and Planning Division. Programs that fall under the three divisions include: Affirmative Action/EEO, Budget and Statistics, Fiscal and Support Services, Equality and Access to the Courts, Internal Audit, Judicial Education and Resource Development, Personnel, Planning and Evaluation, Public Affairs, Staff Attorneys, Telecommunication and Information Services, and Volunteers in Public Service to the Courts. Other program components providing statewide operational responsibilities are the Administrative Driver License Revocation Office, Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Children's Justice Centers, King Kamehameha V - Judiciary History Center, Law Library, Office of the Public Guardian, Records Management, and Special Projects/Legislative Office.

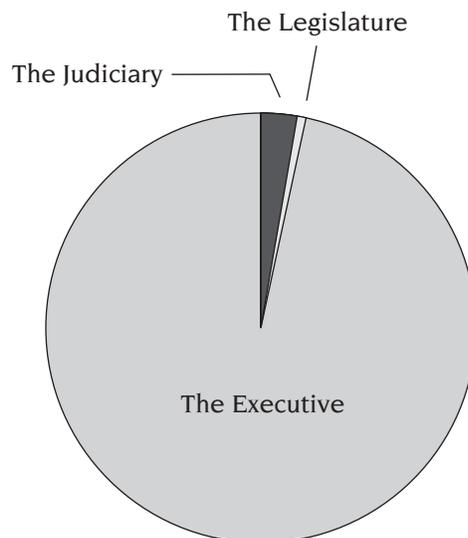
## *Financial Resources*

Appropriations for the Hawai'i State Judiciary are made by the Legislature on a statewide basis, with each fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30. Both the operating and capital improvements budgets of the Judiciary are legislatively determined each biennium with operating monies allocated from the State General and Special Funds and capital improvement monies from the State Capital Project Fund.

Combined, the State General and the Capital Project Funds represent over 96 percent of the funding source of all Judiciary expenditures. The Legislature appropriated \$109,481,851 from the State General Fund for operations during the current fiscal year, and \$42,733,000 to the Judiciary from the State Capital Project Fund. Other operating monies come from federal funds, trust funds, and special revenue funds such as the Driver Education and Training Fund.

Financial Resources

THE JUDICIARY OPERATING FUNDS FISCAL YEARS 2002-2005 BUDGET SUMMARY					
PROGRAM		FY 2002	FY 2003	Biennium Budget Appropriations	
		Actual Expenditures	Actual Expenditures	FY 2004	FY 2005
JUD 101 - COURTS OF APPEAL					
	General Fund	5,284,856	5,312,138	5,874,885	5,816,875
	Revolving Fund	30,891	28,233	243,261	243,261
JUD 310 - FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT					
	General Fund	54,125,351	54,596,292	56,413,035	56,402,835
	Special Fund	1,953,665	2,424,961	3,112,683	3,112,683
JUD 320 - SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT					
	General Fund	11,031,009	11,042,916	11,428,602	11,428,602
JUD 330 - THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT					
	General Fund	12,746,959	12,914,563	13,730,441	13,730,441
JUD 350 - FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT					
	General Fund	3,902,408	4,171,693	4,794,217	5,138,583
JUD 601 - ADMINISTRATION					
	General Fund	18,255,681	20,165,379	18,681,566	18,693,058
	Special Fund	1,387,743	1,553,356	3,430,261	3,430,261
TOTALS					
	General Fund	105,346,264	108,202,981	110,922,746	111,210,394
	Special Fund	3,341,408	3,978,317	6,542,944	6,542,944
	Revolving Fund	30,891	28,233	243,261	243,261



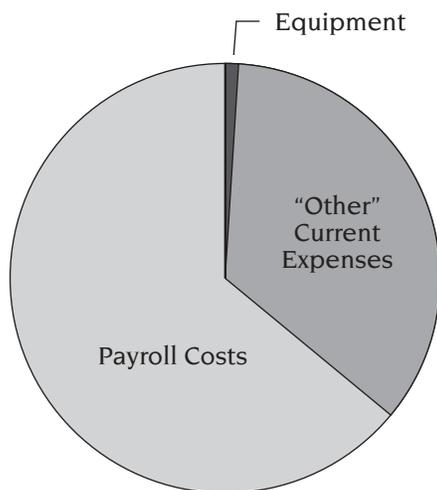
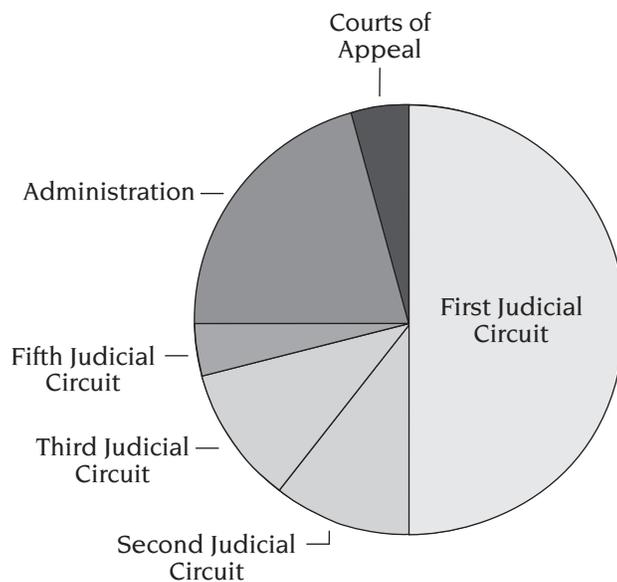
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS  
FROM STATE GENERAL FUND  
FISCAL YEAR 2002-03

The Judiciary	2.78%	\$ 109,481,851
The Legislature	.59%	23,142,370
The Executive	96.63%	3,803,635,382
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,936,259,603</b>

Financial Resources

STATE GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES  
BY COURT ELEMENT  
FISCAL YEAR 2002-03

Courts of Appeal	4.9%	\$ 5.3 million
First Judicial Circuit	50.5%	54.6 million
Second Judicial Circuit	10.2%	11.0 million
Third Judicial Circuit	11.9%	12.9 million
Fifth Judicial Circuit	3.9%	4.2 million
Administration	18.6%	20.2 million
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Total		\$ 108.2 million



STATE GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES  
BY COST CATEGORY  
FISCAL YEAR 2002-03

Equipment	3%	\$ 3.4 million
“Other” Current Expenses	29%	31.3 million
Payroll Costs	68%	73.5 million
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Total		\$ 108.2 million





## List of Available Judiciary Publications

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Going to Small Claims Court? What Do You Know About Mediation?  
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