

BIOGRAPHY

Steven S. Alm was a Circuit Court Judge in Honolulu, Hawaii from May 2001 to August 2016. In 2004, he created Hawaii's Opportunity Probation with Enforcement or HOPE Probation. He was the principal HOPE Probation Judge from then on and for three and a half years, until September 2014, was Adult Drug Court Judge as well. From 2005, until he left the bench, Judge Alm co-chaired the Interagency Council on Intermediate Sanctions. In 2005 and again in 2015, Judge Alm chaired the once-a-decade statewide Penal Code Review Committee.

From 1994 through 2001, Judge Alm was the United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii. From 1985 through 1994, Judge Alm served as a local prosecutor.

In 2007, HOPE Probation received the American Judicature Society's Special Merit Citation Award, and in January 2009, Judge Alm received the McGovern Award presented by the Institute for Behavior and Health for the most promising drug policy idea for the year. In October 2010, Judge Alm was named Hawaii Jurist of the Year by Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald. In 2013, HOPE was named as one of the "Top 25 Innovations in Government" by the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and in 2014, HOPE was selected as recipient of the National Criminal Justice Association Outstanding Criminal Justice Program for the Western Region.

Judge Alm retired from the bench on September 1, 2016.