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## STATE REVIEWING CIRCUIT COURT'S RULING ON STAR ADVERTISER LAWSUIT RELATING TO JUDICIAL NOMINEES

HONOLULU – The State is reviewing Judge Karl Sakamoto's ruling today against the Governor and in favor of the Star Advertiser in the newspaper's lawsuit to compel the Governor to disclose the Judicial Selection Commission's lists of nominees.

Attorney General David Louie issued the following statement in response to the ruling: "Obviously, we are disappointed with Circuit Court's oral ruling today. Once we receive the court's written order and have the opportunity to thoroughly review it and consider other relevant factors, we will decide how to respond."

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