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### **Hawaii State Senate Confirms Maui Resident Adrienne N. Heely as District Family Court Judge**

HONOLULU -- The Hawaii State Senate today confirmed Adrienne N. Heely as judge for the District Family Court of the Second Circuit, located on Maui.

“Judge Heely’s diverse professional experience as an attorney in various aspects of government operations and within the Judiciary is highlighted by her strong integrity and credibility,” said Senate President Shan Tsutsui, who represents District 4 (Wailuku, Waihee, Kahului, Paia, and Lower Paia). “I am confident that she will serve with honor and fairness on the bench of Maui’s Family Court.”

“Judge Heely has demonstrated the ability to analyze complex issues from all sides, which is a characteristic fundamental to a fair and just jurist,” said Senator J. Kalani English, who represents District 6 (Hāna, East and Upcountry Maui, Moloka‘i, Lāna‘i, and Kaho‘olawe). “She is highly respected in our community and I have no doubt that she will serve Maui proudly.”

“Judge Heely's attitude, intellect and leadership will serve her well in handling the demands of district court. Also, over the course of her career, she has displayed decisiveness and fairness in her decision making that will serve her well as a judge, and bodes well for the community,” said Senator Roz Baker, who represents District 5 (South and West Maui). “Maui County is fortunate to have someone so well-qualified and interested in public service as Adrienne.”

A Kamehameha Schools graduate, Heely earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She earned her Doctor of Jurisprudence from the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

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Heely currently serves as a Deputy Corporation Counsel for the County of Maui, where she is team leader for the Counseling and Drafting Section's Finance, Public Safety, and Human Resources Team. Active in providing pro bono services to the legal community and the community as a whole, she was recently appointed to the Board of Examiners of the Hawaii Supreme Court. Heely serves as Vice President for the Maui County Bar Association and was the immediate past chair of the Hawaii State Bar Association's Government Lawyer's Section.

(Photo Caption: Maui Senators congratulate newly appointed Judge Adrienne N. Heely and her fiancé Leo K. Caires) (L-R: Sen. President Shan Tsutsui, Leo K. Caires, Judge Adrienne N. Heely, Sen. Roz Baker, Sen. J. Kalani English.)

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