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Hawaii Dental Service Names Rachael Brant as General Counsel

HONOLULU, HI -- Hawaii Dental Service (HDS), Hawaii's leading dental benefits provider, has named Rachael Brant as general counsel. Brant has more than a decade of experience serving as an attorney at law firms in Hawaii and in Washington, D.C., as well with the federal government. She reports to the chief administrative officer.

With her extensive, specialized healthcare experience, Brant will provide general counsel and advice to senior HDS leaders, direct the legal affairs of HDS, manage outside counsel engagements, and provide legal guidance on various organizational initiatives across the State of Hawaii.

In addition to her role at HDS, Brant currently serves as a major in the U.S. Army Reserve. Prior to joining HDS, Brant served as a senior associate at Honolulu law firm Torkildson, Katz, Hetherington, Harris & Knorek, providing counsel to healthcare entities on government healthcare programs, fraud and abuse laws, HIPAA compliance and risk management. Brant's past positions include serving as an attorney with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and as an Ethics Counsel in the Obama Administration's White House Counsel's Office.

Brant, a Honolulu resident, received her law degree from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Florida.

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About Hawaii Dental Service

HDS is the leading dental benefits provider in the state, serving nearly one million residents throughout Hawaii, Guam and Saipan. It has the largest network of dentists, with more than 95 percent of Hawaii's licensed, practicing dentists participating with HDS.

As a nonprofit founded in Hawaii more than 55 years ago, HDS is committed to making quality oral health care affordable and accessible. Employers who offer HDS dental plans to their employees represent Hawaii's diverse industries, companies, unions, associations, and nonprofit organizations. HDS also offers dental plans for individuals and families. HDS has been a part of Delta Dental, the nation's largest and most experienced dental benefits company, since 1966. This affiliation gives members access to a nationwide network of participating dentists. For more information, please visit <u>HawaiiDentalService.com</u>.