

The Honorable Barry M. Kurren has served as a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Hawaii since 1992. Prior to his appointment to the federal bench, Judge Kurren served briefly as a Hawaii District Court Judge after having been engaged in private practice in Honolulu for several years. At the outset of his legal career, Judge Kurren was a law clerk to United States District Judge Martin Pence. Judge Kurren is a past president of the Federal Magistrate Judges Association and previously served on the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts Magistrate Judges Advisory Group and the Ninth Circuit Magistrate Judges Executive Board. He has also served as an Acting Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and instructed at the William S. Richardson School of Law and the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina. Judge Kurren received his undergraduate degree from the University of Hawaii with highest honors in 1973 and his law degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii, in 1977.