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FEDERAL APPEALS COURT REJECTS CLAIMS AGAINST STATE ATTORNEYS BY FORMER BISHOP ESTATE TRUSTEE

HONOLULU- The federal court of appeals for the Ninth Circuit has summarily upheld the dismissal of a civil rights lawsuit filed against State of Hawaii by former Bishop Estate/Kamehameha Schools trustee Richard S.H. (Dickie) Wong.

Wong's lawsuit named former Attorneys General Margery and Earl Anzai, former First Deputy Thomas R. Keller, deputy attorneys general Lawrence Goya, Dorothy Sellers, Hugh Jones, and former special assistant Cynthia Quinn.

Wong alleged that the State attorneys violated his civil rights by pursuing civil and criminal cases against him based on his actions as a trustee of the Bishop Estate. The Ninth Circuit, stating that Wong's claims were based on conclusory allegations, affirmed the earlier dismissal by federal district court Judge Alan C. Kay.

Judge Gary W.B. Chang dismissed a similar lawsuit filed by Wong in Hawaii First Circuit Court last year.

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