

Award to fired pilot is upheld

Circuit Judge Thomas Kaulukui Jr. yesterday upheld an arbitrator's \$1 million award to a pilot who claimed he was wrongfully fired by Aloha Airlines in 1989.

Aloha contended that arbitrator Ted Tsukiyama exceeded his authority in ruling that the

airline should pay the award to Harry M. Mathewson, but Kaulukui said the arbitrator's decision appeared to be "well-thought out, well-reasoned and based on adequate evidence."

Aloha claimed that Mathewson was terminated for reasons of his competency, but Tsuki-

yama found that the company's evaluation process had been tainted by Aloha pilots who sought to "blacklist" him for crossing a picket line during a strike by the pilots' association at another airline.

Mathewson, 39, now works for an airline in Saudi Arabia.