

**Gary G. Grimmer**



**Candidate: At-Large Member Position, Conference Executive Committee**

Thank you for your service as a Lawyer Representative and for taking the time to read this short statement. I humbly seek your vote for this position.

Participation in our Conference has been deeply rewarding for me. Particularly because I have had cases in or worked with attorneys in several of our Districts, and have traveled extensively in each, including two months in Alaska one college summer. I find the diversity and collaboration within our Circuit broadening and always stimulating.

I have been a civil trial lawyer in Hawaii State, Hawaii Federal and Ninth Circuit Courts for 31 years. I also tried a case in Los Angeles Superior Court and the U.S. District Court of the Northern Marianas. During more recent years, I have been elected to my Firm's compensation committee and chaired its litigation group for 11 years. As one who has experienced clients' agony of defeat and ecstasy of victory, I have a firm conviction that our judicial systems are serving their purpose well. Unfortunately, politicians and media unjustifiably attack the judicial branch. As officers of the Courts, I believe we can assist the Judiciary in responding to this individually and through the Circuit Conference. I certainly will, whether elected at-large or not.

Recent service to the Conference includes (1) assisting Judge Laznik, Susan Newell and Renee Lorda in selecting programs and venues in Honolulu for the Conference at-large and District Dinners, (2) serving on the LRCC committee to prepare a proposed resolution on TV coverage of District Court proceedings, and (3) setting up golf opportunities for conferees on Sunday, July 15, 2007. In addition, I have actively assisted in organizing the last two Hawaii District Conferences to include venue, speakers and entertainment. See our District Report for information of this year's District Conference.

I am a member of the ABA, Hawaii State Bar Association, Hawaii Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, ACLU-Hawaii, and American Judicature Society-Hawaii Chapter. I persuaded our Hawaii Chief Justice to establish a pilot program business court and am the Hawaii liaison to the ABA Business Litigation subcommittee on the subject. I have and am currently serving on HSBA committees on various subject. I am also active in Rotary, currently serving as vice president of Hawaii's second largest club.

Born and raised in Hawaii, I received my BA in Economics with Honors from University of Colorado-Boulder and my JD from Texas Tech University in 1976. My wife Beverley and I have four children and three grandchildren-all in Hawaii.

Here's to continued productivity, collaboration and camaraderie of the LRCC!

Aloha & Mahalo!