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Hawaii State Senate Confirms Judge James H. Ashford to Oahu District Court

Honolulu- In a special session, the Hawaii State Senate today confirmed James H. Ashford as District Judge of the First Circuit, located on Oahu. He was nominated by Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald and was subject to Senate confirmation. Judge Ashford fills the vacancy created by the selection of Dean Ochiai as First Circuit Court judge.

“A son of Hawaii and of a well known attorney, Judge Ashford has shown himself to be an individual of great candor. With his appointment I believe that the people of Oahu will be well-served,” said Senator Clayton Hee, who chairs the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Ashford currently serves as a partner at the law firm of Cades Schutte, where his practice focuses on commercial litigation, including real estate disputes, employment law, construction and condominium disputes, trust and estate litigation and education law. He has tried more than 20 cases in state and federal court and is a regular speaker at litigation and employment law seminars in Hawaii and on the mainland.

Ashford earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, California, and his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Loyola Law School.

He will serve a term of six years.

(Photo Caption: Hawaii State Senate confirms James H. Ashford as a district judge for the First Circuit, located on Oahu.)

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