

Pursuant to a request by the 2025 Commission on Salaries, the Judiciary provides the below regarding the roles and responsibilities of Chief Judges in each Judicial Circuit:

The Chief Judge of each circuit provides general oversight of the circuit, district, and family courts of the respective circuit. The Chief Judge is responsible for pursuing, identifying, and implementing programs and policies to effectively serve the public, provide access to justice, protect the rule of law, and strengthen public trust and confidence in the courts. The Chief Judge is responsible for marshalling the respective circuit's resources to pursue the Judiciary's mission—as an independent branch of government, to administer justice in an impartial, efficient, and accessible manner, in accordance with the law.

The Chief Judge of each circuit Chairs and serves on various committees and task forces for the improvement of the administration of justice and to maintain and enhance programs and court operations. The Chief Judge works with newly-appointed judges and all judges in their respective circuit to ensure they receive training and can contribute to the advancement of the legal profession, local legal practice, and the justice system at-large.

The Chief Judge of each circuit, in collaboration with the respective Chief Court Administrator, is responsible for operational and administrative functions of the respective circuit, including client services, budget, fiscal expenditures, planning, technology, facilities, security, and more. The Chief Judge is also a key liaison with external stakeholders on behalf of the respective Circuit.

Again, the Judiciary does not seek a salary differential between Chief Judges of the Circuits and other Circuit Court Judges.

Pursuant to a request by the 2025 Commission on Salaries, the Judiciary provides the below regarding the roles and responsibilities of Senior Family Judge:

The Senior Family Judge provides general oversight of the family courts. This includes leading policy discussions and, ultimately, decisions, on matters of policy for the family courts. This also includes the Juvenile Detention Home (Hale Ho'omalulu) and Juvenile Shelter (Home Maluhia).

The Senior Family Judge leads planning of the Family Court Symposium and other educational events for judges and others throughout the year.

The Senior Family Judge serves as a liaison with various external stakeholders to enhance access to the family courts, enhance operations and public service, and safety and peace of families and children.

The Senior Family Judge Chairs various committees and task forces for the improvement of the administration of justice and to maintain and enhance programs and family court operations.

Again, the Judiciary does not seek a salary differential between the Senior Family Judge and other Circuit Judges.