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Chief Judge Susan Oki Mollway has announced that she will be stepping down as Chief Judge for the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii on November 6, 2015. Chief Judge Mollway will also retire from active service on that date, but plans to continue to render substantial judicial service to the district as a Senior Judge.

Chief Judge Mollway was appointed as a United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii on August 4, 1998, by President William Clinton and became Chief Judge in June 2009. She was the first Asian woman to receive a lifetime federal judicial appointment in the United States.

Chief Judge Mollway attended the University of Hawaii, where she received a B.A. in English Literature in 1971 and an M.A. in English Literature in 1973. She graduated from Harvard Law School, cum laude, in 1981, and was the editor in chief of the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review.

Before attending law school, Chief Judge Mollway was an instructor in the Department of English at the University of Hawaii, Manoa Campus, and then a lecturer teaching English language at Takushoku University in Tokyo and an editor of English-language books at Charles E. Tuttle Company, also in Tokyo. In 1981, Chief Judge Mollway joined Cades Schutte Fleming & Wright in Honolulu, where she became a partner in the Litigation Department.

Her past awards include Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year, Hawaii Women Lawyers Association (1987); Trailblazer Award, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (1998); Outstanding Judicial Achievement Award, Hawaii Women Lawyers (2004); and Distinguished Service Award, Asian American Justice Center (2005).

Chief Judge Mollway is currently the chairperson of the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Jury Instruction Committee. Much of her chief judgeship has focused on the \$121-million renovation of the federal district court facilities in Honolulu. At the start of her chief judgeship, the court began its Re-Entry Court program, which seeks to assist individuals recently release from prison in their re-entry into the community. Chief Judge Mollway has also overseen the streamlining of court operations, as different court units have cooperated in sharing services and personnel to achieve cost savings.

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