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U.S. Magistrate Judge Barry M. Kurren has announced that he will retire from active service at the end of his current term in March, 2016. After his retirement from active duty as a judge, Judge Kurren will be eligible to continue to serve on recall status.

Judge Kurren was appointed to the federal bench in 1992 and is the longest sitting U.S. Magistrate Judge in the District of Hawaii. Before his appointment, 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 served as a law clerk to U.S. District Judge Martin Pence. Judge Kurren received his undergraduate degree from the University of Hawaii with highest honors in 1973 and his law degree from the Richardson School of Law in 1977.

Judge Kurren is a past president of the Federal Magistrate Judges Association. He has also served as a member of the Magistrate Judges Advisory Group of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts and the Ninth Circuit Magistrate Judges Executive Board. He has also served for the past 15 years as an Acting Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and has instructed at the Richardson School of Law and the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina.

The U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on the Magistrate Judges System has approved filling the vacancy upon Judge Kurren's retirement.

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