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April 22, 2025

RE: Judiciary Committee GM 788: Consideration and Confirmation to the
Circuit Court of the First Circuit, Appointee Karin L. Holma

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the committee:

My name is Craig Washofsky and I'm the President of Pacific Home and Appliance Distribution. I am writing to you in strong support for the confirmation of the Honorable Karin L. Holma to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii.

I spent many years serving as a director and officer with Judge Holma when we were both members of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii ("BIA Hawaii"). During our time together at BIA Hawaii, Judge Holma played a valuable role in educating both Board Members and the community on the law as it relates to the construction industry. She volunteered countless hours to support the goals of BIA Hawaii, which included BIA Hawaii's workforce development programs that provide academic and vocations training to address construction labor shortages in Hawaii, as well as career training programs to support those active in the construction industry. She consistently provided sage advice when I assumed a leadership role on the Board, and I truly appreciated and learned from her wisdom.

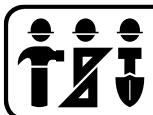
As someone that has worked closely with Judge Holma in the past, I wholeheartedly support her nomination to the Circuit Court.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on this matter.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Craig Washofsky
President,
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TO: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair, Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

SUBJECT: Comments in **Strong Support** of the Nomination of **Karin Holma** to become a Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit (Oahu) of the State of Hawaii

HEARING

DATE: April 22, 2025

TIME: 9:15 AM

PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair, Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

I am Lance Inouye, CHB of Ralph S. Inouye Co., Ltd. (RSI), a licensed Hawaii Contractor. I am also licensed to practice law in Hawaii (license #2021). I am writing in **strong support** of **Ms Karin L. Holma**, Esq., former Partner of Bays Lung Rose & Holma, Attorneys at Law and currently serving as a District Court Judge of the First Circuit (Oahu) with distinction since 2020. Not surprisingly, she has been nominated to become a Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit.

Karin is one of the most unselfish and caring persons I know, volunteering her valuable legal mind time and time again to help our community in Hawaii. I got to know her well when she spent a whole 2011 Legislative session in the forefront of construction industry efforts to address the negative effects of a construction defect insurance coverage decision in *Group Builders, Inc v. Admiral Ins. Co.*, 231 P.3d 6 (Haw Ct. App. 2010). Through her tireless pro bono efforts, its detrimental effects were muted by enactment of Act 83, SLH, 2011. Her past volunteer service to the construction industry is well recognized. As a past member of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA), she was voted its Associate Member of the Year in 2003 and served as Director of its Board for 12 years.

Her professional accomplishments have been nothing short of phenomenal, consistently being named in The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Construction Litigation, Real Estate Litigation since 2007 as well as Super Lawyer®, Construction Litigation, Business Litigation from 2010-13. She also served the State of Hawaii as a Deputy Attorney General in 1993, and was a Law Clerk for then Associate Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon of our Hawaii Supreme Court. Because of her superior expertise in all facets of the law and her passion to make Hawaii a better place, she has also served as a Member of the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu from 2005-2011, serving as its chair from 2007-9. She has authored and co-authored many publications in Hawaii construction and real estate law.

In addition, I have the utmost respect for Karin as a person with impeccable reputation of being fair, kind and caring with a love of Hawaii that is without question. She would make an ideal judge to sit as a Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit.

RSI and I personally, **strongly support** the selection of **Karin L. Holma** to become a Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit of the State of Hawaii. Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion of Karin. She is just one of those amazing women who continue to shape the direction of Hawaii so positively.



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April 22, 2025

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICARY

State Capitol, Conference Room 225

415 South Beretania Street

RE: GM 788: Consideration and Confirmation to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit,
Appointee Karin L. Holma

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the committee:

I am writing to express my **strong support** for the confirmation of Gubernatorial Appointee, KARIN L. HOLMA, as Circuit Court Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, state of Hawaii. Having known Karin for over 15 years, we worked closely together as members of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA Hawaii is the "voice" of the construction industry that works diligently to promote its members through advocacy, education and community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii). I can personally attest to her exceptional qualifications and character.

Throughout our association at BIA Hawaii, Judge Holma, showed a remarkable ability to navigate complex construction legal issues with diligence and insight. Her commitment to justice and fairness was evident in every aspect of her work, making her an ideal candidate for this esteemed position. Her trustworthy nature and impeccable professionalism have not only earned her the respect of her peers but have also made her an invaluable asset to our community.

I firmly believe that Karin L. Holma will be an outstanding Circuit Court Judge. Her expertise, dedication, and ethical standards are precisely what our community needs to uphold the principles of justice.

Thank you for considering my enthusiastic endorsement of Karin L. Holma for this important role.

Respectfully submitted,


Anthony Borge



April 22, 2025

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

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**Re: GM788 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as
Circuit Court Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit
(Island of O'ahu), Gubernatorial Appointee, Karin L. Holma,
for a term to expire in 10 years.**

Hearing: Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 9:15 a.m.

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee on Judiciary:

Hawaii Women Lawyers ("HWL") respectfully submits testimony in **support** of the nomination of Karin L. Holma to **the Circuit Court of the First Circuit (Island of O'ahu)** as Circuit Court Judge for a term of 10 years.

HWL is a nonprofit organization with members including approximately 300 attorneys. HWL's mission includes improving the status of women in the legal profession, increasing the number of women attorneys in positions of authority and responsibility, and promoting the advancement of all women.

Increasing opportunities for qualified women in the Judiciary is extremely important. As highlighted by the World Justice Project, the rule of law depends on having justice delivered by "competent, ethical, and independent representatives and neutrals who reflect the makeup of the communities they serve." HWL believes that continuing to include qualified women in the Judiciary is vitally important and appreciates the significant strides made in the past several years to improve the diversity of our bench.

Noting that the HSBA has found Karin L. Holma to be qualified for the position of Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit (Island of O'ahu) and for the reasons above, HWL supports the appointment of Karin L. Holma.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this nomination.



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April 22, 2025

TO: SENATOR KARL RHOADS, CHAIR, SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR GM 788. SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT (ISLAND OF O‘AHU), GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTEE, KARIN L. HOLMA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE IN 10 YEARS.**

HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, April 21, 2025
TIME: 9:15 a.m.
PLACE: Capitol Room 225

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of approximately five hundred (500) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. Our mission is to elevate Hawaii’s construction industry and strengthen the foundation of our community.

GCA supports GM 788, which submits for consideration and confirmation as Circuit Court Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit (Island of O‘ahu), Gubernatorial Appointee, KARIN L. HOLMA, for a term to expire in 10 years.

GCA believes that Ms. Holma has demonstrated the required experience and expertise to be a Circuit Court Judge. Her blend of professional and personal accolades, including community service, makes an ideal candidate to sit as a Circuit Court Judge. Her past experience includes private practice, a deputy attorney general, planning commission member, as well as BIA board member.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

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April 9, 2025
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Vice-Chair Senator Mike Gabbard
Committee Member Senator Joy San Buenaventura
Committee Member Senator Stanley Chang
Committee Member Senator Brenton Awa
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Direct and Strong Opposition to the Confirmation of Judge Karin L. Holma for a full-time position as First Circuit Court Judge in the State of Hawaii's First Circuit Division.

Dear Hawaii State Senate Judiciary Committee;

I am Celeste M. Gonsalves, and I present to the Hawaii Senate Judiciary Committee my ***Adamant Opposition*** for the Confirmation of Judge Karin L. Holma for a full-time position as a First Circuit Court Judge in the First Circuit, as appointed by Governor Green on April 1, 2025. It is my opinion based on unfortunate personal experiences over the last four years that Judge Holma does not deserve to be promoted to a higher court, which would provide her an advantageous ten-year appointment.

First of all, I have fought the injustice I have endured for the last four years as a pro se litigant through First District Court, Intermediate Court of Appeals, Hawaii Supreme Court, and the Supreme Court of the United States to no prevail. The result is that I am the only person that has continuously suffered the consequences of Judge Holma's egregious actions/inactions, and her deliberate and purposeful disregard to Hawaii State Laws, Hawaii Revised Statutes Landlord/Tenant Code, Federal HUD Section 8 Mandated Rules, Policies, and Procedures, which directly constitute a breach of Civil Rights Section 1983 for Due Process Clause under the Fourteenth Amendment. I am notifying the Hawaii State Senate Judiciary Committee that I am in the process of filing a lawsuit in the United States District Court, District of Hawaii directly against Judge Karin L. Holma, with two other judges also named as Defendants, in just a matter of days.

Secondly, I am not just presenting accusations with unfounded evidence. I have enclosed exhibits by way of *Court Hearing Transcripts, Legal Documents, and Motion Filings*, and I am open and available for further discussion upon request by any and/or all Judiciary Committee Members.

Lastly, I am grateful for the opportunity to share the illegal actions of Judge Holma that constitute injustice of the strictest sense. Please thoroughly examine my testimony, facts, and evidence on its face value to determine its validity, which may provide a cause of concern in these upcoming proceedings and decision-making responsibilities.

OVERVIEW:

The following Allegations are under Investigation with the Commission of Judicial Conduct, with a submission date of December 12, 2024. Available exhibits are enclosed, however other accusations and allegations of misconduct MUST be proven through an internal investigation by the Commission on Judicial Conduct who has direct access to legal files, state correspondence, and internal email communication.

I, Celeste M. Gonsalves, was evicted TWICE on the same day through Two Motions of Summary Judgment by two different sets of Attorneys that did not adhere to Hawaii Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 56: Summary Judgment, Hawaii Revised Statute 521-3 (a)(b): Supplementary general principles of law, other laws, applicable, Hawaii Revised Statute 521-75 (a)(b): Unconscionability, Federal HUD Section 8 Mandated Laws, Federal HUD Fair Housing Laws, and Federal Duplicative Litigation Doctrine. During Court Hearing, I was constantly and continuously prejudiced, my arguments were deemed Moot or instantly rejected with no basis, and I was purposely misled to believe I would have a Trial. Judge Karin L. Holma was the presiding judge in all the foregoing flagrant actions as described.

However, Judge Karin L. Holma's biasedness did not stop there. Over the course of these four years of these legal battles, Judge Holma also become 'Friends' with opposing counsel Jean Malia Orque and my ex-landlord Vicky Ramil, which included communication through telephone and group outings. Judge Holma also blocked me for filing Motions from August 31, 2021 through November 4, 2022 (fifteen months), to prevent me from acquiring court hearing dates instantly so she could contact opposing counsel FIRST! I was instructed by the Third Floor Court Clerks that all my filings need to go into a folder for ONLY Judge Holma's review FIRST, and that I would need to wait until she decided what to do. This often produced a filing from opposing counsel in either eviction case to file a Motion BEFORE mine to create a strategy, which she would later deem as mine to be MOOT.

Judge Karin L. Holma's unjust actions did not stop at opposing counsel, as she also contacted the Intermediate Court of Appeals Judge Katherine G. Leonard about the two Appeals I filed to challenge her illegal court rulings. The result was a carefully crafted plan for Judge Katherine G. Leonard to wait until her 'ICA Acting Chief Judge' temporary position officially commenced with the advanced achievement of Honorable Lisa Ginoza's appointment to the Hawaii Supreme Court on January 12, 2024. Judge Katherin G. Leonard was then positioned as 'ICA Acting Chief Judge' on January 13, 2024. These two Appeals were Consolidated on August 29, 2022, and the ICA Merit Panel Members were assigned on September 28, 2022. The

Summary Deposition Order was issued on January 19, 2024, six days after Judge Leonard's new temporary position, which contained inaccurate findings and written in manner that protected Judge Holma.

Judge Karin L. Holma was also the presiding judge in a Personal Injury Complaint I filed against an opposing counsel for illegally obtaining my Section 8 Private Records, in which she GRANTED the transfer from District Court to Circuit Court. Then, she provided a reference for Defendant G. Todd Withy's wife, who is attorney Jean Maila Orque, to obtain counsel from her own former associate attorney employee when she was a Partner prior to her District Court Judgeship. Attorney Andrew D. Chianese became lead counsel in this case. Judge Holma Denied a Motion for Summary Judgment when the case was still in District Court, citing that the case has too many disputes and is suitable for Trial. Then, after a few transfers of Judges in Circuit Court, it landed in Judge Jeffrey Crabtree's Chambers. Judge Karin L. Holma became the judge upon Judge Crabtree's retirement on January 31, 2024 though temporary assignment position. Judge Holma immediately reassigned the case to her partner judge, Judge Shirley Kawamura. This Personal Injury case then had Judge Holma's influence by collusion with her previous employee, lead counsel Andrew D. Chianese, her new friend attorney Jean Malia Orque (Defendant's wife) as co-counsel, and her Partner Judge – Judge Kawamura all masterminding against me. The result was the filing of another Motion for Summary Judgment that included the same arguments, declarations, but more case law references. Since the plan was already in place for Judge Kawamura to automatically Grant Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment no matter what my evidence to create disputes and my notarized Affidavit stated, I filed an Appeal immediately.

Judge Karin L. Holma Granted me permission to leave court to Amend my Counterclaim in one of the two eviction cases, which I tried to get scheduled for a hearing but was constantly denied. Then, later Judge Holma helped her friend attorney Jean Malia Orque to get my Counterclaim Dismissed when it was not even calendared for a court hearing at all, by taking advantage of an emergency medical situation warranting me to leave court to go to the hospital. The Counterclaim was not scheduled for a hearing, but the other filed and legitimately calendared Motion was Denied because I left court. Judge McWhinnie Denied Attorney Jean Malia Orque attempt to present the Counterclaim, which needs to be scheduled as part of a Trial for Damages, and the Audio Court Hearing reflects this as fact. However, Judge Holma was contacted by attorney Jean Malia Orque, then Judge Holma messaged presiding Judge McWhinnie and instructed him to allow the case to be recalled and for attorney Jean Malia Orque to present an Oral Motion to Dismiss my Counterclaim, which is on RECORD. The Dismissal of my Counterclaim was Fraudulent and illegal.

EVIDENTIARY FACTS PROVEN WITH EXHIBITS:

The Exhibits enclosed will confirm and prove the following allegations to be True. Since the onset of my two eviction cases are the foundations of the other impending egregious actions of Judge Karin L. Holma, I will focus on presenting those facts through court hearing transcripts and legal documents. I have pinpointed the relevant issues with direct quotes from the transcripts, written in appellate brief format for convenience and effortless reference.

Complaint for Summary Possession District Court Case: 1DRC-21-0001879:

The First Complaint for Summary Possession was filed on February 21, 2021 by Plaintiffs' Stuart B. Glauberman and Vicky Ramil v. Celeste M. Gonsalves. Judge Karin L. Holma was the presiding judge, and continued to submit a request to the Administrative Civil Judge Darolyn Lendio to oversee this case and the second eviction case that was filed just two weeks later.

Since there are many infractions to illustrate, which could become duplicative, I decided to concentrated on the impropriety, breaches of law, and unethical practices that Judge Karin L. Holma displayed that occurred solely in this case. The Second Eviction Case as described below depicts other infractions that are troublesome and shockingly unimaginable, which also concurrently happened in this case during the same court proceedings.

Judge Karin L. Holma's Ex Parte Communication with Opposing Counsel:

1.) Judge Karin L. Holma provided legal advice and a specific strategy for opposing counsel during ex parte communication during a court hearing when I was forgotten in a witness room and not present in the courtroom on September 10, 2021.

Exhibit 1: Transcript Record for Case: 1DRC-21-0001879 for September 10, 2021:

"Transcript dated September 10, 2021, 2:8-14"

THE CLERK: Calling Motions Calendar, Stuart B. Glauberman, Vicky Ramil v. Celeste Gonsalves.

MS. ORQUE: Good morning, Your Honor. Jean Orque and our clients Vicky Ramil, Stuart Glauberman are present here with us.

THE COURT: Good morning. Where is Miss Gonsalves today?

"Transcript dated September 10, 2021, 3:6-25"

THE COURT: So here's the problem, and I'm gonna -- let me think about what I'm gonna do since she's not here. She -- she attaches a copy of the lease that I haven't seen from you folks before.

MS. ORQUE: Your Honor, um -- did you see our responses that we filed yesterday --

THE COURT: No, I did --

MS. ORQUE: -- after we got --

THE COURT: I did not.

MS. ORQUE: Um -- the only difference is that it -- it says certified on her copy.

THE COURT: But no, the problem was it didn't have -- I don't think your copy had the, um -- on -- on your motion, did you guys have a copy of the, um -- the HUD, the tenancy addendum? In your motion.

MR. WITHY: No. But I don't see that it does anything for anybody.

THE COURT: I -- I -- 24

MR. WITHY: I read it through (indiscernible).

THE COURT: I understand, Mr. Withy. And I

"Transcript dated September 10, 2021, 4:1-25"

understand how frustrated you guys are. Here's the problem. I granted a motion for summary judgment based on a lease that wasn't the correct lease.

MR. WITHY: Well, it is the lease between the parties. Definitely is. And the same thing

THE COURT: It is --

MR. WITHY: -- with the other lease is just (indiscernible).

THE COURT: It is not the lease between the parties. Because the one, addendum has -- there is a -- there are lines on the signature page, on page 5 of the rental agreement where -- which Mr. Glauberman initialed that made the addendum part of the lease.

MR. WITHY: That's not the lease we have, but, yes, ---

THE COURT: And I --

MR. WITHY: -- I saw that.

THE COURT: And I understand that. I -- I -- I'm sure you guys would have put the right lease on, or the lease that you had, but that is the lease that she's now presented that says was the -- the right lease, and I do have Mr. Glauberman's signature and initials on it, and so it's part of the lease document.

MR. WITHY: Yeah, I'm not sure where that came

"Transcript dated September 10, 2021, 5:1-25"

from. I think it's only from section 8.

THE COURT: Right. I agree.

MR. WITHY: Yeah. 4

THE COURT: But it did become --

MR. WITHY: We don't have --

THE COURT: Agreed. And I -- but it did become part of the lease, and I granted summary judgment on the lease that in fact that wasn't the right document. So this is -- this is where I am today. And, again, I appreciate the enormous frustration in this case, um -- but the court is gonna grant her motions for recon. And I'm gonna set -- and I don't know why she's not here today. That, um -- that is sort of 15 issue. But the court will -- to be -- and I know you guys are in a hurry, so the court's willing to set trial on it on the 24th, if that's what you wanna do. Or you -- you can --

MR. WITHY: Well, we already served the --

THE COURT: Go ahead.

MR. WITHY: We served the writ of possession the other day so I don't know where we're at.

Um -- where -- where did that come from, Mr. Glauberman?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I -- I -- I

"Transcript dated September 10, 2021, 6:1-25"

(indiscernible).

MR. WITHY: Yeah, they never -- I guess they never even -- well, you signed it.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I might have had it, but I didn't find it in the file.

MR. WITHY: Yeah. They don't -- they don't have a copy of it, but he did -- his initials are there. Those are your initials, right?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yeah, that's --

MR. WITHY: I think there's a -- purely a section 8, um -- copy.

THE COURT: I understand.

MR. WITHY: A section --

THE COURT: I do. I do understand and I -- and, again, I know you guys would have attached it if you had a copy of it, but in fact it -- it appears to be the full lease, and that appears to be part of the lease. Um -- I did review it. I don't think there's anything that is -- creates an issue. Um -- but nevertheless, I can't grant summary judgment based on the wrong lease.

If I was present during this conversation, I could have provided factual information about the lease and address the untrue statements Mr. Withy and Mr. Glauberman made. A Certified Section 8 Lease is the legal lease that is binding and it is the payment source for Mr. Glauberman (the landlord) to receive his monthly, timely rental payments. I know for a fact that Mr. Glauberman received the lease in the mail from Section 8 because I had an in-person conversation about it after we both checked our mail in December 2019. I explained to him that the lease will continuously be in effect even after the one-year term lapses, at which time it automatically converts to a month-to-month lease. I also let Mr. Glauberman know that there won't be an extension or any other paperwork needed. After reviewing this transcript in December 2021, I contacted my Section 8 worker and requested verification of the mailing date of this Section 8 lease. You cannot have a standard lease just between parties, as Mr. Withy stated, if Section 8 allocates the rental payments.

Judge Karin L. Holma Provides Permission & Strategy for Opposing Counsel:

2.) Judge Karin L. Holma gave opposing counsel two choices to counter the motions she had to grant me because I challenged her August 27, 2021 ruling with two motions (Motion to Set Aside Judgment and Motion for Reconsideration or New Trial) because I was unaware of the incorrect lease submitted in the Summary Judgment for Possession due to being stuck in quarantine and unable to get my mail. I submitted the correct Certified Section 8 lease with the motions I filed as soon as I was released from quarantine, which contradicted the Granted Motion for Summary Judgment for Possession Judge Holma ruled on August 27, 2021. Judge Karin L. Holma used the word "We" in her ex parte communication strategy session with opposing counsel.

Exhibit 1: Transcript Record for Case: 1DRC-21-0001879 for September 10, 2021:

"Transcript dated September 10, 2021, 7:6-25"

MS. ORQUE: The lease nonetheless was terminated on February 28th.

THE COURT: I agree. I understand. I -- I -- like I said at the hearing, the -- the issues -- the issues are the lease and the termination and I agree. I -- I understand that. But given that she came back with this different lease and the court granted summary judgment on a different lease, that's what I'm gonna do.

"Transcript dated September 10, 2021, 8:13-25"

THE COURT: -- I do understand that, and I understand, um -- I did consider all of the admissions that have been made. And, again, that's why the court was willing to grant summary judgment to begin with because there are very few, um -- issues, factual issues here. But she created number one issue, and that's on the lease document. **So here's -- so court's gonna grant her two motions, just, um -- you know, just to -- for every one's, um -- to be on the safe side for everyone. You can refile your motion or you can -- 'we' can have a trial. And at the trial, 'we're' gonna need**

“Transcript dated September 10, 2021, 9:1-25”

Mr. Glauberman to testify and the copy of the lease. And that's what 'we' need. So what -

MR. WITHY: You could reopen (indiscernible) today, Your Honor. Under the rules -

THE COURT: Because -

MR. WITHY: -- you can -

THE COURT: -- because -

MR. WITHY: -- reopen -

THE COURT: -- because -

MR. WITHY: -- and take evidence now.

THE COURT: The other issue I'm concerned about is the notice issue. I don't think she did have sufficient notice. I think that may have been my fault in part because I set a hearing date **and then asked you guys to file the motion for summary judgment.** And I probably should have emphasized that -- that she needed the appropriate days. So I -- that's another reason I'm not gonna grant it today because of the -- the time she needs, and that's why I'm gonna set it -- I would set it for next week but for the time. So I'm gonna set it either for -- the 24th, **I'm gonna set it for trial or motion for summary judgment. I think it's a safer thing to do it via**

“Transcript dated September 10, 2021, 10:1-25”

trial, but it's up to you.

MR. WITHY: Okay. Thank you, Judge.

THE COURT: Thank you.

MS. ORQUE: So, Your Honor. We can re 5 (indiscernible) motion (indiscernible) -

THE COURT: Yeah. But make sure that you -

MS. ORQUE: -- (indiscernible) -

THE COURT: **If you can refile the motion and I'll hear it on the 24th,** but make sure **'WE'** have - **'WE'** have met the time requirements. But I am -- so the motions -- both of her motions are grant -

MR. WITHY: So refile it.

THE COURT: -- are granted. So -- and I did receive Mr. Lau's new motion, and that -- I -- and he's not here today. *I was going to, um -- ask him when he wanted that set.* I'm -- I'll set that for the 24th as well. **But it doesn't have the right lease attached either.**

MR. WITHY: It's the only lease my -- our clients have.

THE COURT: I understand.

MR. WITHY: (Indiscernible).

THE COURT: I understand. But she's -- she's presented the -- she's presented a lease with Mr. Glauberman's signature on it and so that's the lease.

Judge Holma knew how she was going to execute her plan by stating that this case would be called first, and expressed urgency for opposing counsel to refile the Motion for Summary Judgment for Possession to meet response time requirements.

“Transcript dated September 10, 2021, 13:1-3”

THE COURT: -- two other trials set for that day, but that's okay. This one -- this one **'WE'LL'** put first.

MR. WITHY: Well, we can immediately file a summary judgment so that it -- (indiscernible) --
THE COURT: As long as --
MR. WITHY: -- (indiscernible) summary judgment motion (indiscernible).
THE COURT: Yeah. As long as you -- she's -- 'we've' met the time. And I don't know if it's -- is it 10 days or 14 days?
MR. WITHY: Ten days, Your Honor. So we have time.
THE COURT: Yeah.
MR. WITHY: We'll do it tomorrow. Today? Today.
THE COURT: Okay.
MR. WITHY: We'll do it today, yeah.
THE COURT: Thank you guys. Thank you very much. Have a good weekend.
MR. WITHY: Thank you.

Judge Holma already knew (and made it known to opposing counsel) how she was going to rule in the case because she gave permission for opposing counsel to file a Second Amended Summary Judgement for Possession as soon as possible to include the Correct Lease that I already submitted.

The unidentified female is the court bailiff that I told I would be in a private waiting room and asked her to let me know when my case was called.

"Transcript dated September 10, 2021, 14:12-25"

Um -- Your Honor?
THE COURT: Yep?
THE CLERK: Ms. Gonsalves is in the room. Oh, wait. Is she in there?
UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: She's in the room.
THE CLERK: Oh, she's out in the room.
THE COURT: How come we didn't let her in?
UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: She said that the last judge prior, um -- (indiscernible) they allowed her to (indiscernible).
THE COURT: Was she on Zoom?
UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: No, no, no. She out -- she's outside. (Indiscernible).

"Transcript dated September 10, 2021, 15:1-9"

THE COURT: Let's go off record for a minute.
(Off record at 9:54 a.m.)
(On record at 9:58 a.m.)
THE COURT: No, she needed to be present.
THE CLERK: Yeah.
THE COURT: Okay?
THE CLERK: Oh, yeah.
THE COURT: (Indiscernible) out -- outside.
THE CLERK: Okay.

When I was asked to report to the courtroom, Judge Holma informed me that she granted

my two motions; Motion to Set Aside Judgment and a Motion for Reconsideration or New Trial and told me that the trial date was set for September 24, 2021.

I am the unidentified female because the trial judge did not recall the case.

"Transcript dated September 10, 2021, 15:10-25"

THE COURT: I understand. It was not your fault. It was the court's fault. My apologies. Please don't have a seat. This is gonna be very short. The court granted your motions today. Okay? On the basis that they did not have the correct lease attached. Okay? However, the court also set trial for September 24th. Okay?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Okay.

THE COURT: So I will see you back -- you back here in two weeks.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Okay.

THE COURT: All right? Thank you very much. Have a good weekend.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Your Honor?

I am the unidentified female because the trial judge did not recall the case.

"Transcript dated September 10, 2021, 16:1-25"

THE COURT: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you so much.

THE COURT: Well --

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you.

THE COURT: My -- again, my apologies that I did not you -- know you were there. But we'll see you in two weeks. Okay?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: *And so that's the actual trial?*

THE COURT: That's gonna be --

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: For --

THE COURT: -- an actual trial.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Okay. Got it.

THE COURT: So there is -- you guys had previously exchanged exhibits?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yes.

THE COURT: You can --

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Update it.

THE COURT: -- if those are fine or you can update --

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Okay.

THE COURT: -- if you wish. And that's due on the seven -- September 17th.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yes.

THE COURT: Okay?

I am the unidentified female because the trial judge did not recall the case.

"Transcript dated September 10, 2021, 17:1-5"

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: One week from today.

THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you so much, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Thank you.

However, the trial judge knew she was going to grant opposing party a Second Amended

Summary Judgment for Possession if they provide the correct lease as she specifically instructed them do so with details and urgency. But I was left to believe there would be a trial on September 24, 2021, since the ruling for Summary Judgment for Possession was vacated because I provided the correct, legal lease. The ruling that granted me both motions, as per summary judgment rules, should have automatically been set for a real, actual trial and not the presumption of one. As a pro se litigant with very limited resources, and limited mental and physical capacity, the trial judge's decision to make me think I had a chance to fight the allegations stated in the original complaint in a fair trial were egregious! I worked very hard and diligently to present my case (I even practiced witness questioning). Judge Karin L. Holma LIED straight to my face to protect her attorney friends!

I still have a difficult time comprehending how and why a district court judge would orchestrate a strategic plan of action to get me evicted unfairly through illegal Ex Parte Communications on September 10, 2021, then lead me to believe I had a chance at the 'FAKE' Trial she scheduled. I worked so hard to prepare. I was absolutely dumbfounded and disheartened when I first listening to the Audio CD of this entire Court Hearing, then later reading through the transcripts to write the Opening Brief. Astonishingly Biased!

Judge Karin L. Holma Grants Summary Judgment with Many Disputed Facts:

3.) Judge Karin L. Holma Granted a Motion for Summary Judgment for Possession in a court hearing on September 24, 2021 to Plaintiffs' by solely focusing on the expired lease that in fact does not expire because it is a Certified Section 8 Lease. She disregarded my disputed factual evidence, which included Section 8 Rules and Policies. Summary Judgment Rules were not followed. My answer regarding the case going to trial was based on what Judge Holma told me herself. Instead, Judge Holma gave opposing counsel permission and full instructions on how to file another motion.

Exhibit 2: Transcript Record for Case: 1DRC-21-0001879 for September 24, 2021:

"Transcript dated September 24, 2021, 12:15-25"

THE COURT: I'm going to issue my ruling. Okay? Don't interrupt me.

MS. GONSALVES: Your Honor, may I add one more thing to my --

THE COURT: No. MS. GONSALVES: -- testi --

THE COURT: No. Okay.

MS. GONSALVES: Okay.

THE COURT: The correct lease was a -- attached to the motion for summary -- motion for summary judgment. Ms. Gonsalves admits that's the

"Transcript dated September 24, 2021, 13:1-25"

lease.

MS. GONSALVES: Uh-huh.

THE COURT: Ms. Gonsalves also admits that the lease terminated as of February 28th. Okay. Notice has been given. The -- the court enters -- grants the motion for summary judgment, enters the writ of possession, judgment for possession to issue forthwith. Okay. Ms. Gonsalves.

MS. GONSALVES: Uh-huh.

THE COURT: You can go ahead and if you wish to add anything further.

MS. GONSALVES: Yes, I do. Because in the separate -- in the second summary judgment -- well, I don't know. You already gave a ruling so do I even have a chance to even speak here? I mean.

THE COURT: If you wish to make anything further for the record, you may do so. I'm not gonna change my ruling.

MS. GONSALVES: So in the sum -- in the second summary judgment that I was sent, um -- I went and got a -- um, advice from a -- from a -- an attorney, right. And he said, well, it looks like what they're tryna say now is because I didn't correct something within 60 days and that's part of the summary judgment. So

“Transcript dated September 24, 2021, 14:1-16”

that's why I'm confused on why does it go back to the lease? If that's not what's in the summary judgment.

THE COURT: The -- the lease is terminated and the -- the -- I --

MS. GONSALVES: Oh, you're basing it on that?

THE COURT: -- issued my ruling.

MS. GONSALVES: Even though it's supposed to be -- just be extended? I see. Interesting.

THE COURT: Okay.

MS. GONSALVES: So, basically, anybody who has this kind of issues --

THE COURT: Ms. Gonsalves, I'm not -- if -- we're --

MS. GONSALVES: Okay, okay, okay.

THE COURT: Okay. So that's that on that matter.

I wanted to make another point about Judge Holma's ruling when I began to speak, “So, basically, anybody who has this kind of issue -, but she interrupted me. My point was that Summary Judgement was granted on an expired lease that in fact was not expired at the time the complaint was filed. More importantly, this loophole Judge Holma created for opposing counsel to get me evicted does not follow basic the HRS-521 Landlord-Tenant Code because tenants have a right to provide a defense against the allegations documented on a Complaint for Summary Judgment during a FAIR TRIAL. By the time the complaint was scheduled for the first court appearance, the expiration of the 45-day Notice to Vacate in Case 1DRC-21-0002121 had occurred (February 28, 2021). Judge Holma asked opposing counsel to file a Motion for Summary Judgment for Possession, and she relied solely on the expired lease and my admittance of the expired lease. However, I admitted the lease itself was expired on February 28, 2021 because that is when the payments from Section 8 stopped, based on the 45-day Notice to Vacate from the Second Eviction Case. Nevertheless, the filing of this Complaint for Summary Possession is Unconscionable per HRS-521-75 for filing a Fraudulent Lease, and per HRS-521-3 because Federal Policy under a rent subsidized lease shall control if a conflict arises. The conflict is that this Complaint was filed on February 21, 2021 BEFORE the Section 8 Lease was terminated. I fought for my position as hard as I could, within the parameter that was afforded to me by the Judge Holma, but she kept saying that everything was “MOOT!” when in fact nothing was actually moot, you know if the laws were followed.

Judge Karin L. Holma Hand Carries Motion to Dismiss to Deem Moot to Court Hearing:

4.) Judge Karin L. Holma deemed my Motion to Dismiss as MOOT on September 24,

2021. Judge Holma blocked me from filing this motion to get on the calendar, and instead hand carried it to court with her and presented it as MOOT because she waited to execute her plan of ruling in favor of Plaintiffs' for Summary Judgment for Possession first. Then, Judge Holma filed it the following Monday and claimed it was MOOT because it was filed too late in Case: 1DRC-21-0001879. **Exhibit 3** (Motion to Dismiss contains two stamped dates).

Exhibit 2: Transcript Record for Case: 1DRC-21-0001879 for September 24, 2021:

"Transcript dated September 24, 2021, 14:18-25"

THE COURT: Okay. The court notes that in this matter, 1DRC211879, that Ms. Gonsalves has lodged a motion to dismiss this case. Okay. Court, um -- given the ruling on the motion for summary judgment, the court is not going to, um -- tsk -- file this motion to dismiss.

I had very valid arguments in my Motion to Dismiss relating to this case; the altered lease with the intent to defraud, unexpired lease when filed, and diminished value of alleged infractions. My Motion to Dismiss was stamped RECEIVED on September 22, 2021, however Judge Holma did not file it until September 27, 2021 so she could justify it as deemed MOOT. Since Judge Holma already knew she was going to rule in the Plaintiffs' favor for their Second Amended Motion for Summary Judgment for Possession, as she stated in the ex parte communication in court on September 10, 2021, my Motion to Dismiss could not be heard because my valid arguments would have had to be considered. I still argued my points and questioned Judge Holma, which were outlined in my Motion to Dismiss.

"Transcript dated September 24, 2021, 9:4-25"

THE COURT: Okay. So do you have any evidence in opposition to those -- those material elements of the claim for summary possession?

MS. GONSALVES: So I'm just really confused because -- well -- may I speak freely, Your Honor?

THE COURT: Uh-huh.

MS. GONSALVES: So this is -- this is why I am confused, okay, about this whole process, and --

THE COURT: Uh-huh.

MS. GONSALVES: -- um, I am not a rule breaker. Okay? First of all. And, secondly, I've done -- I've done my due diligence and I have done my research on the original complaint that was filed on February 21st against me. Okay. And I went through that and there is discrepancies in the original complaint. Because they marked that my lease was -- was, um -- was terminated, and it wasn't terminated at that point. So if the -- if the -- when they filed the complaint at that time, and it says that -- they marked the box that the lease is terminated and that you must attach a -- any addendum (phonetic) to that, to the

"Transcript dated September 24, 2021, 10:1-25"

lease when they filed the complaint, and they didn't. What they did was they filed the copy that they sent -- that the -- in the summary judgment, which that's not valid. And the second part of that is -- my -- my claim is that, um -- because they did it on February 21st, that lease, it -- technically it starts with -- on February 28th, because that's the day that section 8 stopped making the payment based on the 45-day notice that they sent prior

from January 14th in the other eviction case. Now, if you're gonna do it from February 21st, then that means the lease agreement is binding to section 8 rules. And in section 8 rules it clearly states that you cannot evict a person on section 8 unless they're for serious infractions. Now, this complaint, as it was brought to me, has to do with HRS 51, 52, and 53. Then in -- and all of a sudden, in the eleventh hour, they wanna go ahead and -- and talk about the lease all of a sudden. Now, that happened after they got the exhibit list on -- on July 23rd which has a video of all the testimony of how I'm explaining each of the infractions that they have put against me. So I am to understand as a pro se litigant that I'm here fighting the charges of H -- of all of those three that I just said.

“Transcript dated September 24, 2021, 11:1-25”

And then when the lease became an issue in the summary judgment, um -- I -- I -- I was stuck in quarantine. I didn't understand anything that was going on. It was ruled against me. And then when I was finally out and I got the paperwork and everything, I said okay, this is -- this not the rule -- that's not the correct lease. I went and got it, I submitted everything. Yes, when I submit paperwork, I'm very thorough. Because you know what? I am a say -- I am a pro se litigant. Every time I try to get some type of advice or anything, I get different answers. So I gotta pretty much like, you know, juggle and see which one, and I come to court and I get in trouble. So I'm not gonna apologize for having a -- a lot of paperwork, because I gotta cover every single thing because they con -- constantly come at me. And so I think that there is still a dispute here. Because the -- the complaint itself was not filed properly. And if -- and you cannot file something before it even happened. So they filed and said that the -- that the -- that they had a -- a terminated lease on February 21st when it didn't terminate until February 28th. And if that's the case, then section 8 rules

“Transcript dated September 24, 2021, 12:1-2”

apply. Because they're still on contract. That's my dispute.

Although I had valid disputed facts, Judge Holma still rejected them and ruled against me. I was disadvantaged because procedural law for Summary Judgment was not practiced and Federal HUD and Section 8 Rules and Policies were ignored.

“Transcript dated September 24, 2021, 12:3-8”

THE COURT: Okay. Thank you very much, Ms. Gonsalves. The court does reject those arguments. The court -- you have admitted as to what the correct lease is. The fact that it was not the one that was attached to the original complaint is, um -- doesn't matter anymore. They've attach --

I disagree with Judge Holma's above statement, ***“The court does reject those arguments. The court -- you have admitted as to what the correct lease is. The fact that it was not the one that was attached to the original complaint is, um -- doesn't matter anymore”*** because it contradicts:

**HRS 521-3 (a)(b)(c) Supplementary general principles of law, other laws,applicable;
Section 8 Policies and Rules supersedes Hawaii Revised Status as follows:**

(a) Unless displaced by the particular provisions of this chapter, the principles of law and equity, including the law relative to capacity to contract, principal and agent, real property, public health, safety and fire prevention, estoppel, fraud, misrepresentation, duress, coercion, mistake, bankruptcy, or other validating or invalidating cause supplement its provisions.

(b) Every legal right, remedy, and obligation arising out of a rental agreement not provided for in this chapter shall be regulated and determined under chapter 666, and in the case of conflict between any provision of this chapter and a provision of chapter 666, this chapter shall control.

(c) Nothing in this chapter shall be applied to interfere with any right, obligation, duty, requirement, or remedy of a landlord or tenant which is established as a condition or requirement of any program receiving subsidy from the government of the United States. To the extent that any provision of this chapter is inconsistent with such a federal condition or requirement then as to such subsidized project the federal condition or requirement shall control.

HRS 521-75 Unconscionability.

(a) In any court action or proceeding with respect to a rental agreement, if the court as a matter of law finds the agreement or any provision of the agreement to have been unconscionable at the time it was made the court may refuse to enforce the agreement, or it may enforce the remainder of the agreement without the unconscionable provision, or it may so limit the application of any unconscionable provision as to avoid any unconscionable result.

(b) If it is claimed or appears to the court that the rental agreement or any provision thereof may be unconscionable the parties shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to present evidence as to its setting, purpose, and effect to aid the court in making the determination.

It is also NOT the proper procedures to Amend a Complaint under Hawaii Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 15. Hawaii tenants also have a right to fight an eviction if he/she finds the allegations cited in the complaint against any lease violations to be false, which is referred to as 'Tenant Eviction Defenses.' I knew that the circumstances for the alleged damages in the complaint stemmed solely from my landlords' behavior and actions, so I provided an honest assessment with truthful answers to the attorney on February 10, 2021. Since there was nothing for me to fix, I stayed in my unit and waited to see what would come next.

Complaint for Summary Possession District Court Case:1DRC-21-0002121:

The Second Complaint for Summary Possession was filed on March 3, 2021 by Plaintiff Stuart B. Glauberman, by his Managing Agent KFG Properties, INC. v. Celeste M. Gonsalves. Judge Karin L. Holma was the presiding judge, and continued to submit a request to the Administrative Civil Judge Darolyn Lendio to oversee this case and the first eviction case that was filed just two weeks earlier.

Complete impropriety, biasness, and favoritism for Plaintiff's and his Counsel are depicted with certainty and confirmation from the Transcript RECORDS of Court Hearings for August 6, 2021, August 27, 2021, and September 24, 2021, accordingly. I quickly filed an Appeal the following day the Order was Docketed in the District Court Case: 1DRC-21-

0002121, which became ICA Case: CAAP-21-0000536.

Judge Karin L. Holma Provides Legal Advice to Opposing Counsel Mr. Lau:

1.) Judge Karin L. Holma 'Abuse of Power' and showed Biasness when she provided legal advice and a specific strategy to opposing counsel to file a Motion for Summary Judgment for Possession. Judge Holma spent extra time convincing Mr. Lau to take her advice, which created a loophole for opposing counsel. I was not afforded the same offer to file the same type of Motion, although I had every right to file.

Exhibit 4: Transcript Record for Case: 1DRC-21-0002121 for August 6, 2021:

"Transcript dated August 6, 2021, 7:15-21"

Trial Judge: "what I am gonna entertain for you, Mr. Lau, is a motion for summary Judgment. Okay?"

Mr. Lau: "Um -judge, I am asking for a default at this time. I'm not gonna file a motion for summary judgment."

The full conversation resulted in the trial judge convincing Mr. Lau to file a Motion for Summary Judgment for Possession against me, **"Transcript dated August 6, 2021, 7:15-25"** and **"Transcript dated August 6, 2021, 8:1-19."** I tried many times to ask a question to the trial Judge, but I was constantly denied my right to be heard and often muted: **"Transcript dated August 6, 2021, 16:11-25."**

Exhibit 5: Transcript Record for Case: 1DRC-21-0001879 for August 27, 2021:

2.) Judge Karin L. Holma also provided Mr. Lau advice to dismiss his Motion for Summary Judgment for Possession on August 27, 2021 because she did not think he would like the outcome. This Communication on Record occurred at the end of the first hearing in

Case 1DRC-21-0001879: "Transcript dated August 27, 2021, 24:14-25."

Trial Judge: "If you want me to hear your motion, I will, Mr. Lau, but I'm gonna let you know that you're not gonna like the outcome."

Mr. Lau: "All right."

I pleaded with the trial judge informing her that I could provide oral answers to Mr. Lau's motion because I was stuck in quarantine and unable to file my response, but I did read it. The trial judge stated that I already done so and that the court had already ruled, but this was not true. The full conversation details the trial judge's biased candor toward me, especially when advising me that she was not going to give me any legal advice to me, when I asked her if I could file an appeal at: **"Transcript dated August 27, 2021, 23: 5-25," "Transcript dated August 27, 2021, 24:10-25," "Transcript dated August 27, 2021, 25:1-24,"**

Specific questioning and confirmation are located here:

"Transcript dated August 27, 2021, 25:20-23"

Mr. Lau: "I can withdraw my motion."

Trial Judge: "Thank You."

Mr. Lau: " Thank you, judge."

Trial Judge: "Okay. Go ahead and call case 2121."

Then, the Judge Holma called Case 1DRC-21-0002121 and here is the record of Mr. Lau's Dismissal:

Exhibit 6: Transcript Record for Case: 1DRC-21-0002121 for August 27, 2021:

"Transcript dated August 27, 2021, 2:11-15"

Trial Judge: "And you're gonna withdraw your motion?"

Mr. Lau: "We're gonna withdraw our motion since the writ has already been granted."

I was quite confused as to why this case was not being scheduled for a trial date, since the opposing counsel just withdrew his motion. The full conversation of me questioning Judge Holma and how she continued to be biased against me is here:

"Transcript dated August 27, 2021, 7: 1-25"

"Transcript dated August 27, 2021, 8: 1-25"

"Transcript dated August 27, 2021, 9: 1-25"

I was put at a great disadvantage because by law the motion should have been heard and a ruling rendered, which would have been in my favor, and the trial judge would have had to schedule a trial date. My access to justice was violated and summary judgment rules were not followed. Judge Holma convinced Mr. Lau to file this motion in the first place, then convinced him to withdraw it because she knew the outcome would be in my favor. HRCF Rule 56 (b)(c)(d) were not followed by Judge Karin L. Holma.

Judge Karin L. Holma Deems My Motions as MOOT for No Legal Reason:

3.) The trial judge erred when deemed my Motion for Reconsideration or New Trial as MOOT on September 24, 2021, when there was no reason for it to be MOOT because possession was not granted yet in the Motion for Summary Judgment for Possession in this case. The trial judge was referring to Case: 1DRC-21-0001879, which was granted possession first. I had valid arguments to present.

Exhibit 2: Record for Case: 1DRC-21-0002121 for September 24, 2021:

My Confusion in Record for 1DRC-21-0002121:

"Transcripts dated September 24, 2021, 16: 16-23"

Trial Judge: "Okay. There are two, um - - matters, motions on the calendar for today.

First, um - - Ms. Gonsalves had filed a motion for recon of the decision regarding possession, um - - that has - - that - - court denies that motion for recon because it's moot at this point. Okay?"

Me: "I don't - - wait. I don't understand that."

The full conversation is here: **"Transcripts dated September 24, 2021, 17: 10-24,"**

"Transcripts dated September 24, 2021, 18: 8-11." I fought my case and presented valid evidence of Judge Holma's impropriety when she convinced Mr. Lau to withdraw his Motion for Summary Judgment for Possession on August 27, 2021, **Transcripts dated September 24, 2021, 17: 10-24."**

The trial judge automatically ruled the case itself as being ruled on for possession, and therefore, deemed my Motion for Reconsideration and New Trial as MOOT. The facts as represented in the Record unequivocally prove that this was not true. The case was open again because Mr. Lau filed another Motion for Summary Judgment for Possession on September 7, 2021 (dkt 106). Mr. Lau then filed Supplemental Affidavits of Stuart B. Glauberman with Exhibits on September 16, 2021 (dkt 111 & 113) to include the correct lease so my motion should have been heard and a decision or ruling made on its merits. My motion was submitted on August 31, 2021 (dkt 102:1,3), but not approved and filed by Judge Holma until September 8, 2021 because that is when she started to block my Motions from being filed and me getting prompt court dates. I was not provided access for justice because I was denied my right to have my motion heard, which contained valid arguments.

My argument here is that there were two independent eviction cases filed against me, so I should have had the opportunity to fight each one as separately no matter the current status of the other case. I filed my "Motion for Reconsideration or New Trial" one week prior to Mr. Lau filing another Summary Judgment for Possession, but my motion was immediately deemed as MOOT because the Trial Judge already knew how she was going to rule for from her ex parte conversation on September 10, 2021 with opposing counsel in Case 1DRC-21-0001879, when I was not present in the courtroom because the Bailiff forgot to notify me my case was being called. For these reasons, the Summary Judgement for Possession that was just granted earlier in the hearing for Case 1DRC-21-0001879 should not have curtailed me from having a real discussion about my Motion for Reconsideration and New Trial in Case: 1DRC-21-0002121.

Judge Karin L. Holma First Confirms if Mr. Lau Provided the Correct Lease:

4.) The trial judge erred when she engaged in ex parte communication with opposing counsel in Case: 1DRC-21-0001879 on September 10, 2021 in reference to Mr. Lau not having the correct lease.

Exhibit 1: Transcript Record for Case: 1DRC-21-0001879 for September 10, 2021:
"Transcripts dated September 10, 2021 10: 13-18."

Judge Holma then questioned Mr. Lau on September 24, 2021 to ensure he submitted the correct lease in his new Motion BEFORE ruling on the case for a Motion for Summary Judgment.

Exhibit 2: Transcript Record for Case: 1DRC-21-0002121 for September 24, 2021:
"Transcripts dated September 24, 2021 18:17-25."

Trial Judge: "Mr. Lau"

Mr. Lau: "Yes, Your Honor."

Trial Judge: "Do we have the right lease attached to your motion?"

Mr. Lau: "I filed an amended, un - - a supplemental, uh, affidavit by Mr. Glauberman."

Trial Judge: "Okay. And that - - with the corrected lease?"

Mr. Lau: Yes.

Full conversation in "Transcripts dated September 24, 2021 18:12-25," and "Transcripts dated September 24, 2021 19: 1-8."

Judge Holma encouraged, enforced, and engaged in ex parte communication when I was not present in the courtroom. Her actions put me at a great disadvantage. Judge Holma provided legal advice and a strategy for Mr. Lau's motion to be granted by having opposing counsel in Case: 1DRC-21-0001879 relay the message for Mr. Lau to include the correct lease, which is Collusion.

ICA Summary Deposition Order January 19, 2024:

Based on the Points of Error I presented in both Opening Briefs in ICA Case: CAAP-21-0000536 and CAAP-21-0000545, the Exhibits attached, and the RECORD Transcripts cited to prove the foregoing statements in District Court Case: 1DRC-21-0001879 & 1DRC-21-0002121, the 'Acting Chief Judge Katherine G. Leonard' carefully and purposely crafted an issued a SDO that unequivocally protected Judge Karin L. Holma's actions and inactions to favor my ex-landlords. **Exhibit 7.**

Knowing that my two illegal evictions were violations of Federal HUD Section 8 Laws, and the fact that Acting Chief Judge Katherine G. Leonard's SDO was Biased, I decided to challenge the ICA by way of an Application for a Writ or Certiorari in the Hawaii Supreme Court in Case: SCWC-21-0000536. My Writ of Certiorari was Rejected on May 24, 2024. **Exhibit 8.**

I was very aware of my less-than-one-percent chance of the Supreme Court of the United States taking my case in an Application for a Writ of Certiorari in SCOTUS, however since it is not a 'Zero' chance I tried. My Petition was Denied on January 13, 2025 in Case: 24-5878, and my Rehearing Petition was just recently Denied on March 31, 2025.

Here it is four years later and I still have TWO ILLEGAL EVICTIONS on my Record, and everyone else that was involved in this personal vendetta against me has gone on with their lives with no consequences, repercussions, or sanctions of any kind. (in direct reference to Judge Karin L. Holma, Judge Katherine G. Leonard, and opposing counsel only). I am not presenting any ill-willed notions, allegations, or wrongdoing on any scope or level with the Hawaii Supreme Court and the SCOTUS. All I have done is fight for my right to seek justice, and with each Denial from Hawaii's Highest Court and our Nation's Highest Court has not indicated one once of biasedness or impropriety whatsoever. I appreciated the challenge and have achieved a knowledge base about state and federal laws

Judge Karin L. Holma Blocked Me from August 31, 2021 until November 4, 2022 from Filing Motion to Receive Timely Court Dates:

I learned from a district court clerk that all my motions and filings were being blocked by Judge Karin Holma, authorized by Judge Darolyn Lendio, to be scheduled for court dates. Judge Karin L. Holma gave strict instructions for all clerks to place any filings I submit in a folder that goes straight to her first for her approval. Judge Karin L. Holma would then contact opposing counsel with new information so they could prepare their next steps BEFORE my Motions were actually filed. This has held up the process for me to seek answers and prevented me from access to timely court scheduling for motions requests. This process began on August 31, 2021, and the

communication was through interoffice email to all District Court Clerks on the Third Floor, which includes the Manager Natalie. I had specific conversation with Natalie and other district court clerks about how this could happen, and was told that they must follow the Orders from Judge Darolyn Lendio. Miraculously, the restrictions were lifted on November 4, 2022, which was the same day Deputy Chief Judge Melanie May sent me her letter denying that any Order was administered. **Exhibit 9.**

After Judge Lendio and Deputy Chief Judge Melanie May did not properly investigate the illegal actions of Judge Karin L. Holma when I was blocked from directly filing Motions, I submitted my Opposition for Retention of Deputy Chief Judge Melanie May on February 21, 2023 to the Judicial Selection Commission. Shortly after my submission I began to experience grave harm and retaliation from Civil Administrative Judge Karin L. Holma, either by her directly or indirectly by Orders she gave other Judges to rule against me.

*The dockets in both district court cases will reflect that since I submitted my objection on February 21, 2023, every Motion to seek relief I filed was **DENIED**. The retaliatory actions I believe I recently experienced have resulted in unjust rulings with extreme consequences for me.*

Motions Filed in Case: 2121 for Court Relief:

Case: 1DRC-21-0002121 Non-Hearing Motion for Continuance *DENIED* on April 12, 2023, in docket 238.

Case: 1DRC-21-0002121 Motion for Reconsideration or New Trial *DENIED* on April 28, 2023, in docket 263.

Case: 1DRC-21-0002121 Motion to Recuse Judge James C. McWhinnie *DENIED* on April 28, 2023, in docket 264.

Case: 1DRC-21-0002121 Motion to Set Aside Default Judgement *DENIED* on May 5, 2023, in docket 275.

Motions Filed in Case: 1879 for Court Relief:

Case: 1DRC-21-0001879 Non-Hearing Motion to Advance *DENIED* on March 3, 2023, in docket 395.

Case: 1DRC-21-0001879 Motion for Sanctions; Monetary Damages *DENIED* on March 24, 2023, in docket 406.

Case: 1DRC-21-0001879 Non-Hearing Motion for Reconsideration for Monetary Sanctions *DENIED* on April 11, 2023, in docket 417.

Case: 1DRC-21-0001879 Non-Hearing Motion for Continuance filed and *DENIED* on April 12, 2023, in docket 419.

Case: 1DRC-21-0001879 Non-Hearing Motion to Request Judge Holma for hearing on May 12, 2023 *DENIED* on May 2, 2023, in docket 251.

The most inhumane retaliatory action by Judge Karin L. Holma, which was utterly intentional and lacking in compassion and basic decency, occurred on April 12, 2023 with the automatic DENIAL of my Motion for a Continuance in both Eviction Cases for one month because my Father was reaching his last days on this earth. I was not mentally stable to handle Court Hearings, which included a Damages Trial, scheduled on April 14, 2023. My Motion contained a Mental Health assessment from my Doctor, which was ignored. I was in crisis mode

with Suicidal Ideation the week before because of the stress level and pending gloom that I would be losing my Father soon. **Exhibits 10 & 11.**

I went to pick up the Motion and saw the DENIED stamp and went into complete panic mode at about 11:30 a.m. My Father died at 12:09 p.m. the same day. I was forced to appear in Court two days later and could not function. I left Court and went to the Hospital for treatment, and Judge James McWhinnie ruled against me for each and every Court Case.

Later, through Motions to Set Aside Default and other pertinent Motions in both eviction cases, Judge Hartly and Judge McWhinnie Denied every attempt I made and even stated that they couldn't consider my arguments (Judge Hartly on the Record) because Judge Holma had Denied my Motion to Continue on April 12, 2023, even though I provided the proper Medical documentation from the hospital and my own doctor and my situation had become dire with the passing of my father also on April 12, 2023. The Result, I filed Appeals in each case and an Emergency Original Writ in Hawaii Supreme Court for direct ADA violations for Mental Illness in Case: SCPW-23-0000333. Yes, my Writ was Denied.

Personal Injury Case: 1DRC-21-0004782 → 1CCV-21-0001444:

District Court Case: 1DRC-21-0004782 Celeste M. Gonsalves v. G. Todd Withy was filed on May 25, 2021. After a few court hearings, Judge Karin L. Holma committed the case to be transferred to Oahu First Circuit Court on November 8, 2021.

When jurisdiction was still in district court, Defendant filed a Motion for Summary Judgment, which was Denied by Judge Karin L. Holma on September 24, 2021 with the main reason being that Gonsalves presented many disputed facts.

A year after Judge Karin L. Holma ruled on District Court Case: 1DRC-21-0004782 and transferred it to First Circuit Court in Case: 1CCV-21-0001444, she personally provided an 'Attorney Referral' for Attorney Jean Malia Orque (her husband is the Defendant). This person made an appearance in the case as lead counsel on December 7, 2022.

This impropriety and judicial misconduct that Judge Karin L. Holma displayed with her decisions and actions are that she was the presiding judge in district court that transferred the case, her personal contact with the Defendant and his attorney wife Jean Malia Orque, and the most disturbing is that the referral itself was for a prior associate that worked at her law firm: BAYS LUNG ROSE & HOLMA when she was a Partner BEFORE she was confirmed as a District Court Judge on October 6, 2020. Attorney Andrew D. Chianese worked at BAYS LUNG ROSE & HOLMA from 2016 to 2022.

First Circuit Court Case: 1CCV-21-0001444 was originally assigned to Judge Lisa Cataldo but was reassigned due to a conflict of interest with the law clerk and my ex-landlords. Judge Jeffrey Crabtree was assigned to the case, and it was WONDERFUL! Then, he retired on January 31, 2024. To make matters more interesting, Judge Karin L. Holma was assigned a Temporary Position to take over the Chambers. Judge Karin L. Holma quickly reassigned this case to her Partner Judge .. Judge Shirley Kawamura. Judge Karin L. Holma works closely with

Judge Shirley Kawamura, and a manifest of collusion and strategic gameplay begun that also include Judge Holma's friends: Attorney Andrew D. Chianese and Attorney Jean Malia Orque. The result was that Judge Shirley Kawamura Partially Granted Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment (with duplicated claims from the first MSJ) by ignoring Plaintiff Celeste M. Gonsalves' Affidavit in Opposition and her claims of Perjury by the Defendant himself in his Declarations. This case is currently on Appeal in CAAP-24-0000549.

Granted Writ of Mandamus Directed to Judge Karin L. Holma Case: SCPW-23-0000463:

Celeste M. Gonsalves filed a Writ of Mandamus against Judge Karin L. Holma on August 7, 2023, for purposely declaring that attorney Jean Malia Orque was not properly served in Small Claims Lawsuit Case: 1DSS-23-0000434. Judge Karin L. Holma was contacted by attorney Jean Malia Orque, since they are friends and communicate, because she wanted the serve to be challenged. Judge Karin L. Holma purposely presided over the next court date and began her deception by asking attorney Jean Malia Orque, "Making a Special Appearance?"

Petition for a Writ of Mandamus by Petitioner Celeste M. Gonsalves vs. Judge Karin L. Holma and Respondent Attorney Jean M. Orque was fully investigated by the Hawaii Supreme Court, and an 'Order Granting Petition for Writ of Mandamus' was issued on December 7, 2023. **Exhibit 12.**

It is important to recognize the deceptive choices and favoritism Judge Karin L. Holma displayed in this case, along with the RECORD of the court proceedings, among other behaviors that directly constitute Judicial Misconduct. The fact that the Writ was Granted does not in any manner excuse the behavior and choices of Judge Karin L. Holma, which calculatedly and intentionally had one purpose . . . for Celeste M. Gonsalves to be disadvantaged and prejudiced.

Although there are more infractions and exhibits I could share about Judge Holma, I do believe I have covered enough situations and outcomes to prove my points.

IN CONCLUSION:

I, Celeste M. Gonsalves, present the foregoing statements, exhibits, and references in *Good Faith* to support my complete and justified Opposition and direct Objections to the Confirmation of Judge Karin L. Holma as First Circuit Judge with a ten-year appointment.

I appreciate the opportunity to share my unfortunate experiences with Judge Holma, and I really do hope the Hawaii State Senate Judiciary Committee considers my truthful and factual reasons for my deliberate and vocal Opposition.

One last thought to contemplate, as I have shared my own personal story about Judge Holma in this presentation. However, I ponder to question how many other possible litigants and pro se litigants may have had the same or similar unjust encounters and experiences under Judge Holma's control?

 April 9, 2025
Celeste M. Gonsalves
Disadvantaged and Prejudiced Pro Se Litigant

PLEASE RUSH

NON-HEARING MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE; DECLARATION;
NOTICE OF MOTION; CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE; ORDER

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT
KO'OLAUPOKA DIVISION
STATE OF HAWAII

Plaintiff

Stuart B. Glauberman, by his Managing Agent, KFG
Properties, Inc.

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Civil No. **1DRC-21-2121**

Defendant

Celeste M. Gonsalves

Filing Party/Attorney Name, Attorney Number, Firm Name (if
applicable), Address, Telephone and Fax Number or Email

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DENIED

NON-HEARING MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

☐ Answer ☐ Returnable (Summary Possession cases)

☐ Hearing-Type of Motion: _____

☒ Trial ☐ Pre-Trial ☐ Other-Specify: _____

The Filing Party requests that this Motion be granted for the reasons stated in the Declaration below.

DECLARATION

I have read this Motion, know the contents and verify that the statements are true to my personal knowledge and belief. **I DECLARE**
UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOLLOWING IS TRUE AND CORRECT: that Filing Party wishes to continue this
proceeding to the date and for the reason stated below. ☐ I have contacted the Opposing Party or their attorney and they will not agree to
the continuance, or ☐ I have tried several times to contact them by telephone and/or mail and they have not returned my calls or answered
my letters. Explain why you will not be available and want this continuance: (Attach continuation page, if necessary).

Please see attachment for Reasons. Thank you.

Old Date/Time: 04/14/2023 9:35am

New Date/Time: 05/12/2023 9:35am

No. of Prior Continuances: _____

NOTICE OF MOTION

TO: Kenneth Lau

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the undersigned has filed this Motion. Any response to this Motion must be in writing on the reverse side and
filed with the Court no later than 5 days from the date shown on the Certificate of Service when the Motion is hand-delivered or 7 days
excluding Saturday, Sunday, and legal holidays when the Motion is mailed. Your written response can be delivered or mailed to the Court at
**1111 Alakea Street, Civil Division, Third Floor, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813. IF NO RESPONSE IS RECEIVED BY THE COURT BY
THE DATES SPECIFIED IN THIS NOTICE, THIS MOTION MAY BE GRANTED.**

Date: 04/11/2023

Signature of Declarant/Attorney: *Celeste M. Gonsalves*

Print/Type Name: Celeste M. Gonsalves

SEE AND USE REVERSE SIDE TO RESPOND TO MOTION

I certify that this is a full, true, and correct
copy of the original on filed in this office.

Clerk, District Court of the above Circuit, State of Hawai'i

**Celeste M. Gonsalves
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April 11, 2023

Oahu First Circuit Court
Honolulu District Court
1111 Alakea Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Case: 1DRC-21-0002121

RE: Continuance for Medical Reasons for Case: 1DRC-21-0002121

Dear Honorable Judge:

Please Continue **District Court Case: 1DRC-21-0002121** from **April 14, 2023 at 9:35 a.m. to May 12, 2023 at 9:35 a.m.** for medical reasons.

Dr. Iizuka Letter is attached as **Exhibit 1**.

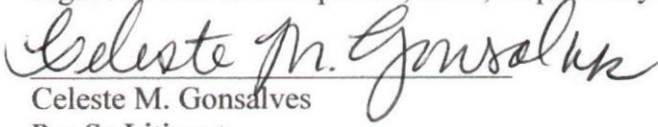
Unfortunately, the actions of opposing counsel in Case: 1DRC-21-0001879 affects my ability to properly experience access to justice in Case: 1DRC-21-0002121, so I also have a need for a Continuance for Mr. Lau's case too. My request is for a short leave of four weeks so that I may begin my treatment to stabilize my own psychological challenges and conclude the responsibilities of caring for my Father's well-being.

I would like the Judge that is reading this letter to understand that I really wanted to attend the court trial for damages scheduled for April 14, 2023, but my panic attacks (which are presently also occurring in my sleep) are too overwhelming for me to handle right now in court. I know that opposing counsel in Case: 1DRC-21-0001879 will be very aggressive and rigid, so I will not be able to defend myself in a fair manner. I need a break from them to regroup and gain strength, so I can present my evidence in an equitable manner in a few weeks. This outcome would affect my diminished capacity to properly present my evidence in Case: 1DRC-21-0002121, which would commence after the first case with the aggressive attorneys. Please do not schedule the cases for the same day, as I have been requesting this as a Reasonable Accommodation for nearly year.

Please GRANT my Non-Hearing Motion to Continue Case: 1DRC-21-0002121 from April 14, 2023 at 9:35 a.m. to May 12, 2023 9:35 a.m., or a date shortly thereafter. Please do not require me to attend court on April 14, 2023 in any form.

I, Celeste Manulani Gonsalves, declare the statements presented in this document are truthful to the best of my knowledge and understanding at the time of signing. I attest to providing factual evidence and understand the penalties for perjury in the Hawaii State Law.

Signed in Kailua on April 11, 2023, respectively.


Celeste M. Gonsalves

Pro Se Litigant

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4/11/2023


RE: Celeste M Gonsalves
DOB: 1/16/1967

Dear Judge;

Celeste M. Gonsalves is under my care for anxiety, panic attacks, and depression. Celeste is incapacitated from District Court Case: 1DRC-21-0002121 for the next four weeks. Please Continue this case on or after May 12, 2023.

Please do not schedule this case with another case for the same court day.

Sincerely,


Electronically signed by Katsuya A. Iizuka, MD 4/11/2023 11:39 AM

Katsuya A. Iizuka, MD
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Family Medicine - Ward Village Clinic And Urgent Care
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EXHIBIT # 1

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I served a copy of this Motion to the Opposing Party or Opposing Party's attorney on (date) 04/11/2023 by

☐ Hand-delivery or ☒ Mail, addressed as follows:

Kenneth Lau
1188 Bishop Street, Suite 1308
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Signature of Filing Party/Attorney:

Celeste M. Gonsalves

Date: 04/11/2023

Print/Type Name: Celeste M. Gonsalves

RESPONSE TO MOTION/CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

☐ I DO NOT OBJECT to this Motion.

☐ I DISAGREE with this Motion for the following reasons:
(Attach continuation page, if necessary).

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I have read this Response, know the contents and verify that the statements are true to my personal knowledge and belief. **I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT WHAT I HAVE STATED IS TRUE AND CORRECT.**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I served a copy of this Response to the Filing Party or Filing Party's attorney on (date) _____ by

☐ Hand-delivery or ☐ Mail, addressed as follows:

Signature of Opposing Party/Attorney:

Date:

Print/Type Name:

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COURT ORDER

☐ This Motion is granted and you must appear at the new date and time stated in the Declaration on the reverse side.

☒ This Motion is denied and you must appear at the old date and time stated in the Declaration on the reverse side.

☐ This Motion is partially granted and you must appear at _____ .m. on _____ for

☐ ANSWER

☐ HEARING ON MOTION

☐ RETURNABLE

☐ PRE-TRIAL

☒ TRIAL

☐ OTHER- _____

Date:

4/11/2023

Judge

[Signature]



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GM-788

Submitted on: 4/18/2025 8:57:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/22/2025 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Audrey Hidano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Rhoads and Committee Members: My name is Audrey Hidano and I am in STRONG support for the confirmation of the Honorable Karin L. Holma to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii. I am familiar with Judge Holma's involvement with the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA). Judge Holma was fully involved in educating members on construction law as it relates to our industry. She has strong work ethics and is dedicated to the legal profession. I can attest to the fact that she is a person of great moral character. I've know Judge Holma on a personal bases for 25+ years and found her to be level-headed and genuine in her compasson. I wholeheartedly support her nomination to the Circuit Court.

GM-788

Submitted on: 4/21/2025 9:05:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/22/2025 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William M. Domingo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write in full support of Judge Karin L. Holma's nomination to Circuit Judge of the First Circuit. I have known Karin from her appointment to the District Court of the First Circuit. It was a pleasure working with her until my retirement in 2023. As a judge, Karin was always kind, compassionate, respectful. She is smart as a whip and possesses a great sense of humor. As a colleague she was so supportive of other judges and staff. She has proven that she can sit on the Circuit Court. I have no doubt that she will continue to be a great asset to the State Judiciary and the people of Hawaii.

Mahalo and Aloha,

/s/ William M. Domingo (Ret)



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GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: April 21, 2025

TO: Senator Karl Rhoads
Chair, Committee on Judiciary

Senator Mike Gabbard
Vice Chair, Committee on Judiciary

FROM: C. Mike Kido

RE: **GM788 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Circuit Court Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit (Island of O'ahu), Gubernatorial Appointee, KARIN L. HOLMA, for a term to expire in 10 years.**

Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 9:15 a.m.
Conference Room: 225

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

I wish to submit testimony in **strong support** for GM788 – Gubernatorial Appointee, KARIN L. HOLMA, as Circuit Court Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit (Island of Oahu).

I have witnessed Ms. Holma's diligent work in both the legal field and community service over the years. I believe her experience in both the professional and judicial settings have nurtured her legal skills to serve our community as a Circuit Court jurist. I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of her nomination as a Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit Court on the Island of Oahu.

Respectfully,

C. Mike Kido

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICARY
State Capitol, Conference Room 225
415 South Beretania Street

April 22, 2025

RE: Judiciary Committee GM 788: Consideration and Conformation to the
Circuit Court of the First Circuit, Appointee Karin L. Holma

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the committee:

My name is Sarah Love. I am a Partner with the law firm of Lung Rose Voss & Wagnild. I am writing to you in strong support for the confirmation of the Honorable Karin L. Holma to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii.

Prior to her appointment to the District Court, I worked closely with Judge Holma for 14 years when she was a Partner with the firm. Judge Holma was both a mentor to me as a young associate where she took the time to teach me the fundamentals of what it means to be a good attorney and litigator, and a Partner where we worked together to advance the workings of the firm.

I have also had the opportunity to appear before Judge Holma during the time that she has been sitting on the bench at Circuit Court filing one of the vacancies. As in her practice, as a Judge, I have found Judge Holma to be knowledgeable of the law and considerate of the parties in moving cases toward finality and/or resolution.

Judge Holma would be a valuable asset to the Circuit Court bench. She has a true passion and love for the law. As someone that worked closely with Judge Holma in the past, I wholeheartedly support her nomination.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on this matter.

Thank you,

Sarah Love

Marcus R. Oshiro
Wahiawa, Hawaii

April 18, 2025

The Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads
Chairperson
Hawaii State Senate Judiciary Committee
Hawaii State Senate
Honolulu, Hawaii. 96813

SUBJECT: Letter in Support – For the confirmation of the Honorable Karin L. Holma to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii (GM 788)

Dear Chairperson Rhoads and members of the Hawaii State Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am writing in strong support of the confirmation of the Honorable Karin L. Holma to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii.

I have known Karin L. Holma for most of my life and we became very close friends during our time together at Willamette University College of Law, Salem, Oregon. While in law school she was one of the brightest students and set herself apart in moot court competitions and legal research and writing assignments. She was a member of the prestigious Willamette Law Review and even held a job at the local district prosecutor's office. She is the proud daughter of her first-generation immigrant parents from Finland. Her story of hard work and sacrifice resonates with many in America and Hawaii.

After she graduated with honors from law school, Karin was selected to a clerkship with Hawaii Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon and passed the Hawaii Bar. From there she went to Bays, Deaver, Lung & Rose as an associate and developed a reputation for thoroughness, hard work, and honesty. She later became a partner, and the firm was renamed Bays, Lung, Rose & Holma. She was appointed to the District Court in 2020 and served there before her assignment to the Circuit Court in February of 2024.

On a personal note, although our private and professional lives would take different paths, over the years we kept in touch and exchanged Christmas cards and occasional lunches. However, when I was appointed to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board in 2017, we decided to pause those interactions to avoid any appearance of conflict. I would, however, always be quick to respond with pride when her name was mentioned with, *"Oh, I know Karin, she is not only a brilliant lawyer and good judge, but a great person with character, integrity, and a heart of gold."* I am truly delighted for Karin and her family as she takes this next step in her distinguished career of public service and legal excellence.

After reviewing all favorable comments, including my own, I respectfully urge the committee to grant the Hawaii State Senate's advice and consent for her confirmation. She has my highest recommendation.

Sincerely yours,



Marcus R. Oshiro



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To the Honorable Members of the Committee:

Re: Letter In Support of Karin L. Holma

Dear Committee Members:

I am a partner at the law firm of Lung Rose Voss & Wagnild and I am writing to strongly support the appointment of Ms. Holma to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. Ms. Holma has the skill and intellect to be an excellent Circuit Court Judge. I had the privilege to work with Ms. Holma prior to her being appointed as District Court Judge. As a senior partner at the firm, Ms. Holma brought unparalleled leadership to the firm and was a tremendous mentor to all of the attorneys at the firm. Ms. Holma always practiced with the highest ethical standards and expected the same of all the attorneys she worked with. Ms. Holma helped make our firm one of the top litigation firms in the State of Hawaii.

Ms. Holma has the temperament and intellect to handle the complex array of cases that will no doubt come before her as a Circuit Court Judge. Having worked with a diverse array of clients, from large national corporations to small "mom & pop" businesses, Ms. Holma has the ability to relate to people across the board and that ability to relate to everyone is important to ensuring that those appearing before the court feel their case was handled in a fair and unbiased manner. Accordingly, I strongly support the appointment of Ms. Holma and respectfully encourage the Committee to approve her appointment.

Sincerely,

Adrian L. Lavarias

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GM-788

Submitted on: 4/21/2025 12:02:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/22/2025 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew Shannon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support Karin Holma's nomination to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. I worked with her for almost 15 years and believe that she holds all of the attributes needed for a successful Judge. She is intelligent, thoughtful, and fair in her approach to legal work. She is also simply a good person who knows how to treat people with respect and dignitiy. I have no doubt that she will make an outstanding addition to the Circuit Court.



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Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Hawaii State Senate, Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii

**Re: GM 788: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Circuit Court
Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, Karin L. Holma**

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

I have known and practiced law with Karin Holma for more than 25 years, and write in strong support of her character and qualifications to be confirmed as a Circuit Court Judge, Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

Ms. Holma is a person of wit, grace, respect, and common sense. In every case I was involved with her over the last two and a half decades, she always has done her homework, as to the law and the facts of the case. She knows how to talk to people, to get them feeling comfortable and to open up as to what they want to say. Whether she was dealing with a client, opposing counsel, or an employee of our law firm, I have never seen Ms. Holma “talk down” to anyone, regardless of their status or position. From the choices I have seen her make, in legal cases and in life, she has consistently shown good judgment. She is not afraid to admit when she doesn’t know everything about a situation or legal implication in a case, and asks questions until she fully understands the paths and consequences. Simply put, Ms. Holma is a good lawyer and a good person. She has been an outstanding judge as a District Court appointee, and also during the time she has filled vacancies at the Circuit Court, making decisions that are both practical and follow the law.

It is important that our State Judiciary have judges with a wide variety of backgrounds and perspectives. Ms. Holma brings the perspective of a woman whose family had limited financial resources, but taught her the value of hard work and respecting others. She used those values to survive and thrive in the harsh world of complex business litigation, resolving difficult multi-million-dollar civil cases while managing our law firm through some of

the most successful years in its history. She has used those values and skills during the last five years she has worked for the Judiciary. I hope she has the opportunity to use them as a full-time Circuit Court Judge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce D. Voss". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Bruce D. Voss



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April 21, 2025

To the Honorable Members of the Committee:

Re: Letter In Support of Karin L. Holma

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Dear Committee Members:

I am a partner of the law firm of Lung Rose Voss & Wagnild, and a member of the firm's Management Committee. I am writing to strongly support the appointment of Karin L. Holma to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

I had the great fortune of working for Judge Holma during my first ten years of practice. During that time, I saw that she has all of the qualities we need from members of the Judiciary. She is smart, hardworking, ethical, and knows the law. Perhaps more importantly, she is an excellent mentor and makes everyone who works with her better. Judge Holma served as our firm's Managing Partner for several years, and her leadership helped develop many of the young attorneys who make us one of the top litigation firms in the State of Hawaii.

During her time with our firm, Judge Holma represented a broad array of clients in many different types of disputes. That has given her the experience she needs to make informed decisions and rulings from the bench. I strongly support the appointment of Ms. Holma and respectfully encourage the Committee to approve her appointment.

Sincerely,

LUNG ROSE VOSS & WAGNILD

By: _____

Christian D. Chambers
Attorney at Law, A Law Corporation
Its General Partner

CDC:akk

GM-788

Submitted on: 4/21/2025 3:35:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/22/2025 9:15:00 AM

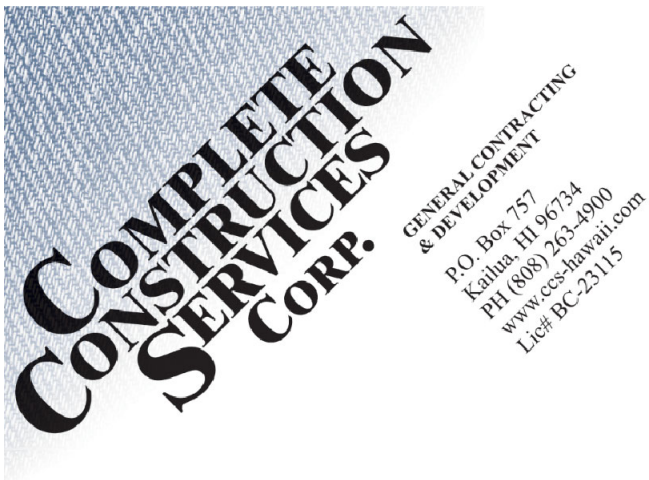
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Michael Carroll	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I submit this testimony in strong support of the appointment of Karin L. Holma as Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit. I am an attorney in good standing in the State of Hawaii and have been practicing law within the State since 2002. Judge Holma was previously one of my law partners at Lung Rose Voss & Wagnild. Based on my years of professional experience with her, she has demonstrated the intelligence and judicial acumen to serve as a Circuit Court Judge. I strongly support her appointment.

Respectfully submitted, Michael C. Carroll



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Senate Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol, Conference Rm 225
415 South Beretania St.
Tuesday April 22, 2025

RE: GM788: Consideration and Conformation of Karin Holma to the Circuit Court

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support for the confirmation of the Honorable Karin L. Holma to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii.

Judge Holma was a role model to me in my early years as a volunteer at the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIAH). She taught me many lessons during the years we worked together. She was always probing the issues and discussions the BIAH Board of Directors undertook. She would not be pushed aside or deterred in her pursuit of understanding. She was also always patient in sharing her wisdom and experience with other board members, especially newer younger members. She was a tireless volunteer that used her knowledge and experience to guide BIAH and the Board of Directors on important legal matters. Most important she was a pillar of integrity. Not just for herself, but for BIAH as a whole.

Based on my years of experience of working with Judge Holma, I whole heartedly support her nomination to the Circuit Court. I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on this matter.

Sincerely,

Geena Thielen
President/RME

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GM-788

Submitted on: 4/22/2025 3:49:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/22/2025 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Derek R. Kobayashi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary:

I submit this testimony in strong SUPPORT of Governor Green's appointment of Judge Karin Holma to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. Judge Holma has the legal and judicial experience, as former civil litigator and managing partner of a private law firm, and District Court Judge to fulfill the duties of a Circuit Court judge. For year, I'd served with Judge Holma on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Association and I've appeared before her on District Court and Circuit Court cases. She has a keen legal intellect, is fair and decisived and has an excellent judicial temperament. Judge Holma will undoubtedly serve the people of Hawaii well as Circuit Court judge.

Testimony of the
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
relating to the nomination of

Judge Karin L. Holma
Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit (GM788)

TO: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Mark M. Murakami
President, Hawaii State Bar Association

Hearing: Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 9:15 a.m.
Conference Room 225 and Videoconference
State Capitol

Thank you for the opportunity to share the Hawaii State Bar Association (HSBA) Board of Directors' comments on GM 788, Nomination of Judge Karin I. Holma for Circuit Court Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

After a rigorous process, described below, the HSBA Board of Directors concluded that Judge Holma is **QUALIFIED**. Judge Holma has extensive experience in civil litigation, jury trials, and appellate law. Prior to becoming a judge, she served as partner at a Honolulu law firm since 1992. She currently serves as a District Court judge and has been temporarily assigned to Circuit Court since February of 2024.

The HSBA Board of Directors followed its multi-step process to arrive at its conclusion, which included:

- The nominee was notified of the HSBA appointment review process, which includes a questionnaire requesting educational credentials, legal and other professional work experiences, and personal references; a resume; a copy of the Judicial Selection Commission (JSC) application; a form authorizing disclosure from the Office of Disciplinary Counsel of any disciplinary action; and an interview with the HSBA Board of Directors.
- The HSBA membership received an electronic notification of the appointment and a request for comments on the nominee.
- A neutral fact-finding body comprised of three HSBA Board members was called upon to review documentation submitted by the nominee, contact references submitted by the nominee review comments received from the HSBA membership, conduct follow-up for clarification, if necessary, and prepare a report for the HSBA Board.
- Judge Holma submitted documentation, which was reviewed, and the references listed were contacted for their personal opinions and observations. The comments and letters received from HSBA members reflected an affirmation of Judge Holma in all categories of the HSBA criteria, which include Integrity, Diligence, Legal knowledge

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and ability, Professional experience, Temperament, Financial responsibility, Public service, and Ability to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of the position.

- The Executive Director and I met with Judge Holma on April 17, 2025, to discuss the subcommittee's findings.
- On April 21, 2025, the HSBA Board of Directors interviewed Judge Holma in executive session.
- The HSBA Board deliberated and voted that Judge Holma was qualified.

Thank you for your time and allowing the HSBA to share our process and determination of qualification.