<u>JC-23</u> Submitted on: 3/31/2022 7:24:13 AM Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2022 9:30:00 AM

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Barbara Krieg	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Senate Judiciary Committee Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair April 1, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Aloha Chair Rhoads,

I am writing to express strong support for the nomination of Shellie K. Park-Hoapili to serve as a District Court Judge of the First Circuit. As briefly summarized below, Ms. Park-Hoapili is a remarkable person with the skills, experience and demeanor to be an outstanding judge for the State of Hawaii.

I have known Ms. Park-Hoapili since 2006, at which time we were colleagues at the law firm of Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing (now Dentons USA). As an eventual partner in the firm, I was aware that Ms. Park-Hoapili was on the short list of "stars" among the more junior attorneys due to her analytical and legal skills, work ethic, courtroom experience and interactions with others (both clients and colleagues).

Throughout her tenure in private practice, Ms. Park-Hoapili performed quality legal work. She was outstanding in all respects, including in her genuine caring and concern that she demonstrated throughout her practice. For example, as a real estate attorney, Ms. Park-Hoapili sometimes represented landlords in eviction proceedings. Such representation can be personally challenging given the circumstances of the sometimes vulnerable tenants. Nevertheless, Ms. Park-Hoapili showed extreme respect for the tenants while providing top legal representation to her clients. She demonstrated her ability to balance the need to make "hard choices" without diminishing the rights of either opposing party. This is a characteristic that will make her a wise, effective and caring judge.

Ms. Park-Hoapili and I remained in close contact after our respective departures from the law firm to enter public service. We continued to share our experiences, challenges and thoughts with each other. Ms. Park-Hoapili was, and remains, committed to serving the community. She has done so in her current position at the Judiciary and would be even more effective in this regard as a Judge. In her numerous years at the Judiciary, she has continued to build on the skills and experiences necessary to become an effective judge. She has been immersed in the world of the Judiciary, including motions and trial work in the civil, criminal, family and administrative law realms. In her current role, she has become an

experienced neutral arbiter of the numerous and diverse contested matters that have been presented to the Supreme Court, just as she would be required to do at the District Court.

In summary, there are many accomplished and excellent attorneys in the State, including Ms. Park-Hoapili. However, she also brings to the table so much more: an innate respect and caring for others and the embodiment of Hawaii values. She will be an extraordinary Judge and an asset to the State.

For these reasons, I express my strong support for Ms. Park-Hoapili's nomination to serve as a Judge for the District Court of the First Circuit and respectfully request that the Committee confirm her nomination.

Barbara Krieg Honolulu Email: barbkrieg808@gmail.com

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa Bail	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

This testimony is in strong support of the appointment of Shellie K. Park-Hoapili to the District Court of the First Circuit. I have known Ms. Park-Hoapili for well over ten years, in the early years by reputation as an attorney at the former Alston Hunt firm, next through her longstanding leadership roles with Hawaii Women Lawyers Association, and in the last nine years as a staff attorney with the Hawaii Supreme Court. I came to know Ms. Park-Hoapili as a personal friend and neighbor more than seven years ago when our kids started kindergarten in the same classroom.

Ms. Park-Hoapili's professional qualifications would serve our judiciary well. From her years of experience as a staff attorney for the Hawaii Supreme Court she has had an overview of all aspects of litigation, both civil and criminal. As an attorney in private practice she was an effective and respected advocate, and now in her role with the Hawaii Supreme Court she is a neutral arbiter, independently and impartially reviewing the records of each case that comes before the court. Her longstanding public service as a staff attorney at the Hawaii Supreme Court is testament to her legal knowledge and ability and her professional experience.

I also offer this testimony from the perspective of a personal friend. Beginning when our kids were in kindergarten, we had our weekly "park nights" to bring the kids to the playground, and spent many happy hours in purposeful discussion of our children, families, lives and community while the kids played. As a personal acquaintance, I know her to be a person of integrity and diligence, both in her personal and professional life. I can also verify that Ms. Park-Hoapili has a professional, deliberate and careful nature, and that she has the proper judicial temperament.

From the perspective as a personal friend, it is my observation that family is extremely important to Ms. Park-Hoapili, who remains dedicated to, and has close connections with, her many family members in Hilo. And she is an excellent mother. While this may not be directly related to her legal qualifications for judicial appointment, it speaks highly of her character and longstanding dedication to things that are important to her.

I am confident our judiciary would be well served by Ms. Park-Hoapili's appointment as a district court judge. From her years of civil experience and as a staff attorney at the Hawaii Supreme Court, she is exceptionally qualified. Most importantly, she understands the role of a district court judge and becoming a member of the judiciary has been Ms. Park-Hoapili's strong personal interest for a number of years. Our judiciary has always benefitted from diversity, and Ms. Park-Hoapili's appointment would continue the diversity that already benefits our court.



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Comments:

Dear Senators Rhoads and Keohokalole:

It is my honor to offer my highest recommendation in support of Shellie K. Park-Hoapili's nomination to fill the judicial vacancy at the District Court.

I have known Shellie for approximately 20 years since we were classmates at the William S. Richardson School of Law. During that time, I have watched Shellie progress quickly through her legal career as an appellate law clerk as well as a litigation associate at a large law firm. She worked on numerous complicated civil issues that were often newsworthy. For the past 10 years, Shellie and I have volunteered together on the Board of Examiners where we spend countless hours grading bar examinations and interviewing applicants for character and fitness purposes.

Shellie has many qualities that would make for a fine judge, including but not limited to, her legal acumen, temperament, fairness, integrity, commitment, hard work, and passion for the law.

It is my sincere belief that, if appointed and confirmed, Shellie will serve the people of Hawaii and make great contributions to the judicial system. Thank you for considering my comments.

Leighton M. Hara

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Shan Wirt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senate,

I write to strongly support Shellie Park-Ho'apili's appointment as a District Court Judge.

I have known Ms. Park-Ho'apili since 2010 when I started serving on the Board of Directors of Hawaii Women Lawyers. We are also on the Board of Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation where she currently serves as President.

Over the years that I have worked with her in these pro bono capacities, she has consistently provided objective and well-reasoned analysis and recommendations in her role as a Board Member. She has also demonstrated an open-minded and diplomatic temperament for a wide range of issues and viewpoints. Additionally, her commitment to the community is evident in the pro bono service provided.

I believe these qualities would make her an excellent Judge. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Shan Wirt

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March 29, 2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi And Members of the Judicial Committee Senate Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 409 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Recommendation of Shellie K. Park-Hoapili Judiciary Comm. No. 23

Dear Chair Kouchi and Members of the Committee:

This letter is to highly recommend Shellie K. Park-Hoapili for the judicial vacancy in the District Court of the First Circuit.

I am a director/shareholder at Case Lombardi & Pettit and have practiced as an attorney for over twenty years, seven of which as the firm's managing director. While I have not worked directly with Ms. Park-Hoapili in my practice, I have consulted with her on questions relating to general appellate and legal practice matters and have associated with her on Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation, Hawaii Women Lawyers and public interest activities.

As a past president of the Hawaii Women Lawyers and the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation and in serving on the boards and various committees of those organizations since 2000, I had the good fortune to work with Shellie over many years on numerous community activities and co-chaired specific projects with her. She often takes leadership roles which require much collaboration and decision making. I have first-hand knowledge of Shellie's tireless work ethic and team player attitude. She consistently offers good insight and judgment in dealings with others. She understands the difficulties in working with people of differing personalities and experiences. I have seen her make great efforts to make people feel heard and understood. She is even-tempered and has an exceptionally positive attitude when working under challenging circumstances. She makes good practical decisions and works hard to carry through. She is highly organized and gladly accepts the advice and input of others, but makes her own conclusions and decisions. She is receptive and is a strong problem solver. She has continually impressed me with her dedication to serving others and her commitment to public service. Shellie makes sure that she takes the time to help those in need and motivates others to do the same, no matter how busy her own life is.

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Additionally, she is held in high regard by her peers and has a wonderful reputation as an honest and respected attorney with the highest ethics and integrity. Shellie's reputation is one of honesty, trustworthiness and integrity. She has a reputation of someone that is dependable and can be counted on to generously contribute her time and effort. She is genuine and shows that she truly cares about others.

If you would like to speak to me directly or if you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 808.547.5406.

Thank you for allowing me to provide comment and highly recommend Ms. Park-Hoapili for District Court. I am confident Shellie would be a valuable addition to the Judiciary.

Respectfully yours,

Bharker

Lauren R. Sharkey

Corianne W. Lau 1001 Bishop Street, Ste. 1800 Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Testimony in Support of Shellie Park-Hoapili

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Corianne Lau. I am a partner at the law firm Dentons US LLP (formerly known as Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing – "AHFI"), but submit this testimony in my individual capacity in support of Shellie Park-Hoapili's nomination to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Shellie for nearly seventeen years, having first met her when she was a new associate at AHFI in 2005. Shellie was a talented litigator who worked on a variety of cases, from commercial disputes to pro bono cases representing homeless individuals. I was struck by her dedication to hard work and her willingness to learn. She polished her oral advocacy skills by arguing motions and worked in all phases of discovery, including taking and defending depositions.

Shellie always rose to challenges and managed to meet the pressing demands of litigation at the same time she contributed much to community and legal professional causes in her spare time. For example, she was very active on the board of directors for Hawai`i Women Lawyers over many years, supporting women in the legal profession. She has also served for nine years on the Board of Bar Examiners, dedicating many weeks out of each year to reviewing and scoring bar examination questions.

Although our law firm lost Shellie when she took a position with the Judiciary in 2012, she has continued to hone her skills as a Court Staff Attorney at the Hawai`i Supreme Court. In that position she supervises Supreme Court staff attorneys in their analysis of Supreme Court filings: petitions, motions, briefs, matters related to applications for writs of certiorari, original proceedings, rule-making, attorney discipline, and court powers and duties. Her experience makes her an excellent choice for the District Court bench.

Shellie has the ideal temperament and judicial demeanor for a District Court judge. I have never seen her flustered or stressed out; she is poised, professional and in control. Her extensive legal knowledge will serve her well on the bench. In addition, Shellie is a "people" person - a perfect characteristic for a District Court judge who deals with people in all walks of life. She will find practical solutions, but always within the relevant legal framework.

It is without reservation that I support Shellie for appointment to the District Court of the First Circuit and I urge this committee to support her as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony in support of Shellie Park-Hoapili's nomination to the District Court bench.

Sincerely,

Corianne W. Lau

Support for District Court Appointee Shellie K. Park-Hoapili

Blaine Rogers

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Tue 3/29/2022 3:07 PM

To: Sen. Karl Rhoads <SenRhoads@capitol.hawaii.gov>

Cc: Jessie Faige <j.faige@capitol.hawaii.gov>

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Dear Chair Rhoads,

I write in strong support of Shellie Park-Hoapili's appointment to the District Court of the First Circuit.

Shellie and I worked together at Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing. We have remained friends since, and I believe she will be a great judge. She is diligent, smart, and, most importantly, fair. She will be compassionate towards those who appear before her. She has extensive and varied experience and has the ideal temperament to be a judge. I support her appointment without reservation.

I respectfully request that this email be included in the public testimony on Ms. Park-Hoapili's appointment.

Best Regards,

Blaine Rogers

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400 Davis Levin Livingston Place 851 Fort Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Main Phone: (808) 524-7500 Fax: (808) 356-0418 Email: <u>brogers@DavisLevin.com</u> Web: <u>http://www.DavisLevin.com</u> I write in support of the Judicial Nomination of Shellie K. Park-Hoapili for appointment to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I am an attorney-resident of Honolulu, presently employed as Chief Disciplinary Counsel to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. This testimony is submitted in my personal capacity as a colleague of Ms. Park-Hoapili, who I have known professionally for nearly 16-years.

I first encountered Ms. Park-Hoapili in August 2006 in litigation as opposing counsel – part of a team of lawyers with Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing (AHFI). That case was one of the most heavily fought of my legal career and lasted over 7-years. While my client ultimately prevailed, it was never a foregone conclusion as our adversary – the AHFI team – made us earn our victory. It is in these crucibles of legal combat where lawyers have their mettle tested, and where adversaries can see the soul of their opponent. It was from these encounters where I observed the professionalism and ethics of Ms. Park-Hoapili. No matter how heated the arguments, Ms. Park-Hoapili was a sea of calm, and a catalyst to "lower the temperature in the room." It soon became clear to me, as an old warrior, that this young lawyer would someday ascend to a judicial post.

Even then, as a "first-year associate," she demonstrated a form of "judicial temperament" that was obvious to my partner and myself. To be sure, we were so impressed, we hoped for the litigation to be over so we could coax Ms. Park-Hoapili into coming over to our firm! Unfortunately, she left AHFI in 2012, a year before our litigation ended, and went to the Hawaii supreme court as a staff attorney. Our loss, was the state judiciaries gain.

Since that time, I have maintained a collegial relationship with her, tempered by the appropriate distance ethically mandated by our given employment. It is my humble opinion that she continues to exemplify all the attributes that I have long admired in her. Her intelligence, legal knowledge, discretion, and demeanor are exemplary. I have no doubt that she will make an excellent jurist and bring great credit upon the Hawaii State Judiciary.

For these reasons, I strongly recommend that you confirm Shellie Kiyomi Park-Hoapili for appointment as Judge of the District Court of First Circuit.

Bradley R. Tamm, Chief Disciplinary Counsel

SHARON H. NISHI

88 Piikoi Street, Apt. 805 Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

March 29, 2022

Re: Appointment of Shellie K. Park-Hoapili as a Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit of the State of Hawaii

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Honorable Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to voice my wholehearted support of Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald's appointment of Shellie K. Park-Hoapili as a Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit of the State of Hawaii.

I have known Ms. Park-Hoapili since 2005, when she joined the William S. Richardson School of Law ("WSRSL") women's flag football team, comprised of WSRSL women alumni. The annual battle on the gridiron between the WSRSL women law students and the WSRSL women alumni, known was the "Ete Bowl", started as an athletic event and evolved into a vehicle for the mentoring of law students by practicing attorneys. During the 11 years that Ms. Park-Hoapili was a player on the WSRSL alumni team, I often heard her discussions with our teammates, both on and off the practice field, about work, personal values and professional standards. And in the years since she hung up her cleats to focus on family and career, I have continued to be impressed by her career choices and dedication to public service.

As a result of my observations of and interactions with Ms. Park-Hoapili, I have come to respect and admire her, and I believe that she has consistently shown that she has a tremendous amount of integrity, that she is diligent in all her pursuits, and that her willingness to listen to, cooperate with and encourage others will translate to an exemplary judicial temperament. Ms. Park-Hoopili is thoughtful, ethical, smart and humble. Because I believe that she embodies the qualities we should hope to find in our judges and community leaders, I strongly support her appointment as a Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this submission.

Sincerely,

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Sharon H. Nishi

Senate Judiciary Committee Senator Karl Rhoads Senate District 13 Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Shellie K. Park Hoapili in consideration and confirmation to Judicial Nominee in the District Court of the First Circuit

Dear Chair Senator Rhoads, Vice Chair Senator Keohokalole and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kyl Nakaoka. I am a Hawaii resident and business owner. I have four children; three who have graduated from Punahou School and Maryknoll School and are currently in college, and a fourth child who is a current student at Punahou School. I have owned and operated a small business in Hawaii, Progressive Communications LLC. for over 20 years. I have been an active member of the community as a coach through youth athletics.

I have known Mrs. Shellie Park Hoapili for over four years through our children's participation in youth sports. Her teenage daughter is actively involved in basketball, track and volleyball. My son and her daughter have become close friends and train and travel together for sports competitions.

I strongly support Mrs. Shellie Park Hoapili's confirmation because of her exemplary citizenship and high ethical standard. She possesses strong communication skills that command authority and build confidence.

In my interactions with Shellie, she has always conducted her personal relationships with the highest of class. She is driven and motivates her daughter and husband in work, school and athletic ambitions. Yet she is fair and compassionate in all her interactions with coaches, teammates and her family.

I think a good indication of persons citizenship is if they shine in the most difficult job there is; to be a parent. Her teenage daughter is a kind, generous and independent girl. She is highly successfully in all three of her sports and continues to be a straight A student.

Shellie will continue to be solid member of the community and a great steward for the justice system in Hawaii.

Regards,

Kyl A. Nakaoka

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Gail Cosgrove	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a partner at Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel and have been in private practice for more than 40 years. My current practice is 100% civil litigation with emphasis on defending health care providers in medical malpractice litigation. I have also taught pretrial litigation courses at the William S. Richardson School of Law.

I strongly support Shellie K. Park-Hoapili's consideration and confirmation for the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii.

My knowledge of, and experience with, Ms. Park-Hoapili stems from our involvment with the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation, which is a nonprofit organization that provides grants to women and children in need and which also promotes the advancement of women in the legal profession. I am a past President and current member of the Board of Directors. Ms. Park-Hoapili is a kind, thoughtful and caring individual. She is a team leader and is always interested and courteous to divergent views and opinions. She is a hard worker and very dedicated. She has exercised excellent judgment and direction while serving on our board. I believe she has the ability and qualities we need for our Hawaii judges. She will no doubt be an excellent judge if given the opportunity to serve the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Senate Judiciary Committee Senator Karl Rhoads Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Shellie K. Park-Hoapili in consideration and confirmation to Judicial Nominee in the District Court of the First Circuit

Aloha Chair Senator Rhoads, Vice Chair Senator Keohokalole and Members of the Committee,

My name is Brooke Hasegawa-Nakaoka and I am a professional and personal acquaintance of the Hoapili 'Ohana for the past 4 years. My great-grandfather was Magistrate George K. Hasegawa who served his Lahaina in 1951. Though I have also followed in my family's zest toward business and the law, acquiring my Juris Doctorate from Syracuse University, my Masters in Business Administration from the University of Hawai'i and my Masters in the Study of Law from the University of Southern California, it was not my great-grandfather's resume or accolades that motivated me toward a career that was grounded in serving our island community.

Rather it was my great-grandmother, recognized as "Maui's Older American Woman of the Year," who as a mother, wife and servant of her community inspired both myself and my great-grandfather to be better citizens. Living in poverty and cleaning floors, her resume was anything but prestigious and glamorous. And yet, it was her character, leading with compassion that enabled my great-grandfather to fulfill the respected role of a judicial official.

As an accomplished professional, Mrs. Shellie Park-Hoapili meets all requirements of a judicial official. I write today to further share that it is of my opinion that Mrs. Shellie Park-Hoapili embodies the *personal values* required of those who uphold the laws of the State of Hawai'i. As a mother who gives tirelessly of herself to her family and community in her leadership roles representing females in the legal profession, she also inspires me to be a better community member.

Mrs. Shellie Park-Hoapili is the combination of both my great-grandparents. She has the professional fortitude and decisiveness of my great-grandfather. Great-Grandpa George was convicted in his decisions and beliefs. He held firm to what he believed was true and honest.

Mrs. Shellie Park-Hoapili represents Great-Grandma Florence's warm spirt of Aloha, who when you visited her Lahaina home would welcome you with open arms to her kitchen table. Her sensitivity and willingness to listen and be patient, are personal values that are paramount to decorum in any environment; whether that be a kitchen table or courtroom.

I am a better mother, wife and community member because of my relationship with Mrs. Shellie Park-Hoapili and she continually reminds me daily of my family values that are integral to leading a fulfilling life.

Mahalo, Brooke Hasegawa-Nakaoka Mahalo, Brooke Hasegawa-Nakaoka

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Levi K. Hookano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Senate Judicary Committee:

It's with great enthusiasm that I submit strong support on behalf of Shellie Park-Hoapili for her appointment to the District Court of the First Circuit. She possesses the highest qualities of integrity and diligence for the bench, maintains excellent temperament, and professional experience.

Ms. Park-Hoapili is an attorney of integrity and diligence. I frequently interacted with her while she was employed by the Hawaii Supreme Court. She was always knowledgeable of the topic at hand, well prepared, and level headed in discussions. Her collaborative approach to problem solving ensured those she worked with were also well prepared. She pays close attention to detail, which will aid her well on the bench.

As mentioned above, her temperament is excellent and will translate well to the district court. As the "people's court," Ms. Park-Hoapili's personality will be an asset to ensure all parties know they are having a fair and impartial hearing, and one that will be professional. Having known Shellie for many years, she brings stern compassion to a job that requires a firm, yet sometimes gentle hand.

Finally, Ms. Park has a range of professional experience that prepares her to immediately hit the ground running as a judge. She was in private practice for many years, engaged in complex legal issues, and recently served as a staff attorney at the supreme court. She closely observed all aspects of judicial administration and operations, and knows what works well and what can be improved. Through that experience she'll know immediately what needs to be done from day 1 on the bench.

I am proud to say that I know Ms. Park-Hoapili, and fully support her appointment to the District Court of the First Circuit.

Dianne Winter Brookins, Esq. c/o Dentons US LLP 1001 Bishop St. Suite 1800 Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

March 30, 2022

Senator Karl Rhodes, Chair Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

Re: Testimony in Support of Measure JC 23: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit, Judicial Nominee, SHELLIE K. PARK-HOAPILI, for a term to expire in 6 years.

Dear Senators Rhodes and Keohokalole:

I am pleased to submit this testimony in support of the nomination of Shellie Park-Hoapili to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I am a partner at Dentons US LLP (fka Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing) but write in my personal capacity in support of Ms. Park-Hoapili. I have known Ms. Park-Hoapili since she was a new associate in 2005, approaching seventeen years. While employed by our firm, Ms. Park-Hoapili was an instrumental part of our litigation team. She worked on a wide variety of cases, from commercial disputes to pro bono cases representing homeless individuals. Even more significantly for Ms. Park-Hoapili's nomination to serve as a Judge in the District Court, she worked with a wide variety of partners—with a wide variety of personalities, interaction styles, and demands of associates. Ms. Park-Hoapili managed all of those personalities with grace and good humor, qualities that will suit her well in dealing with the parties and counsel she will encounter from the bench. Substantively, Ms. Park-Hoapili argued motions and worked in all phases of discovery, including taking and defending depositions.

In addition to her demanding litigation practice, Ms. Park-Hoapili has been active in the community for as long as I have known her, serving on the Board of the Hawai`i Women Lawyers for years, and after that on the Board of the Hawai`i Women's Legal Foundation. She is generous with her time, and has made very significant contributions as both a leader and servant on those Boards.

Since leaving our firm in 2012, Ms. Park-Hoapili has continued her preparation for serving as a Judge in the District Court in her position with the Judiciary. In that role, she has seen all manner of cases and litigants, and has learned much through the handling of those cases both by the trial and appellate courts. As noted above, Ms. Park-Hoapili's temperament

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and demeaner make her an ideal choice for the District Court bench. She does not become flustered or stressed, even when dealing with the most difficult of personalities. Ms. Park-Hoapili genuinely loves people, and has a heart for service. She is practical and solution-oriented, and will excel at resolving disputes in a manner acceptable to all parties within the relevant legal framework.

I support the nomination of Ms. Park-Hoapili to serve on the District Court of the First Circuit enthusiastically, and without reservation.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Sincerely

Dianne Winter Brookins

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Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair Members of the Committee on Judiciary

Support for JC23, SHELLIE K. PARK-HOAPILI, District Court of the First Circuit

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Keohokalole and Committee Members -

I write in strong support of the Chief Justice's Appointment Order No. 2022-1 appointing Shellie K. Park-Hoapili for a position in the District Court of the First Circuit.

I first had the opportunity to get to know Ms. Park-Hoapili when we worked together as associate attorneys at Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing, which is now known as Dentons.

As the newer members of the firm and the relatively younger members, we often interacted about firm life, but also talked about our legal work and the profession. It was also quite clear then, and I think remains the case today even years later, that Ms. Park-Hoapili has a strong intellect and legal mind. Her analytical and evaluation legal skills will be very useful in this position.

But more than that, Ms. Park-Hoapili exhibits all the good things I think about when "judicial temperament" comes to mind. She can be patient, courteous and professional, but she can also be very clear, direct and forceful when she needs to be. She has a very straightforward, clear and concise way of explaining issues and I think has a rare ability to take complex legal theories, terms and procedures and explaining them in common sense and clear manner that I think will benefit anyone that goes before her on the bench.

Thus, I hope that you will look favorably upon her appointment to this position. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely, // Blake K. Oshiro, Esq.

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Evelyn Rimando	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support Shellie Park-Hoapili's judicial nomination to the District Court of the First Circuit. I have known Shellie for about 10 years now and I can vouch for her excellent work ethics and professionalism in dealing with the staff and the public. I can describe her as a hard worker, fair, very knowledgeable about court rules/statutes, and very pleasant to work with. Thank you.

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Eric Yamamoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a Professor of Law at the William S. Richarson School of Law. I am writing in very strong support of Shellie Park-Hoapili's nomination as Judge for the District Court for the First Circuit. My Park has an outstanding intellect, with strong analytical skills, and possesses a balanced maturity of judgment. She is also an exceedinly hard worker and an excellent writer. Based on our interactions over many years, I am certain that Ms. Park-Hoapili will be an first-rate judge.

Ms. Park-Hoapili was a first-year student in my year-long Civil Procedure course. She also participated in my upper level Advanced Civil Procedure/Complex Litiation course. As a result of her excellent class performance, I asked her to serve as a research assistant to work on a range of social justice projects.

Ms. Park-Hoapili's intelligence, written work product, work ethic and cooperative demeanor made her an ideal research collaborator. Especially important, during those interactions, and in interactions after her graduation, I came to appreciate her maturity of judgment in handling problems, making important professional choices and in working with people generally. She possesses a firmness balanced by compassion. An ideal blend for a judge. Moreover, in our joint work, I observed her strive to achieve the highest standard of quality. She is careful, meticulous and thoughtful.

For these reasons, I strongly recommended her for a clerkship with the Hawai`i Supreme Court. And her performance there, as reported back to me, was outstanding.

My subsequent interactions with Ms. Park-Hoapili led me to see her develop her commitment to effective lawyering and public service -- serving the Hawaii legal community was always a priority. And I am especially pleased that she has now been nominated for the District Court Judgeship.

For all of these reasons, I give Ms. Park-Hoapili a very strong recommendation in support of her nomination.

Sincerely,

Eric K. Yamamoto Korematsu Professor of Law and Social Justice S. Richardson School of Law

William

<u>JC-23</u> Submitted on: 3/30/2022 1:59:19 PM Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter Olson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I want to voice my support for Shellie K. Park-Hoapili's nomination as District Court Judge of the First Circuit. I am a general practice attorney on Hawai`i Island, emphasizing in litigation. My father co-founded the West Hawai`i Bar Association, and I am its past president. I am writing this letter of support in my individual capacity and on behalf of my family's law firm, Olson & Sons.

Shellie will be a valuable asset to the judiciary and the people of the State of Hawai`i. I have practiced law across this State before numerous judges, and I believe Shellie possesses all the skills that would make her a great judge. Therefore, please confirm her as District Court Judge.

Sincerely,

Peter S.R. Olson

March 30, 2022

VIA EMAIL ONLY

TESTIMONY OF JESSICA Y.K. WONG

Re: JC 23, Confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit, SHELLIE K. PARK-HOAPILI

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY Friday, April 1, 2022, 9:30 am State Capitol, Conference Room 016 via Videoconference

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the committee, I would like to offer testimony in support of JC 23, the confirmation of Shellie K. Park-Hoapili to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I strongly support the nomination and confirmation of Shellie K. Park-Hoapili to the District Court for the First Circuit. I have known Ms. Park-Hoapili for nearly fifteen years on a personal and professional basis and have the utmost respect for her intelligence, knowledge of the law, integrity, and fairness.

Prior to working with Ms. Park-Hoapili, I had the opportunity to observe her work while I was a law clerk at the First Circuit Court under the Honorable Judge Karen S.S. Ahn (retired). I was so impressed with her work and demeanor that I applied to the firm at which she worked, Alston, Hunt, Floyd & Ing (n.k.a. Dentons LLP), so that I could learn from attorneys of such high caliber and esteem.

I had the honor of working with Ms. Park-Hoapili at Alston, Hunt, Floyd & Ing for several years. She was always one of the brightest associates and has always showed herself to be very hardworking, diligent, thoughtful, and fair. She also was well respected and liked by her colleagues and staff at the firm, her clients, opposing counsel, and judges. She is professional and always well prepared.

She also demonstrated a commitment to public service. She has served the community and shown her dedication to public service in her role with the Hawaii Supreme Court. She has been a mentor and a guide and driven meaningful change for women in the law through her memberships with the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation and Hawaii Women Lawyers. Her professionalism and spirit strengthen the reputation of lawyers in Hawaii and of the courts.

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Shellie K. Park-Hoapili would be an outstanding judge and a great asset to the Hawaii Judiciary. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of this confirmation hearing.

Respectfully,

Jessica Y.K. Wong, 8623

<u>JC-23</u> Submitted on: 3/30/2022 3:18:02 PM Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2022 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha kākou -

I am writing in support of the nomination of Shellie Park-Hoapili to the District Court Judgeship.

I have worked closely with Ms. Park-Hoapili for more than ten years, and I cannot think of a better candidate for this position.

She is a smart, hard-working, organized, responsible, and seasoned attorney. Her integrity is unquestioned, and she is invariably kind, modest, and even-tempered, no matter the situation.

Despite working in a very demanding position, which requires flexibility, imagination, and the ability to meet tight deadlines, she has also found time to work on a number of community causes because she genuinely cares about them, and, with her husband, is raising an impressive and grounded daughter.

I don't know if it is her upbringing in Hilo, or just her own solid character - or likely a combination of the two - but she embodies the kind of person this community needs, and deserves, as a judge. She will do the people of Hawai'i proud if she is confirmed.

Matthew Chapman



March 30, 2022

VIA WEB TRANSMITTAL

Hearing Date: Friday, April 1, 2022 Time: 9:30 a.m. Place: Conference Room 016

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice-Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

Re: District Court of the First Circuit, Judicial Nominee Shellie K. Park-Hoapili; support for JC 23

Dear Chair Rhoades, Vice-Chair Keohokalole and Committee members:

I am a Partner with the law firm of Porter McGuire Kiakona, LLP and have known Ms. Park-Hoapili for a number of years and believe she is well qualified for this district court judge position.

Ms. Park-Hoapili has been an attorney practicing law in Hawaii for the past 19 years. After a Hawaii Supreme Court clerkship, she practiced as a litigation attorney in the State district and circuit courts, as well as the Hawaii Federal district court. She is presently employed as the lead staff attorney for the Hawaii Supreme Court. Her work as a litigation attorney provided her with substantial courtroom experience and the ability to address complex trial issues. Her work as an appellate court attorney provided her with the experience of reviewing court decisions, providing recommendations to the appellate court, and reviewing the application of court rules to specific cases.

During her entire career, she has demonstrated an even temperament, good demeanor, and the ability to deal with and communicate fairly with a wide range of litigants. Unlike circuit court, many litigants in district court are self-represented and need instructions on the court process and the relevant rules of court. Given Ms. Park-Hoapili's litigation background and her work as an appellate attorney, she is uniquely qualified to handle the many varied issues that are part of a district court calendar. As an active member of the Hawaii Bar, I can say with confidence that the legal community would be fortunate and well-served to have Ms. Hoapili-Park reviewing and adjudicating our cases.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

/s/ R. Laree McGuire

R. Laree McGuire

Porter McGuire Kiakona, LLP 841 Bishop Street, Suite 1500 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 www.HawaiiLegal.com Phone: (808) 539-1100 Fax: (808) 539-1189

<u>JC-23</u> Submitted on: 3/30/2022 4:20:43 PM Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lloyd Phelps	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Ms. Park-Hoapili has an excellent professional reputation and will be an outstanding addition to the Hawaii Judiciary.

JC-23 Submitted on: 3/30/2022 3:51:39 PM Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Peter Lyman Anderson and I am a retired Hawaiian Airlines Captain. I would like to encourage the comfirmation of Shellie K. Park-Hoapili to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I am also originally from the Big Island and I went to high school with Shellie's Mother Pearl at St. Joseph's High School in Hilo. I'm happy to say my Granddaughter is a close friend of Shellie's daughter at Punahou in the 7th grade. I have known Shellie and her husband James for over 8 years. They are wonderful people and of course a wonderful family.

Because my occupation was aviation I am not completely familiar with the field of Law but I know Mrs. Park-Hoapili would make an excellent Judge based on what I know of her family, having known her, her Husband, and Daughter, and having grown up with her Mother as a classmate. Her values would definitely lead to fair and reasonable decisions on the Bench.

I encourage you to confirm Shellie K. Park-Hoapili as Judge for the District Court of the First Circuit.

Thank you, Peter Lyman Anderson

JC-23 Submitted on: 3/30/2022 4:42:15 PM Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jodi Pila	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha All,

I have known Shellie Park-Hoapili for over 30+ years. I met Shellie through her aunt, Jo Ann Park, a long time City and County of Honolulu Parks and Recreation Park Director at Kamehameha Community Park (Kam Field) in Kalihi. Miss Park always supported her "Kalihi Kids" and she supported me at my volleyball and basketball games at the club level in Intermediate school and then at Farrington High School. Whenever Shellie and her sister was in town from Hilo, Miss Park always brought them to my games. That's where our friendship began.

I remember Miss Park bragging about how smart Shellie was and how proud she was of her accomplishments. Miss Park was definitely a proud aunty to Shellie and her other nieces and nephews. When we first met, Shellie was quiet and shy. But as the years went by, I found that Shellie was smart, kind, witty and talkative.

I began working with Shellie's then-boyfriend (now husband), James Hoapili at Kam Field Summer Fun for multiple summers and the staff became great friends. Although Shellie was not working with us at Kam Field, she was always there lending her support and time for our junior leaders/volunteer leaders at dances, outings, field trips, and special projects. Whenever we needed help, we could count on Shellie's help and time.

Although our crew went our separate ways after Kam Field and college to pursue our own careers, we could always count on having each others backs.

Shellie is a great mother to Hali'a, a loving wife to James, a daughter, a sister, an aunt and a true friend. Shellie is loyal, kind, thorough, conscientious, thoughtful, truthful and just an all around great person.

Shellie is one of those people you meet in your lifetime who you wish nothing but love, happiness and success in life. Confirming Shellie to be a District Court Judge is just icing on the cake of an overall wonderful human being.

Mahalo for your time.

Sincerely,

Jodi Pila

<u>JC-23</u> Submitted on: 3/30/2022 5:23:37 PM Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel Povich	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

RE: Written Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of Judicial Nominee Shellie K. Park-Hoapili to the District Court of the First Circuit

Dear Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Jarrett Keohokalole, and Honorable Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Daniel Povich and I write to submit the following testimony and express my strong support for the confirmation of Shellie K. Park-Hoapili to the District Court of the First Circuit. Thank you for your consideration and for your time.

I met Ms. Park-Hoapili in 2007 when we worked together at Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing (now Dentons). Since that time, I have had the honor and privilege to work closely with her, speak with her about her commitment to and work in the community, and celebrate her professional achievements and work on behalf of the Hawaii Bar, the courts, and the community at large.

When Ms. Park-Hoapili and I were junior attorneys, three traits distinguished her work: 1) her dedication to identifying - and skill in applying - the appropriate rule of law; 2) her calm, professional demeanor in the face of intense pressure; and 3) her unwavering compassion for her clients, colleagues, friends, family, and community.

Over the years, these qualities have continued to describe Ms. Park-Hoapili's work and volunteer service. She has been a mentor and a guide and driven meaningful change for women in the law. Her professionalism and spirit strengthen the reputation of lawyers in Hawaii and of the courts. I have only ever known Ms. Park-Hoapili to be exceedingly generous with her time and insight. She has shown by example, time after time, that one of the most important elements of the practice of law is that it rises from service to our clients and our community. In that regard, Ms. Park-Hoapili's wisdom and compassion uniquely suited her to excel as a lawyer and suit her to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the position to which she is now appointed. Her contributions to the community make us all stronger and the District Court of the First Circuit and the people of Hawaii will be well-served by her confirmation.

Thank you again for your time and attention to this important matter.

Daniel Povich JD Number: 008820

Senate Judiciary Committee Senator Karl Rhoads Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Shellie K. Park-Hoapili

Chair Senator Rhoads, Vice Chair Senator Keohokalole and Members of the Committee,

My name is Derrick Low, and I am writing this letter in full support of Shellie K. Park-Hoapili as she is in consideration for District Court Judge.

Growing up in a single parent household, my father pushed me extremely hard to succeed in basketball. My life revolved around training and preparing to be a professional basketball player. Through the journey, my father laid the foundation for my success through values that would shape my character and propel me much further than basketball ever would. I excelled as a professional basketball player for over 10 years, but if asked what contributed most to my success...the answer wouldn't be my basketball training. It would be because of my humility, integrity, dedication, and willingness to serve others before myself.

Now I'm fully aware that athletics and being an appointed Judge are completely different, but in my opinion, it's a person's character and ability to stand firm in their conviction of doing right by others that exemplifies a true leader in the community. And that's Shellie!

I have had the pleasure of getting to know Shellie and her family for the last several years, through basketball. The same set of values that supported my success is mirrored in Shellie. I've witnessed with my own eyes Shellie dedicate herself fully to the practice of Law, which shows in her many accomplishments as a female attorney, while maintaining probably the most difficult job of all, being a present parent.

In wake of the way things are going in the world, and more specifically, Hawai'i...it is IMPORTANT to elect people and leaders in the community who are unwavering in their character and core values. From my understanding, being a Judge requires the humility to understand that carrying the title of District Court Judge is bigger than oneself; belief that the people of Hawai'i are counting on their District Court Judge's integrity to provide honest, fair and sober judgement; a relentless dedication to seeking all necessary avenues that have the community's best interest; and a heart that is genuinely after making Hawai'i a better place for everyone.

It is without a shadow of a doubt that Shellie would make an outstanding District Court Judge. One who's character and values will exceed far beyond being a successful Judge.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Derrick Low



DAVID E. AUSTIN

March 30, 2022

To:	Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary
From:	David E. Austin, Attorney at Law
Re:	Nomination of Shellie K. Park-Hoapili, District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii, JC 23
Hearing:	April 1, 2022, 9:30 AM

Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Keokokalole and Members of the Senate Committee:

I am providing this testimony in strong support of Shellie K. Park-Hoapili's appointment as Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit.

Shellie has been a colleague, mentor, and friend from the time I started my legal career in Hawaii in 2007. She is a hard-working, thorough, and diligent attorney with a deep knowledge and understanding of both substantive and procedural law.

Shellie has shown a fundamental sense of fairness and ethics in her personal and professional life that will make her a patient, devoted, and impartial judge. She is active and positive influence in the Hawaii legal community, and the District Court will be well-served with her presence on the bench.

Like many others who know Shellie, I was very happy to hear about her appointment and urge the Committee to confirm her as District Court Judge.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,

David **F**

JC-23 Submitted on: 3/30/2022 5:35:52 PM Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Davin Pascual	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in support for Judicial Nominee, Shellie K. Park-Hoapili for the District Court of the First Circuit. I have known Shellie for 25+ years and can attest that she has great character and is a very conscientious person. She is a hard worker and am amazed at her professional achievements all while finding great balance with time towards her family and friends. She is very deserving of this position.

Mahalo,

Davin Pascual
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

Friday, April 1, 2022 9:30am Conference Room 016 & Videoconference Agenda: JC23

SUPPORT FOR Chief Justice's Appointment Order No. 2022-1

My name is Mark H. Hakoda. I am a resident of Honolulu, Hawaii. I currently work for the Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism, as an Urban Planner with the Hawaii Community Development Authority. I am providing this public testimony today as a private citizen of this State. I emphatically support the judicial appointment of Shellie K. Park-Hoapili to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have know both Mrs. Park-Hoapili and her husband for the last twenty-five years. I consider Mrs. Park-Hoapili's integrity and impartiality to be of the highest caliber. She will a valuable addition to our State's judicial system. I have full trust that Mrs. Park-Hoapili will be fair and judicious in the implementation of our State's laws.

Mrs. Park-Hoapili cares greatly for our community. She has contributed both time and resources to several scholastic organizations including the William S. Richardson School of Law Alumni Association, and the Punahou School Parent Teacher Association. Mrs. Park-Hoapili devotes the majority of her time away from work to her daughter and husband. Her dedication to her family can be seen in the countless hours spent at hula lessons, sporting events, school activities, and other family activities.

I urge Chair Rhoads and the other members of the Judiciary Committee to confirm Shellie K. Park-Hoapili to the District Court of the First Circuit. I do not think there is a person better suited for this position.

Sincerely, Mark H. Hakoda

JC-23 Submitted on: 3/30/2022 10:01:15 PM Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steven R Nichols	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senators,

I am writing in support of Shellie Park-Haopili for District Court Judge. I have known Shellie since we were in law school together. Shellie is the type of person who you initially meet and instantly know what a great person they are. She has alwasy been one of the best people I have known. Her reputation amongst our classmates is the same. We all have so much love and respect for her. She treats everyone fairly, she listens and makes others feel that what they are saying is imporant. She is also an extremely hard worker. She has perfect judicial temperment and the desire to continue to learn. I knowwithout a doubt that she is going to be a judge who can move a calendar and do it in a way that allows all sides to feel heard. I was on the short list for this same judicial vacancy, and while initially disappointed, discovering that it was Shellie who was chosen, made it much easier to get over. She really is the best and is going to be an amazing judge.

Sincerely

Steve Nichols

JC-23 Submitted on: 3/31/2022 12:31:31 AM Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Louise Ing	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support confirmation of Shellie Park-Hoapili as a District Court judge. I am a partner at Dentons and was a partner at Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing when Shellie worked with us as an associate. She was a pleasure to work with because she had a positive, can-do attitude, expressed herself well both verbally and in writing, was diligent, intelligent and was willing to work hard to serve our clients well. She rounded out those great work skills with a delightful personality: friendly, humorous, humble, and empathetic. She has a desire to serve the public and has the strength of character to lead. She showed those skills as the president of Hawaii Women Lawyers and the president-elect of the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundaiton. Based on her skills, experience and character, she will make smart, fair-minded, hard-working judge who will take seriously her job of carrying out and delivering justice.

JC-23 Submitted on: 3/31/2022 2:02:33 AM Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Martell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 31, 2022

Dear Chair Rhoads and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing in strong support of Shellie K. Park-Hoapili as a Judicial Nominee for District Court of the First Circuit.

I got to know Ms. Hoapili-Park through our work together on the Board of [Bar] Examiners (Board). I have served on the Board since 1988 and Ms. Park-Hoapili joined in 2013. In addition to our numerous meetings of the Board, Ms. Park-Hoapili and I have traveled to the National Conference of Bar Examiner Grading Workshops and other meetings together. Being with Ms. Park-Hoapili in these settings gave me opportunities to observe her with examiners and instructors from different jurisdictions. I was impressed with Ms. Park-Hoapili's calm, professional, and effective demeanor during these workshops and meetings. Additionally, Ms. Park-Hoapili was always articulate, displaying proficiency in the bar examination process.

Quite significantly, Ms. Park-Hoapili has served in a national capacity on various committees of the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE). Her appointment to national committees of the NCBE is truly an honor and recognizes the respect she has garnered in this area. Ms. Park-Hoapili has served or is currently serving on the following national commIttees:

--NCBE's Multistate Essay and Multistate Performance Committee (2016, 2018, 2019, 2019-2020);

--NCBE's Editorial Advisory Committee (2020-2021), the NCBE Communications and Outreach Committee (2021-present);

--NCBE's Content Scope Committee (2021);

--NCBE's Diversity Committee (2017).

Additionally, Ms. Park-Hoapili has extensive experience as a staff attorney with the Hawaii Supreme Court and as a litigator with Dentons (formerly Alston, Hunt, Floyd and Ing). Clearly, Ms. Park-Hoapili has a bright legal mind.

As a Family Court Per Diem Judge of the First Circuit for sixteen years (retired), I believe Ms. Park-Hoapili has the qualities to be an excellent District Court Judge. She displays a gracious, calm, and articulate demeanor, which are much needed qualities for District Court Judge. Also, Ms. Park-Hoapili is smart and she works well with many different kinds of people, which are important judicial qualities.

I highly recommend Ms. Park-Hoapili as a Judge for the DIstrict Court of the First Circuit. Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Linda S. Martell, Esq.

martellaw1@icloud.com/Per Diem Judge of the Family Court of the First Circuit (Ret.)u

<u>JC-23</u> Submitted on: 3/31/2022 7:02:07 AM Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle Kaneko	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of Shellie K. Park-Hoapili, Judicial Nominee to the District Court of the First Circuit, I am providing written testimony as a friend of Shellie's and the Hoapili family. I first met Shellie nearly 25 years ago while her husband, James, and I were students enrolled in the School of Architecture at the University of Hawaii. I had known Shellie to be a most patient girlfriend back then, understanding of the non-linear creative process that often-kept James glued to his studio desk working, and reworking his design schemes and models till one or two in the morning. She would stay long hours in the architecture school with us much like a team player sharing in our collective project high's and low's, yet Shellie also managed to remain diligent and focused on her own studies as she aspired to become an attorney. I've seen that she carries with her a calm determination to achieve whatever she sets her heart and her mind on, and she displays a constancy in effort that I continue to admire in present day.

In the years since university, I've witnessed how Shellie dedicates herself to the well-being of her family, friends, and extended community while navigating the demands of a full-time career. She is mindful of the care that she must put into herself to be fully present for her family. She's a compassionate and engaging friend, ready to talk things out and inquisitive of the matters that affect us. She's a nurturing and steadfast parent and as an Aunty, I've seen how she encourages her daughter's dreams and provides firm guidance when necessary. She's also someone who never fails to promptly mail out notes expressing her gratitude – Shellie always exhibits the gracious everyday manners that we sometimes forget about.

Shellie is extremely thorough in every role and activity she takes on, and one only needs to open her kitchen cabinets to know the inner dialogue she adheres to doesn't allow for hidden messes – her drawers are orderly and neat. I haven't seen Shellie do anything in half measure. She acts with the intention of constant betterment and while my observations have been personal in nature, I believe these are the qualities of character that make her well-suited for the position to which she has been nominated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Kaneko

Jerry L. Chang 2944 Kaumana Drive Hilo, Hawaii 96720

March 31, 2022

RE: Testimony in Support for Shellie K. Park-Hoopili

Judicial Nominee for Circuit Court of the First Circuit

Committee on Judiciary, Hawaii State Senate

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole,

It is my honor and pleasure to support Mrs. Shellie K. Park-Hoopili for the judgeship of the Circuit Court of the First District.

Shellie worked for my legislative office as a part time legislative aide from 1997 to 2002 when I chaired the Committee on Tourism and Culture in the House of Representative while attending William Richardson School of Law at University of Hawaii, Manoa.

I found Shellie to be a very bright and hard-working individual with particularly experienced in writing legislative measures including bills, committee reports and resolutions, etc.

I admired her most for her ambitious goal of being an attorney and her determination to work at the legislature while attending law school.

Thank you for the opportunity to convey my support of Shellie Park-Hoopili.

Jerry L. Chang Former State Representative 1988-2012 808 286-0461 Mastif8@gmail.com Senate Judiciary Committee Senator Karl Rhoads Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204

RE: Letter of Recommendation for SHELLIE K. PARK-HOAPILI in consideration and confirmation to Judicial Nominee in the District Court of the First Circuit.

Dear Senator Rhoads, Vice-Chair Keohokalole, and the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Tennile Delp and I have been a long-time friend to Shellie Park-Hoapili since 1998. I first met Shellie through her husband James Hoapili while attending the School of Architecture at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. At the time, most Architecture students "lived" at the studio classroom spending between 80-100 hours each week during the 16 week school semesters. Shellie was not an Architecture major, but she was a constant member of our studio as she studied to finish her undergrad and Juris Doctor programs. She managed to navigate all of this successfully in just a year or so after James and I both finished our first Bachelor's Degree.

I currently work as a Beauty Stylist Makeup Artist in cosmetics sales at Nordstrom. For 8 years, I have ranked nationally in the top 15 of all Beauty Stylists, and annually perform in the top 2 positions for overall sales at our Ala Moana store. Being a Personal Stylist and Makeup Artist has allowed me to cross paths with thousands of people all around the state of Hawaii and beyond. My job requires me to be an expert at understanding people and their lifestyle to introduce products and services that help them feel more confident about achieving their life's passions.

I best describe life's passion as the motivation and relentless inner drive we experience when we do something we love. It helps us seek out aspects of success that bring meaning to our life and gives us a sense of purpose to our journey. If you are living life with passion, you are living!

Shellie K. Park-Hoapili life's passion is undoubtedly law. She is an exceptional Judicial candidate for the District Court of the First Circuit as she embodies so many qualities that make her a good wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. She always has time to listen, wants to learn more, and is never afraid of any task. She has never hesitated to lend a hand, invite me to her home, or help me brainstorm ideas to achieve a lofty goal - her favorite.

Seeing the passion she had for finishing her Juris Doctor degree, excel at her jobs, be a loving mom, and supporting wife has been a great evolution of watching her success grow. As a female, it gives me immense inspiration to know what possibilities are out there with the right drive and the right plan. I am pleased you have found such an exceptional candidate and leader to represent the laws in the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Tennile E.A.M. Delp

JC-23 Submitted on: 3/31/2022 9:25:22 AM Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aimee Lum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the Committee on Judiciary. I am Aimee Lum, testifying in strong support of judicial nominee Shellie K. Park-Hoapili's confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have had the privilege of knowing Ms. Park-Hoapili for almost a decade now, and she has always been a consummate professional and wonderful colleague and friend. During our tenures on the Hawaii Women Lawyers and Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation boards, I discovered the depth of Ms. Park-Hoapili's abilities and character. She is genuine, humble, kind, thoughtful, conscientious, organized, intelligent, and even-tempered. Simply put, Ms. Park-Hoapili possesses all of the qualities to excel as a judge and enhance the bench. She would remain committed to the pursuit of justice, faithfully apply the law, act impartially, and in my humble opinion, become a highly respected jurist.

I respectfully urge you to confirm Ms. Park-Hoapili as a District Court judge, as she would be a valuable asset to the judiciary.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

Ms. Patricia M. Ogburn Hamilton Library Technician VII 1090 A Wainiha St. Honolulu, HI 96825

March 31, 2022

Re: Letter of Support for Shellie K. Park-Hoapili, appointee for the District Court

Dear Senate Committee:

My name is Patricia Ogburn, and Mrs. Shellie Park-Hoapili worked under my supervision as a Student Assistant in the External Services Program (ESP) in Hamilton Library at the University of Hawai'i in Manoa from her freshman year in college through her completion of law school (1995-2002). During that time, I developed a very high regard for Shellie based on her ability to work independently, with efficiency and accuracy.

The External Services Program provided research services and library resources to mainland and international clients for a fee. I quickly learned that I could depend on Shellie, because she exhibited that rare combination of speed and accuracy. Her duties were to download daily requests from an internet database, retrieve the materials, and expedite delivery in the most efficient way by either scanning, faxing, photocopying, or mailing. It also required figuring out the Billing Charges fee for the service. She was able to organize these tasks in a proficient manner that enabled her to fill a high volume of requests in a short turnaround time, all the while maintaining excellent standards of service. Furthermore, her strong human-relation skills enabled her to interface effectively with other library professionals/ Many of the items requested were located in special collections. This usually required getting permission to remove them to scan or photocopy. Shellie's respectful demeanor gained their trust that she would safely borrow and return rare or one-of-a-kind items.

During Shellie's part-time, 20-hours-per-week presence in the library, she managed a full academic course load and schedule with outstanding grades. She not only excelled academically but also demonstrated adept social skills, coupled with the ability to make wise decisions in unprecedented situations. I feel honored that Shellie has maintained a personal relationship with me by inviting me to her law school graduation, wedding, and staying in touch. She is a warm, caring person.

I would strongly urge you to take a close look at Shellie Park-Hoapili's professional credentials and accomplishments. I am sure you will find her to be a person, who has demonstrated a fervent commitment to your values and vision. Sincerely,

Patricia M. Ogburn MLIS, CA (Retired) March 30, 2022

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Senate Judiciary Committee c/o Karl A. Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

Re: Judiciary Comm. No. 23 - Support for Shellie K. Park-Hoapili

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee:

This letter is submitted in support of the appointment of Ms. Shellie K. Park-Hoapili to the District Court of the State of Hawaii.

I have known Ms. Park-Hoapili for more than 10 years – as a member of the Bar and Board Member of the Board of Bar Examiners of the Supreme Court of Hawaii.

Board of Examiners Members are appointed by the Supreme Court and serve at its discretion to consider, review and examine applicants who seek to be licensed as attorneys in the State of Hawaii. Ms. Park-Hoapili has been an exemplary member of the Board and her commitment to public service has been more than extraordinary.

She not only volunteers to participate in grading – which requires travel to Madison, Wisconsin to the National Conference of Bar Examiners, but assists in numerous other responsibilities of the Board. She has exemplary judgment, temperament and legal ability and would be an outstanding judge.

If there are any questions or if I can be of any further assistance with regard to Ms. Park-Hoapili's appointment to the Bench, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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<u>JC-23</u> Submitted on: 3/31/2022 9:30:29 AM Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Angela Correa_pei	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only
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March 31, 2022			
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Committee on Judiciary			
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair			

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

Re: Judicial Nominee SHELLIE K. PARK-HOAPILI

Aloha e Senator Rhoads, Senator Keohokalole, and Judiciary Committee Members,

I am honored to submit this letter of support for the confirmation and appointment of Judicial Nominee SHELLIE K. PARK-HOAPILI to serve as Judge for the District Court of the First Circuit. I have known Ms. Park-Hoapili for 20 years as a fellow proud and grateful alum of the William S. Richardson School of Law. Ms. Park-Hoapili will serve excellently in this position as she is intelligent, diligent, and has character of the utmost integrity.

Ms. Park-Hoapili, a local girl born and raised in Hilo, Hawai'i, is a true servant leader to the legal community and our Hawai'i community at large. While Ms. Park-Hoapili could have remained employed with and would have had a remarkably successful career at then firm Alston Hunt Floyd and Ing, now Denton's, Ms. Park-Hoapili chose to serve the people of Hawai'i by serving at the Hawai'i Supreme Court and now in this role as District Court Judge.

I have the fullest confidence that Ms. Park-Hoapili will prudently and faithfully serve the Judiciary and the people of Hawai'i with diligence, fairness, honor, integrity, care, and justice.

Mahalo nui,

Angela Correa-Pei, Esq



<u>JC-23</u> Submitted on: 3/31/2022 10:21:23 AM Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Allison Griffiths	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Committee Members:

I write in strong support of the confirmation of Shellie Park-Hoapili for appointment to the District Court. I am a Hawaii licesed attorney and I have known Shellie for 16 years - personally and professionally. I worked with Shellie in a Hawaii law firm practice for approximately 6 years. I am currently the Vice President of Legal for Avalon Health Care Group, which is a health care company based in Utah.

During the time I practiced with Shellie, I saw first hand Shellie's gifted skill as a lawyer as well as her impeccable character. Shellie is intelligent, diligent, driven, and never takes short cuts. She always cared deeply for her clients and worked tirelessly to get the best result possible. Shellie is very smart and a great legal mind; however, she is also practical and pragmatic.

Perhaps most importantly, however, is Shellie's character as a person and a lawyer. Shellie is ethical, honest, and trustworthy. I have no doubt that Shellie has the ethics and character required to be a judge. I've been so blessed to know Shellie, to have had the oportunity to work with her, and to call her a friend.

Respectfully,

Allison Griffiths, Esq.



To: Honorable Chair Rhoads Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Catherine Betts

Re: Testimony in Strong Support of JC 23, Shellie K. Park-Hoapili

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary. I am writing in my personal capacity in strong support of Ms. Park-Hoapili's judicial nomination to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Shellie for close to fifteen years, as we sat on the board of Hawaii Women Lawyers for many years together. While working with her on the board, I was able to witness her strong intellect, her sense of ethics and integrity, and her kindness. She is measured, thoughtful, responsible, and committed to doing what is right. I believe all of these traits will make her an excellent judge and strongly support her nomination to the bench.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify in strong support of her nomination.



<u>JC-23</u> Submitted on: 3/31/2022 10:44:40 AM Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laura Moritz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support Shellie Park-Hooapili's nomination to the District Court. I worked with Ms. Park-Hoapili for several years in the private sector and have remained in close contact over the years. I can attest to her excellent work ethic, intelligence, and highest integrity.



<u>JC-23</u> Submitted on: 3/31/2022 11:57:37 AM Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaycie Baltunado	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 31, 2022

Aloha Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Kaycie Baltunado, and I am the Middle School Dean and Department Chair for the Fine Arts at Sacred Hearts Academy. I am very honored to write this letter of recommendation for Shellie K. Park-Hoapili.

I have known Shellie since six grade, she had befriended me when I was a new student at Waiakea Intermediate. As the years went by, we became forever friends through high school, college, careers and starting our own families.

Shellie stands out among the various people I have known throughout my years for many reasons. Shellie is not only a personable individual but someone who is loved and looked up to in her family and our friend circle. Shellie gives endlessly to her daughter, always being there at extracurricular activities and making sure she has everything to be successful. Mrs. Shellie treats everyone with respect and dignity, always speaking to others with a calm demeanor that is righteous. These are the qualities that I admire most about Shellie.

Shellie is a very personable individual. Attractive and professional-looking, she has good interpersonal skills and is easily understood by everyone. I believe Shellie to be a worthy person who will work hard to be a judge on the District Court of the First Circuit. Shellie always perseveres and strives to be first-rate with a positive attitude. In college and during our high school years, you would always find Shellie with her nose in a book studying to be the best and satisfying her inquisitive mind.

I believe Shellie to be a great asset to the judiciary system and our community.

You may reach me via email at <u>kbaltunado@sacredhearts.org</u> or by phone at 808-387-8947. I will be happy to provide additional information or answer any questions, if needed.

Blessings,

Kaycie Baltunado



<u>JC-23</u> Submitted on: 3/31/2022 1:22:08 PM Testimony for JDC on 4/1/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nino Lutao	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please accept this testimony in support of Shellie Park-Hoapili's appointment to the First Circuit District Court bench. My name is Nino Lutao. I met Shellie Park-Hoapili when we were kids. She would come to Honolulu from Hilo to visit her aunt, who ran the summer fun program at Kamehameha Community Park in Kalihi. I was very close to Shellie's aunt. Through that connection, Shellie and I became friends and have kept in touch for over 30 years. Shellie is exactly the type of person who deserves to become a District Court Judge. She is a home-grown and Hawai`i-educated woman who has dedicated many years of her career to public service. She is extremely intelligent and hardworking, yet humble. Shellie understands the needs of local people and will have an excellent judicial demeanor while serving in the "people's court." Most of all, Shellie is a person of excellent character with strong family values. I am overjoyed that she has this opportunity to serve the people of Hawai`i as a Judge.

Lester D. Oshiro P.O. Box 4702 Hilo, Hawai`i 96720 (808) 987-3761 cell phone nui48@yahoo.com

March 31, 2022

Honorable Karl Rhoads, Committee Chair Committee on Judiciary Hawaii State Capitol Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

Re: Letter in Support for Shellie K. Park-Hoapili, Judicial Nominee for District Court of the First Circuit

Dear Honorable Karl Rhoads and the Committee on Judiciary:

I write in strong and unwavering support of Shellie Park-Hoapili for a First Circuit District Court appointment.

Shellie is a Hilo born girl and I personally know her aunt and a recently deceased uncle. On occasion her aunt would speak of Shellie who I first met in 2013 upon her appointment to the Board of Examiners. Over the last nine years, I've come to know Shellie as a no nonsense attorney who has turned into one of the most dedicated bar exam graders we have. She has a "can do" attitude about her and has mentored new graders as needed.

As staff attorney to the Supreme Court, I had occasion to discuss with her situations which helped me make prudent decisions during my long tenure with the Judiciary as Chief Court Administrator of the Third Circuit. It brings a smile to my face to see that she is now the Supreme Court Staff Attorney and a member of the Judiciary's Senior Management Team.

One quality I appreciate of any judicial appointment at the trial court bench is that of actual litigation and private practice experience. Shellie worked for Alston, Hunt, Floyd and Ing for seven years. She has the perspective of what private attorneys and government attorneys go through and the various pressures which "lawyering" entails. She may not have had actual jury

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trial experience, personally, however, very few attorneys who do civil law as opposed to criminal practice actually have jury trial experience. In fact, I know a number of attorneys both at the circuit court bench and appellate bench who never had a jury trial prior to their appointment. In District Court, there are no jury trials.

On a personal level we've often talked about her daughter and family which she recognizes and holds dear as the most important aspect and her focus in life. In summation, Shellie will be a great asset to the Judiciary bench and to our community. I humbly ask that you give Shellie your thoughtful consideration.

Very truly yours,

s/s Lester D. Oshiro

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carrie Ann Shirota	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Committee Members:

I am writing to strongly recommend Shellie K. Park-Hoapili for the judicial position with the District Court of the First Circuit.

In 2001, I met Shellie during her summer clerkship with the Hawai'i Civil Right Commission ("HCRC"). I had already been working there as a law clerk for a few years and was eventually hired as an Enforcement Attorney enforcing our state civil rights laws prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and state and state-funded services.

During Shellie's clerkship with the HCRC, she demonstrated that she is bright, responsible, and a hard worker. Shellie has exquisite research, writing and analytical skills involving complex legal and policy issues. She also has an unusual sense of how things fit together - an important skillset while serving as a Judge.

In addition to her strong analytical skills, Shellie is principled, kind, compassionate and even tempered under all circumstances. She is able to remain open-minded, and listen to differences in opinions. She treats every person that crosses her path with dignity and respect. Most important, Shellie is committed to equal justice and would apply the law with integrity and fairness.

Within our community, Shellie has earned a reputation as a honest, trustworthy and giving person. Shellie has contributed to our community by serving as the past President of Hawaii Women Lawyers, and working for the Hawai'i Supreme Court.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Shellie K Park-Hoapili's nomination to the District Court of the First Circuit.

Carrie Ann Shirota, Esq.

Support for District Court appointee Shellie K. Park-Hoapili

Daniel Gluck <daniel.m.gluck@gmail.com>

Mon 3/21/2022 5:48 PM

To: Sen. Karl Rhoads <SenRhoads@capitol.hawaii.gov>;Jessie Faige <j.faige@capitol.hawaii.gov>

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Dear Chair Rhoads,

I write in strong support of Shellie Park-Hoapili's appointment to the District Court of the First Circuit.

Shellie and I clerked together at the Hawai'i Supreme Court (for Justices Nakayama and Duffy, respectively), and we worked together at Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing. We have remained friends since, and I believe she will be a great judge. She is smart, she works hard, and she'll be fair. She's incredibly kind and generous, and she will be compassionate towards those who appear before her. She has a great mix of experience - clerking, private practice, and years of appellate work with the judiciary - and has the perfect temperament to be a judge. I support her appointment wholeheartedly.

I respectfully request that this email be included in the public testimony on Ms. Park-Hoapili's appointment.

Very truly yours,

Daniel Gluck Honolulu, Hawai'i





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

Shellie K. Park-Hoapili District Court Judge of the First Circuit (JC 23)

- TO: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice-Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary
- FROM: Rhonda L. Griswold President-elect, Hawaii State Bar Association
- Hearing: Friday, April 1, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Conference Room 016 & Videoconference State Capitol

The Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Association (HSBA) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the nomination of Shellie K. Park-Hoapili for the position of District Court Judge of the First Circuit.

The HSBA Board of Directors followed its multi-step process to inform the confirming authority of its findings on this appointment.

- Notification to the nominee of the HSBA appointment review process, which includes a questionnaire requesting educational credentials, legal and other professional work experiences, personal references; a resume; a copy of the JSC application; and an interview with the HSBA Board of Directors.
- Notification via electronic transmission to the HSBA membership of the appointment and a request for comments on the nominee.
- Appointment of a three-person review subcommittee of HSBA Board members by the President which serves as a neutral fact-finding body to: review documentation submitted by the nominee, contact references submitted by the nominee, review comments received from the HSBA membership, and conduct follow-up member contact for clarification, if necessary, for presentation to the HSBA Board.

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- Submittal of a report by the three-person review subcommittee to the President, and subsequently to the entire Board.
- Meeting of the President, the Executive Director, and the Nominee prior to the scheduled interview of the nominee by the Board.
- Interview of the nominee by the HSBA Board.
- Deliberation of the HSBA Board to determine if the nominees is qualified or unqualified.
- Submittal of the HSBA Board's recommendation to the confirming authority.

The HSBA President-elect and the Executive Director met with Ms. Park-Hoapili on March 30, 2022 to discuss the subcommittee's findings. On March 31st, Ms. Park-Hoapili was interviewed by the HSBA Board of Directors in executive session.

Documentation submitted by Ms. Park-Hoapili 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 Ms. Park-Hoapili in all categories of the HSBA criteria which include:

- Integrity
- Diligence
- Legal knowledge and ability
- Professional experience
- Temperament
- Financial responsibility
- Public service
- Ability to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of the position

The task of the HSBA was to determine the qualifications and suitability of the Nominee utilizing in large part, the judicial appointments criteria of the American Bar Association. The criteria are not ranked in terms of importance as it is used universally to review the qualifications of appointees for trial and appellate positions. The determination of qualified or unqualified is based on a totality of the documentation received, member and reference comments, and the interview of the individual appointed.

Immediately after graduating from the William S. Richardson School of Law, the Nominee, Shellie Park-Hoapili, began her legal career as a Law Clerk to a Hawaii Supreme Court Justice. Thereafter, the Nominee joined the Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing law firm where she served for 7 years as an associate. During her tenure with this law firm, which is now known as Dentons Hawaii LLP, Ms. Park-Hoapili's civil practice was varied and focused on title insurance defense, foreclosures, lender liability, loan servicing litigation, mortgage banking law, ERISA/Taft-Hartley matters, landlord-tenant disputes, commercial litigation, constitutional law and civil rights, collections, creditor rights and bankruptcy, and real property disputes.

Ms. Park-Hoapili returned to the Hawaii Supreme Court in 2012 as a Staff Attorney. As the Court's staff attorney, the Nominee was required to review appeal files and briefs and make recommendations to the Supreme Court Justices on substantive law, procedural matters, original proceedings, direct appeals, applications for transfers, jurisdictional matters, requests for attorney fees and costs, and a wide range of motions. In this capacity, she reviewed a wide variety of legal issues, including criminal, civil, and constitutional issues. In addition, Ms. Park Hoapili reviewed and evaluated over 900 writ petitions filed about actions of judges.

The Nominee is well-known in the legal community for her community service efforts to enhance the practice of law and provide services and assistance to local communities. She has been an active member of the Hawaii Women Lawyers and is currently the President of the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation.

Ms. Park-Hoapili is known for her integrity, diligence, exemplary work ethic, willingness to listen, and talent for getting people in group meetings to collaborate and come to meaningful solutions and conclusions.

After a review of all documentation submitted and the interview of the Nominee, which included dialogue and questioning relating to her background, experiences, and reasons for pursuing the position of District Court Judge of the First Circuit, the Board of the Hawaii State Bar Association found Ms. Shellie Park-Hoapili to be **QUALIFIED** for the position of District Court Judge of the First Circuit.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments for consideration during the deliberations and decision making of your Committee.