

## HAWAII

Following its annexation to the U.S., Hawaii's federal judicial system consisted of a district court with a single judge.<sup>1</sup> Statehood established it as a constitutional court with two judgeships.<sup>2</sup> Hawaii is housed in the Ninth Circuit and has four judgeships, three permanent and one temporary.<sup>3</sup>

<b>Statutory History</b>		
<i>Seat</i>	<i>Legislation</i>	<i>Authority</i>
HI.ST.01	Act of March 18, 1959	73 STAT. 4
HI.ST.02	Act of March 18, 1959	73 STAT. 4
HI.ST.03	Act of July 10, 1984	98 STAT. 333
HI.ST.04	Act of December 1, 1990	104 STAT. 5089 <sup>4</sup>

<b>Seat Histories</b>					
<i>Position #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Confirmation</i>	<i>Date of Departure</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Party</i>
HI.ST.01.01	Pence, Martin	September 21, 1961	November 18, 1974	Retired	Democrat
HI.ST.01.02	Wong, Dick Yin <sup>5</sup>	April 24, 1975	December 26, 1978	Deceased	Democrat

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<sup>1</sup>Act of April 30, 1900, 31 STAT. 158.

<sup>2</sup>Act of March 18, 1959, 73 STAT. 4.

<sup>3</sup>The temporary position was authorized for five years (Act of December 1, 1990, 104 STAT. 5089), and subsequently amended to ten years from the appointment of the judge (Helen W. Gillmor). Act of October 6, 1997, 111 STAT. 1173.

<sup>5</sup>First Asian American district judge appointed from Hawaii.

HI.ST.01.03	Heen, Walter Meheula	Unconfirmed recess appointment <sup>6</sup>	December 16, 1981	Resigned <sup>7</sup>	Democrat
HI.ST.01.04	Fong, Harold M.	June 18, 1982	April 20, 1995	Deceased	Republican
HI.ST.01.05	Mollway, Susan Oki	June 22, 1998	Active	Active	Democrat
HI.ST.02.01	Tavares, Cyrus Nils	September 21, 1961 <sup>8</sup>	April 12, 1972	Retired	Republican
HI.ST.02.02	King, Samuel P.	June 28, 1972	November 30, 1984	Retired	Republican
HI.ST.02.03	Ezra, David A.	May 19, 1988	Active	Active	Republican
HI.ST.03.01	Kay, Alan Cooke	September 12, 1986	January 2, 2000	Retired	Republican
HI.ST.03.02	Seabright, John Michael	April 27, 2005	Active	Active	
HI.ST.04.01	Gillmor, Helen W. <sup>9</sup>	October 7, 1994	Active	Active	Democrat

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<sup>6</sup>Recess appointment, December 31, 1980.

<sup>7</sup>Heen actually resigned prior to a vote on confirmation.

<sup>8</sup>Recess appointment, October 13, 1960.

<sup>9</sup>First female district judge appointed from Hawaii.