

Documents Regarding Bishop Estate's Involvement in Hawaii Politics

Approximately four years ago an authorized agent of the Campaign Spending Commission gave Randall Roth nearly 100,000 pages of documents that had been created or uncovered by investigators on behalf of the Offices of the Attorney General and Campaign Spending Commission between 1997 and 1999, including many lengthy interviews conducted under oath and a 107-page independent report summarizing the investigators' preliminary findings ("Independent Report"). Among other things, these materials address the systematic use of trust funds to benefit politicians. Roth wants to put all these records on this website.

Upon learning of this plan, a deputy in the Office of the Attorney General asked Roth to return all these documents—immediately—along with a complete list of the people who had access to them while they were in Roth's possession. Roth believes all these documents are now in the public domain and that his continued possession of them is proper. Out of respect for the office of the Attorney General, Roth has decided to limit what he makes available on this website until this matter has been finally resolved. At present, only the Independent Report is available.

Meanwhile, Roths ask rhetorically: "What is the problem with shining a light on what happened?"