



MEDIA ADVISORY

- When:** February 11, 2008
10:30 a.m.
- Where:** U.S. District Court/Chief Judge Helen Gillmor – 4th Floor, Aha Nonoi
300 Ala Moana Blvd.
- What:** Lawyers for Equal Justice (LEJ), the law firm of Alston Hunt Floyd and Ing (AHFI) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) will ask the court to require the Department of Education (DOE) to comply with its federal obligations to enroll homeless children in school and provide them with transportation to and from school. LEJ, AHFI and ACLU also seek relief on behalf of all persons who have been harmed by Hawaii's failure to comply with the federal McKinney-Vento Act, which requires states to ensure that homeless children have the same access to public education as all other children.
- Why:** LEJ, AHFI and ACLU are representing eight homeless individuals – five children and their mothers – in a federal civil rights lawsuit filed last year. The lawsuit charges the State with a systemic failure to provide homeless children with equal access to a free and appropriate public education in violation of the McKinney-Vento Act and the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.
- Who:** Available for interviews will be:
Will Durham, Staff Attorney, Lawyers for Equal Justice
Daniel Gluck, Senior Staff Attorney, ACLU of Hawaii
Paul Alston, Director, Alston Hunt Floyd and Ing

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