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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION  
WINS NATIONAL AWARD**

**HONOLULU-** William Hoshijo, Executive Director of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) has received a national award, a **2005 Trailblazer Award** from the **National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA)**. He accepted the award at the NAPABA annual convention in Chicago. Hoshijo, an attorney, has served as HCRC Executive Director since 1997.

The 2005 Trailblazer Award Honorees were recognized as persons of outstanding achievement, commitment and leadership, who have paved the way for advancement of other APA attorneys. Their achievements and careers have made substantial lasting contributions to the APA legal community as well as the broader APA community.

In 1995 Hoshijo was appointed an HCRC commissioner by then-Governor Benjamin Cayetano. He was recognized as the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations as manager of the Year in 2001. In the late 1980's Hoshijo played an active

role in support of legislation establishing the HCRC. Mr. Hoshijo is a co-founder of *Na Loio No Na Kanaka* (The Lawyer for the People of Hawaii), a non-profit, public interest law office that provides legal services to the immigrant poor.

NAPABA is the only national association of Asian Pacific American attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students. Its lawyers work in the full range of legal practice. Founded in 1988, NAPABA represents the interests of over 45,000 Asian Pacific American (APA) attorneys and 47 local APA bar associations, including Hawaii.

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