



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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The United States District Court for the District of Hawaii has selected Magistrate Judge Richard L. Puglisi to replace Judge Leslie Kobayashi, who was appointed by President Barack Obama to be a District Judge.

Judge Puglisi is expected to begin his term in Hawaii in early March 2011, following an FBI background investigation. He is presently serving as the Chief Magistrate Judge in the District of New Mexico.

Judge Puglisi became a member of the Hawaii Bar in 1981. He began his legal career in Hawaii as a Navy judge advocate stationed at Pearl Harbor. He served with the United States Attorney's Office in Hawaii for two years, handling both civil and criminal cases. Thereafter, he entered private practice in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where his civil practice focused on complex products liability, professional malpractice, and commercial litigation.

Judge Puglisi became a United States Magistrate Judge in New Mexico in 1996. During the 15 years he has served in that capacity, he has been a member of a number of judiciary committees and boards, including the United States Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges' System and the Education Committee of the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, D.C.

Judge Puglisi graduated from the University of New Mexico with a B.A. in Economics/Political Science in 1975. He received his law degree from the University of New Mexico in 1979. He also received a Master's of Science from the U.S. Army War College in 2002.