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COMMISSION WELCOMES HONORABLE R. MARK BROWNING AS NEWEST COMMISSIONER

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The Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission is delighted to announce the appointment of the Honorable R. Mark Browning as its newest Commissioner. Governor Green appointed Commissioner Browning on February 27, 2024, and he attended his inaugural Commission meeting, where he was officially sworn in, on March 21, 2024.

Commissioner Browning brings a wealth of experience and a distinguished legal career to the Commission. Prior to his appointment, he served as a First Circuit Court judge, having assumed the position on May 6, 2010. His judicial journey began in 1997 as a district family court judge, during which he notably presided over the juvenile drug court from 2002 to 2010. Before his judicial tenure, Commissioner Browning excelled as a partner at the esteemed law firm Shim Tam Kirimitsu Kitamura & Chang. Additionally, he contributed his legal acumen as a deputy prosecuting attorney for the City and County of Honolulu.

Beyond his judicial duties, Commissioner Browning has been actively involved in various professional and community endeavors, underscoring his commitment to public service. He has served on esteemed boards and committees, including the Project Visitation Advisory Committee, Friends of Foster Kids Board, and Judicial Education Committee, among others. Commissioner Browning is also a distinguished graduate of Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College.

The Commission is privileged to welcome Commissioner Browning, whose expertise, dedication, and compassion will undoubtedly enrich our team. His appointment reflects our continued commitment to ensuring justice and integrity within our community.

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