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## COMMISSION WELCOMES ITS TWO NEWEST MEMBERS

On July 11, 1994, Governor Waihee appointed the two newest members of the Hawaii State Ethics Commission: Cassandra Abdul and Carl Sakata. Ms. Abdul and Mr. Sakata succeeded Cynthia Alm and Rev. David Kaupu on the commission. Ms. Alm's and Rev. Kaupu's commission terms expired on June 30, 1994. Ms. Abdul and Mr. Sakata have each been appointed to serve four-year terms.

Ms. Abdul is a real estate portfolio manager for Hawaiian Trust Company, Ltd. She has also served as a member and chairperson of the Animal Species Advisory Commission and the Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Commission.

Mr. Sakata is a former budget analyst for the Office of the Superintendent in the State Department of Education. His professional background includes a long career of government service with the Department of Education and the University of Hawaii.

The Commission extends a warm welcome to Ms. Abdul and Mr. Sakata. We thank them both for volunteering their time and efforts to the Commission's work. The Commission also sends its best wishes to former commissioners Cynthia Alm and Rev. David Kaupu.

The current members of the Hawaii State Ethics Commission are as follows:

K. Koki Akamine, Vice Chairperson  
Cassandra Abdul  
Dr. Sharon "Shay" Bintliff  
Don Daley  
Carl Sakata

## CAMPAIGN ETHICS REMINDER

In July, the Commission distributed 25,000 copies of its campaign ethics guidelines to state government agencies and offices throughout the State. The guidelines remind employees and officials that the ethics laws prohibit the use of state time, equipment, and facilities for campaign activities, such as the sale of campaign fundraiser tickets and solicitation of campaign assistance. The Commission asked all state agencies to circulate copies of the guidelines to employees and to board and commission members. State employees or board members who have not seen the guidelines--a green flyer entitled, "Campaign Ethics Guidelines for Public Officials and Employees"--should contact the Commission for additional copies.

Persons with questions about the ethics guidelines should call the Commission's office at 587-0460. Staff attorneys are available to advise all callers about how the ethics laws apply to campaign activities.

## ETHICS QUIZ

**QUESTION:** Does the State Ethics Code prohibit the solicitation of state employees at work for contributions to the Aloha United Way?

**ANSWER:** No. In a 1976 advisory opinion (Opinion No. 245), the State Ethics Commission held that the ethics code does not prohibit the use of state time, equipment, and facilities for the State solicitation program for the AUW. Although the ethics code prohibits the use of state resources for "private business" purposes, the Commission found that the State's support of the broad-based AUW has made the State's solicitation program "public business." The Commission warned, however, that state employees may not place unwarranted pressure on other employees to contribute to the AUW. State employees should also be aware that departmental fundraising events for the AUW such as auctions, raffles, and sales, may raise additional ethics issues and should be cleared with the Commission.

**1994 COGEL CONFERENCE PROMISES**

## A GREAT PROGRAM

On December 4-7, 1994, the Hawaii State Ethics Commission, the Hawaii County Board of Ethics, and the State of Hawaii Office Of Information Practices will co-host the 16th Annual Conference of the Council On Governmental Ethics Laws ("COGEL") at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu. The conference will offer over twenty sessions covering ethics, campaign finance, elections, lobby law regulation, and freedom of information. Prominent local, national, and international speakers will participate in these sessions. Conference highlights will include featured speakers **Helen Suzman, Rushworth Kidder, Mayumi Moriyama, and Joseph Gangloff.**

**Helen Suzman**, a Minister of Parliament for South Africa from 1953 to 1989, waged a lone struggle against Apartheid for many years. Twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, she is the recipient of twenty-one honorary doctorates and numerous human rights and heroism awards. She is the author of In No Uncertain Terms: A South African Memoir (1993).

**Rushworth Kidder** is founding president of the Institute for Global Ethics in Camden, Maine. He is a distinguished journalist and author of Shared Values for a Troubled World, in which he interviewed world leaders by asking each the same question: "If you could develop a global code of ethics, what would it be?"

**Mayumi Moriyama** is a member of the Japanese Diet's House of Councillors. She is also a former Minister of Education of Japan. Ms. Moriyama will speak about governmental ethics concerns and political reform in Japan.

**Joseph Gangloff** is Deputy Chief of the Public Integrity Section of the United States Justice Department. He has overseen numerous criminal prosecutions of public corruption across the country. He has a wealth of knowledge about public corruption and is particularly conversant with the duties of various state ethics commissions.

The 1994 COGEL Conference promises an excellent program and should not be missed by federal, state, and county officials, employees, board and commission members, and anyone interested in good government. For registration information, please contact the Hawaii State Ethics Commission. Persons may register to attend the entire conference, any single day of the conference, or the COGEL luncheon featuring Helen Suzman as the keynote speaker.

## REMINDER: CANDIDATE FINANCIAL INTERESTS DISCLOSURES DUE ON AUGUST 29, 1994

The Hawaii State Constitution and the State Ethics Code require all candidates for state elective office to file financial interests disclosures with the State Ethics Commission. The disclosures are due twenty days prior to the primary election. The filing deadline this election year is **August 29, 1994**. Disclosures must be actually filed by August 29, not simply post-marked. Candidate financial interests disclosures are public records. State law requires the Commission to publish a list of the names of candidates who fail to file their financial disclosure statements by the deadline date. Candidates for state office with questions about the filing requirements or about completion of the candidate disclosure forms should contact the Commission before August 29, 1994. [Note: The filing deadline for candidates running for the Board of Trustees for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is October 19, 1994.]

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