

E. John McConnell
Retired Circuit Court Judge, State of Hawaii
Full-Time ADR Neutral

Since leaving the bench in May of 1998, Judge McConnell has established an active practice as a full-time neutral. Between his retirement and July of 2002, he has been retained in over 400 matters. Except for several appointments as a Special Master in complex on-going litigation or administrative proceedings, Judge McConnell's diverse practice is nearly evenly divided between arbitration and mediation. He has served as an arbitrator of public and private labor grievances, construction industry disputes, real estate transaction disputes and wrongful discharge and discrimination claims. He has mediated in all of these fields and in personal injury cases.

Judge McConnell served thirteen years on the Circuit Court bench. During this period he presided as a general jurisdiction trial, motions and settlement judge over thousands of civil, criminal, probate and other matters. During the last four years of his tenure, Judge McConnell served as the Administrative and Senior Family Court Judge as well as Arbitration Judge for the Second Circuit Court. While a judge, he conducted hundreds of settlement conferences as well as presided over some of the longest, most complex civil cases which have been tried to verdict in Hawaii. These cases included complex construction litigation, personal injury claims, high profile land use development claims, medical and dental malpractice suits, and wrongful termination and sexual harassment matters.

Judge McConnell is Vice President of the Hawaii Justice Foundation. As a judge, he served as Chair of the Judicial Education Committee and the Judiciary Standing Committee on Civil Pattern Jury Instructions. He has been a member of the Court Annexed Arbitration Commission, the Standing Committee on Civil Rules, the Probate Rules Committee, and is a past president of the Hawaii State Trial Judges Association. Judge McConnell has served as an instructor at numerous judicial education institutes including several emphasizing settlement conference techniques.

Before being appointed to the bench in 1984, Judge McConnell was Chairman of the Hawaii Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board, Deputy Director of the Hawaii State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, a Deputy Attorney General and a private practitioner.

Judge McConnell received a B.A. degree from the Pennsylvania State University in 1963 and a J.D. degree from the Dickinson School of Law in 1966.

Judge McConnell's services are available at an all inclusive cost of \$225.00 per hour. Unless unusual circumstances exist, Judge McConnell does not charge for travel time or out-of-pocket costs for cases throughout the Hawaiian Islands. He can be reached on Maui at (808) 244-6531 or fax at (808) 242-4610.