

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

SEP 16 2019

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 3

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
First Special Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 3, submitting for study and consideration the appointment of:

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

G.M. No. 3 LISA W. CATALDO,
 for a term to expire in 10 years,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Lisa W. Cataldo for service as a Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the appointment of Lisa W. Cataldo from Hawaii Women Lawyers and thirty-nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on the appointment of Lisa W. Cataldo from the Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Association.

The Hawaii State Bar Association Board of Directors (HSBA Board) uses a rating system that considers several criteria to assist the HSBA Board in making a recommendation to your Committee on whether the appointee is "qualified" or "not qualified". Specifically, the criteria the HSBA Board employs is the same criteria found in the American Bar Association's Guidelines for Reviewing Qualifications of Candidates for State Judicial Office. Those guidelines include the following criteria, which are not



exclusive: integrity, diligence, legal knowledge and ability, professional experience, temperament, financial responsibility, public service, health, and ability to fulfill the responsibilities and duties required of the position for which the applicant has been appointed. Upon review of the established criteria, the HSBA Board found the appointee to be qualified for the position of Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

Lisa W. Cataldo received her Bachelor of Science degree with honors from Oregon State University and later obtained her Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Hastings College of Law at the University of California. She currently is a partner at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP, where she participates in the defense of claims involving issues relating to commercial disputes, employment, disability, insurance, constitutional and civil rights, and land use on behalf of government, business, and individual clients in state and federal courts.

Prior to her current practice, Lisa W. Cataldo was a Deputy Corporation Counsel for the City and County of Honolulu Department of Corporation Counsel. She also served in the Marshall Islands as a part-time Magistrate Judge on the United States District Court, District of Hawai'i, and a training specialist for Range Systems Engineering Support, Co.

Testimony submitted in support of Lisa W. Cataldo's appointment commends her professionalism, strong work ethic, and keen intellect. Additionally, she has a reputation for objectivity, legal knowledge, and dedication to the fair and just application of the law. Testifiers noted Ms. Cataldo's sound judgment and unwavering integrity.

Your Committee finds that, based on the testimony submitted on her behalf, Lisa W. Cataldo has the experience, temperament, judiciousness, and requisite competencies to be a Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the appointee, has found the appointee to be qualified for the position to which appointed and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,

Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Gov. Msg./Jud. Com. No.:* GM3	Committee Referral: JDC	Date: 9/16/2019		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent 2347 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Consent 2349				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)				/
GABBARD, Mike				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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