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The Honorable Kevin Chang
United States Magistrate Judge
United States District Court
District of Hawaii
500 Ala Moana Blvd.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96850

Re: Mediator Panel to be Established Under Local Rule 88.1

Dear Judge Chang:

This is to apply for consideration as a member of the Mediator Panel to be established under Rule 88.1 of the Local Rules of Practice for the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii. I recently learned that an announcement was published in the Hawaii Bar Journal a few months ago setting the deadline for application at April 15, 2003. Unfortunately, I did not see the announcement and only learned of it upon inquiring with the Clerk's Office of the status of the implementation of Rule 88.1. I understand that the committee has not yet met on the applications submitted pursuant to that announcement and that other qualified candidates also missed the notice when published. Therefore, I request that this and other such applications be considered by the committee in the interest of having the most qualified possible panel established by the committee.

My professional and educational background relevant to membership on the Mediator Panel is as follows:

I am a former civil litigation attorney and practiced as a litigation attorney for 27 years from 1974 to 2001. I am a member of the Distinguished Panel of Neutrals of Dispute Prevention and Resolution, Inc., the President Elect of the Association for Conflict Resolution - Hawaii Chapter, a Senior Mediator with the Mediation Center of

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the Pacific, a member of the Hawaii Supreme Court's Appellate Mediation Panel and an Arbitrator for the Hawaii Court Annexed Arbitration Program. The Mediation Center of the Pacific selected me as a "Mediator of the Year" for 2002. I now devote my practice involving disputes to mediation and arbitration and no longer represents parties in litigation. My mediation experience includes the successful resolution of commercial, business partnership, labor, employment discrimination, medical professional, personal injury, legal malpractice, divorce and child custody/visitation cases.

I received my law degree from Georgetown University and have an undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering. I also have taught advocacy programs for the University of California Hastings College of Law's College of Advocacy in San Francisco, CA., the Advocacy Institute in Washington, D.C., the National Institute for Trial Advocacy and the American Bar Association.

As to my professional positions, since December 2001 I have been in private practice in Honolulu principally as a mediator and arbitrator and as "Of Counsel" to the firm of Godbey and Griffiths on non-litigation matters. Prior to this, from 1993 to November 2001 I was a litigation partner with the Hawaii law firm of Carlsmith Ball, LLP. In 1982 I was appointed by then Chief Judge Samuel P. King to serve as the Interim U.S. Attorney for the District of Hawaii. In 1983 President Reagan appointed me to the U.S. Attorney position in which I served until 1993. From 1978 to 1982 I was an organized crime prosecutor for the U.S. Department of Justice assigned to Hawaii. My experience before that assignment and after my graduation from law school in 1974 was as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, then Chief of the Criminal Division and then First Assistant U.S. Attorney in New Orleans.

During my former career as a litigation attorney I personally handled many significant cases involving commercial, contract, accounting, tax, construction, fraud, public corruption and related issues. In addition, throughout my career I personally supervised the work of approximately 120 attorneys and the thousands of cases they handled directly. In the course of this supervision, I was involved in a considerable number of settlement negotiations both directly and indirectly.

My initial professional background was in technology and engineering. Before I became an attorney, I was a patent examiner in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and worked for the Naval Ship Research and Development Center

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representing its scientist-inventors before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. I have also been a principal instructor for the ABA Intellectual Property Law Section's Patent Litigation program and was elected to membership in the national honorary engineering societies, Tau Beta Pi and Pi Tau Sigma.

My community involvement included service as the president of the Friends of the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii, president of the Rotary Club of Honolulu and member of the boards of the Hawaii Bar Association, Aloha United Way and the Eagle Scout Association.

My formal training in the mediation and facilitation of disputes includes more than 160 hours of formal training in Hawaii and in California. In addition, I have a presenter in several mediation training programs. During my tenure as a United States Attorney my responsibilities included the informal mediation of disputes among governmental agencies.

Thank you for your consideration of and attention to this request. If you or the committee require any additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Bent", with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Daniel Bent