

Honolulu Civil Beat - In an effort to increase transparency, got ahold of all the salaries for the judiciary. Here is some information from their article:

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The judiciary functions under Mark Recktenwald, chief justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court, who is the highest paid employee of the court system with an annual salary of \$156,727. Recktenwald was named to the position last fall, following the mandatory retirement of Ronald Moon.

A Civil Beat analysis of the salary data shows that justices and judges earn the most.

Chief Justice: \$156,727
Associate Justice, four positions: \$151,118
Chief Judge, one position: \$145,532
Associate Judge, five positions: \$139,924
Circuit Judge, 32 positions: \$136,127
District Judge, 36 positions: \$128,296

The salaries of Hawaii's circuit judges — at \$136,127 — ranks dead last among other states and the District of Columbia, according to a 2011 report by the National Center for State Courts. That fifty-first lowest ranking reflects an adjustment for cost of living¹. With cost of living factored in, the report found Hawaii circuit judges earn \$82,134.

In terms of raw ranking, Hawaii's circuit judges fall in the No. 24 spot in the report. Illinois trial court judges earn the most in the nation, both in terms of raw ranking (\$178,835) and with cost-of-living adjustments (\$186,011), the report found.

Hawaii's high court justices — with \$151,118 salaries — rank No. 23 among the states and

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D.C., while California's high court justices ranked No. 1 with salaries of \$218,237.

In broader terms, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says workers in the "judges, magistrate judges and magistrates" category earn a median salary of \$119,260. (Federal district judges, whose salaries are not included in this database, earn \$174,000.)

Here's a look at the Hawaii Judiciary's highest-paid employees. Note, the list includes 79 employees, but only six job titles, as many share the same title.

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Rank	Last Name	First Name	Title	Salary
1	Recktenwald	Mark	Chief Justice	\$156,727
2	Acoba	Simeon	Associate Justice	\$151,118
3	Duffy	James	Associate Justice	\$151,118
4	McKenna	Sabrina	Associate Justice	\$151,118
5	Nakayama	Paula	Associate Justice	\$151,118
6	Nakamura	Craig	Chief Judge	\$145,532
7	Leonard	Katherine	Associate Judge	\$139,924
8	Reifurth	Lawrence	Associate Judge	\$139,924
9	Foley	Daniel	Associate Judge	\$139,923
10	Fujise	Alexa	Associate Judge	\$139,923
11	Ginoza	Lisa	Associate Judge	\$139,923
12	Ahn	Karen	Circuit Judge	\$136,127
13	Alm	Steven	Circuit Judge	\$136,127
14	Ayabe	Bert	Circuit Judge	\$136,127
15	Bissen	Richard	Circuit Judge	\$136,127
16	Border	Patrick	Circuit Judge	\$136,127
17	Browning	Robert	Circuit Judge	\$136,127
18	Cardoza	Joseph	Circuit Judge	\$136,127
19	Castagnetti	Jeannette	Circuit Judge	\$136,127
20	Chan	Derrick	Circuit Judge	\$136,127
21	Chang	Gary	Circuit Judge	\$136,127
22	Crandall	Virginia	Circuit Judge	\$136,127
23	Del Rosario	Dexter	Circuit Judge	\$136,127
24	Garibaldi	Colette	Circuit Judge	\$136,127

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41	Valenciano	Randal	Circuit Judge	\$136,127
42	Watanabe	Kathleen	Circuit Judge	\$136,127
43	Wilson	Michael	Circuit Judge	\$136,127
44	Acoba	Edmund	District Judge	\$128,296
45	Auna	Aley	District Judge	\$128,296
46	Bartholomew	Anthony	District Judge	\$128,296
47	Cardwell	William	District Judge	\$128,296
48	Ching	Jennifer	District Judge	\$128,296
49	Florendo	Joseph	District Judge	\$128,296
50	Freitas	Harry	District Judge	\$128,296
51	Fujino	Melvin	District Judge	\$128,296
52	Gangnes	Hilary	District Judge	\$128,296
53	Hayashi	Leslie	District Judge	\$128,296
54	Iha	Sherri-Ann	District Judge	\$128,296
55	Kawano	Kelsey	District Judge	\$128,296
56	Kibe	Gerald	District Judge	\$128,296
57	Kobayashi	Blaine	District Judge	\$128,296
58	Koyanagi	Faye	District Judge	\$128,296
59	Kupau	Lanson	District Judge	\$128,296
60	Kuriyama	Christine	District Judge	\$128,296
61	Lee	Lono	District Judge	\$128,296
62	Lo	David	District Judge	\$128,296
63	Luke	Linda	District Judge	\$128,296
64	May	Melanie	District Judge	\$128,296
65	Murakami	Paul	District Judge	\$128,296
66	Nagata	Russell	District Judge	\$128,296

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