

E. John McConnell
Retired Circuit Court Judge, State of Hawaii
Full-Time ADR Neutral

Judge McConnell retired from the Maui Circuit Court in 1998 and since then has actively practiced as a full-time arbitrator and mediator, having been retained in over 1000 civil matters. Judge McConnell's diverse practice includes arbitration, mediation, and hearing officer appointments. He has served as an arbitrator of public and private labor grievances, construction industry disputes, real estate transaction disputes and wrongful discharge and discrimination claims. He has mediated in all of these fields and in personal injury cases. He has served as a hearing officer for the State Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Maui Planning Commission, the Maui Board of Variances and Appeals, and the Kauai Ethics Commission.

Since 2006, Judge McConnell has presided over an increasing number of labor arbitrations. Parties include the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel, the Queens Hospital, the University of Hawaii, ILWU Local 142, IBEW Local 1186, Unite Here! Local 5, the Hawaii Government Employees Association, the Hawaii State Organization of Police Officers, the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly and many others.

Judge McConnell served thirteen years on the Circuit Court bench, during the last four years of his tenure as the Administrative and Senior Family Court Judge as well as Arbitration Judge for the Second Circuit. While a judge, he presided over some of the longest, most complex civil cases that have been tried to verdict in Hawaii. These cases included complex construction litigation, personal injury claims, high profile land use development claims, medical and dental malpractice suits, and wrongful termination and sexual harassment matters. As a judge, he served as Chair of the Judicial Education Committee and the Judiciary Standing Committee on Civil Pattern Jury Instructions. He has been a member of the Court Annexed Arbitration Commission, the Standing Committee on Civil rules, the Probate Rules Committee, and is a past president of the Hawaii State Trial Judges Association.

Before being appointed to the bench in 1984, Judge McConnell was Chairman of the Hawaii Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board, Deputy Director of the Hawaii State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, a Deputy Attorney General, and a private practitioner.

Judge McConnell received a B.A. degree from the Pennsylvania State University in 1963, and a J.D. degree from the Dickinson School of Law in 1966.

Judge McConnell's services are available at a cost of \$350.00 per hour plus expenses and GET. Travel time is not billed. He can be reached on Maui at (808) 250-9205, or by email at judgejohnmc@gmail.com.