



LATE

September 9, 2019

To: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

Senate Committee on Judiciary

Submitted via hand delivery and website

RE: SUPPORT FOR NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF LISA W. CATALDO
TO THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

Hawaii Women Lawyers (HWL) is a nonprofit business organization made up of over 300 female and male attorneys. HWL's mission includes improving the status of women in the legal profession, increasing the number of women attorneys in positions of authority and responsibility, and promoting the advancement of all women.

HWL believes that increasing opportunities for, and improving the visibility of, qualified women in the Judiciary is extremely important. The judicial bench should be adequately balanced and reflect the composition of Hawaii's citizens.

The percentage of women judges in Hawaii has never been truly representative of the community at large. While there has been some diversity improvement over the last few years, HWL believes that more qualified women should be appointed to fill judicial vacancies to bring balance to the bench.

HWL **supports** the nomination of LISA W. CATALDO for the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, and respectfully requests that you appoint her to the First Circuit. Lisa Cataldo's appointment will help to ensure that the number of women on the bench better represents the number of women in the legal profession and the larger community.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this nomination.

Very truly yours,

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

Lisa W. Cataldo
Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit (GM3)

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

FROM: Derek R. Kobayashi
President, Hawaii State Bar Association

Hearing: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 016
State Capitol

The Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Association (HSBA) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the nomination of Lisa W. Cataldo for the position of Circuit 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; a form authorizing disclosure from the Office of Disciplinary Counsel of any disciplinary action; 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.
- Submittal of a report by the three-person review subcommittee to the President, and subsequently to the entire Board.

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- 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.
- Submittal of the HSBA Board's recommendation to the confirming authority.

The HSBA President and the Executive Director met with Ms. Cataldo on September 6, 2019 to discuss the subcommittee's findings. On September 9th, Ms. Cataldo was interviewed by the HSBA Board of Directors in executive session.

Documentation submitted by Ms. Cataldo 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. Cataldo in all categories of the HSBA criteria which include:

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

Lisa Cataldo who was born and raised in the Marshall Islands has a diverse professional career which in large part was dictated by life's opportunities and circumstances. The Nominee presided over petty misdemeanor and misdemeanor cases during her tenure as a part-time Federal Magistrate Judge in Kwajalein. Ms. Cataldo has a varied Hawaii civil practice with a diverse clientele. She has case management skills from pretrial to the disposition of a lawsuit. She has also worked for the Department of the Corporation Counsel for the City and County of Honolulu, and was a Training Specialist responsible for the development, implementation and monitoring of apprentice programs in Kwajalein.

The Nominee's varied professional experiences exhibit a willingness to undertake challenges to work in different areas and develop a varied skillset. Ms. Cataldo's ability to adapt and find creative resolutions to problems is also evident in her varied background.

After the interview of the nominee, which included dialogue and questioning relating to her background, experiences, and reasons for pursuing the position of Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit, the Board of the Hawaii State Bar Association found Ms. Lisa W. Cataldo to be **QUALIFIED** for the position of Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit.

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

Respectfully submitted,



DEREK R. KOBAYASHI
President, Hawaii State Bar Association

Statement of Becky T. Chestnut

in Support of GM3, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai‘i, Gubernatorial Nominee LISA W. CATALDO, for a term to expire in 10 years.

Lisa W. Cataldo will be an excellent addition to the circuit court bench. Lisa has been a treasured mentor to me since 2000, when I first interned at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon. Having worked closely with Lisa for almost twenty years, I can say without question that Lisa’s professionalism, keen intellect, and dedication in private practice will translate to excellence on the bench. Lisa is intrepid; she is a fierce and tireless advocate for her clients. Lisa inspires others by maintaining very high standards for her own work, and never expecting more of others than she gives herself. She never cuts corners; she is diligent, thoughtful, and careful, and she works hard to make sure that any work product is well-researched, well-crafted, and helpful to its intended audience. This seriousness is counterbalanced by Lisa’s saber wit and delightfully dry sense of humor, which make working with her even more of a pleasure. Both in and outside of her practice, Lisa is an honorable, honest, and compassionate person. Hawaii’s judiciary and its people will greatly benefit from Lisa’s service as a circuit court judge, and I enthusiastically support her confirmation.

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September 5, 2019

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Hawai'i State Capitol
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Room 204
Honolulu, HI 96813

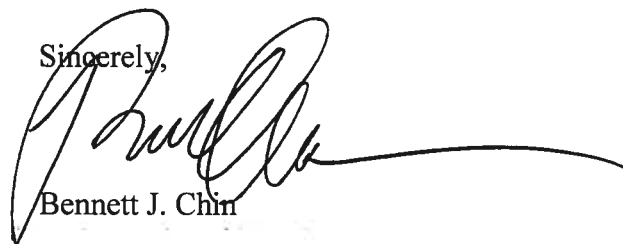
Re: GM3 - Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i
Gubernatorial Nominee LISA W. CATALDO
Letter of Support

Dear Sir/Madam:

It is my absolute pleasure to recommend the Committee approve of Ms. Cataldo's nomination to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i. It has been my privilege and honor to have gotten to know Ms. Cataldo as her law partner here at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon. She is thoughtful, careful and detail oriented and is one of the most dedicated and responsible attorneys that I know. She is never afraid to ask questions when issues come up that are unfamiliar to her and she is committed to following the law and finding justice in every case that she handles. I am also proud to call Lisa a friend, and we often talk about both work and our personal lives. She has a great sense of humor and cares deeply for her friends and family.

I highly recommend the Committee approve her nomination as I believe that she will make an exceptional judge.

Sincerely,



Bennett J. Chin

**BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

**CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
LISA CATALDO AS CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, STATE OF HAWAII**

TESTIMONY OF BONNIE TALAEAI

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 10:00a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 016

Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

My name is Bonnie Talaeai and I have been with the Law firm of McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP for 17 years and have known Ms. Cataldo since day one. I strongly support nominee Lisa Cataldo (GM3) for the position of Circuit Court judge of the State of Hawaii.

Ms. Cataldo is a humble and respectful individual. She has always made me feel that my voice counts and never second guessed my abilities. She would also advise me if there was room for improvement and I appreciate and respect her honesty.

I support Ms. Cataldo's nomination and know that she will be fair in her decision making and a great asset to the State of Hawaii's Judicial system. Please consider her candidacy. She is a true friend and will be an excellent Judge.

Mahalo for the opportunity in support of Ms. Cataldo's nomination as judge to the First Circuit Court.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie Talaeai".

Bonnie Talaeai

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September 6, 2019

VIA EMAIL TRANSMISSION - JDCtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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Re: In the Matter of the Confirmation of Lisa W. Cataldo
Judge, Circuit Court of the First Circuit
GM3
Hearing: September 10, 2019

Dear Senators:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Lisa Cataldo for the position of Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii. I have known Lisa for many years as a practicing attorney here in Honolulu. During that time, she has always conducted herself in a professional manner and has extended the utmost of courtesies to everyone she has come into contact with. Professionally, I believe that Lisa consistently demonstrates the highest degree of academic ability and moral toughness.

Although there is no question that professionally, Lisa is qualified to serve as a Circuit Court Judge, I believe that her most redeeming quality rests with her humility and kindness towards others. She is fair and always treats her colleagues with respect. Lisa possesses the appropriate temperament which will be an asset to the Judiciary, as well as to the people of the State of Hawaii. I wholeheartedly support Lisa Cataldo's nomination for Circuit Court Judge and ask that the Senate favorably consider her application.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate contacting my office. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

CARY T. TANAKA

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**BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

**CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
LISA CATALDO AS CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

TESTIMONY OF CHARLENE MORITA

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 016

Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

My name is Charlene Morita. I have been a litigation secretary at McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP (“M4”) for the past 30 years. I write this letter in strong support of nominee Lisa Cataldo (GM3) for the position of Circuit Court Judge of the State of Hawai‘i.

I have known Ms. Cataldo since 2000 when she started as an associate, and I have had the honor and privilege to work very closely with her since becoming her secretary in 2005. In addition to being my boss, I consider Ms. Cataldo to be a good friend.

Ms. Cataldo’s strong work ethic is impressive. She is a very humble, hard working, compassionate, honest, and level-headed attorney. Her treatment of clients, attorneys and staff has earned her the respect she deserves. Ms. Cataldo is a good listener, has sound judgment, and is fair, patient and open-minded, qualities that I believe a judge should possess.

I wholeheartedly support Ms. Cataldo’s appointment as a Circuit Court Judge. She will make an outstanding addition to the Court. I humbly ask the Committee to confirm her appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Ms. Cataldo’s nomination as a judge to the First Circuit Court.

Sincerely,

Charlene Morita

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September 6, 2019

The Honorable Karl Rhoads
The Honorable Glenn Wakai
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **Governor's Message 3: Nomination of Lisa W. Cataldo**
Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 10:00 am, Room 016

Dear Chair Rhoads and Vice Chair Wakai:

My name is Curtis Tabata, and I am writing to support the nomination of Lisa Cataldo for First Circuit Court Judge.

I am an attorney licensed in the State of Hawaii, and I have had the privilege of working with Lisa before the State Land Use Commission, where she demonstrated her expertise with the administrative process which included a mastery of the legal principles and land use policies, together with her professional approach towards administrative agencies, fellow attorneys and the public.

Lisa Cataldo possesses the highest levels of integrity, honesty, proficiency and judgement. I believe if given the opportunity that Lisa will make an excellent Circuit Court Judge.

Thank you for considering my written testimony.

Very truly yours,

MATSUBARA, KOTAKE & TABATA



Curtis T. Tabata

**BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair**

**CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
LISA CATALDO
AS CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, STATE OF HAWAI'I**

TESTIMONY OF DARLEEN KONO-CASUGA

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 016

Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

My name is Darleen Kono-Casuga. I am a legal secretary at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP (M4). I have known Ms. Cataldo for the last 14 years while working at M4. I write this letter in strong support of nominee Lisa Cataldo (GM3) for the position of Circuit Court Judge of the State of Hawai'i.

I believe Ms. Cataldo's integrity, objectivity, intelligence, knowledge of the law, experience, thoroughness, and fairness would make her a great judge. Her kindness and respect for others along with her other fine qualities would make her a big contribution to the judicial system.

It is a great opportunity, pleasure and honor to work with Ms. Cataldo. I appreciate your time and the opportunity to submit a written testimony on behalf of Ms. Cataldo.



Darleen Kono-Casuga

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Wakai, and Committee Members:

Re: Nomination by Governor Ige of Lisa W. Cataldo for the Circuit Court of the First Circuit
GM 3 - HEARING: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

My name is David J. Minkin. I am a litigation partner at McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP. Before joining the McCorrison law firm in 1995, I was a deputy prosecuting attorney for the City and County of Honolulu for 11 years.

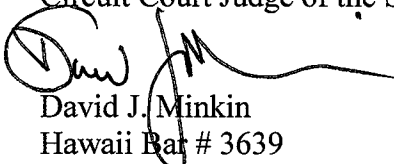
I write this letter in strong support of nominee Lisa W. Cataldo for the position of Circuit Judge of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i. I have known Ms. Cataldo since she joined the McCorrison firm in 2000. Based on her reputation at the Kobayashi Sugita and Goda firm as an associate, she was a welcomed addition to our firm. We worked closely together when she was an associate and partner at the law firm. I fully support her efforts to become a circuit court judge as she has a unique perspective having been a law clerk, an associate for two Hawai'i firms, a per-diem Magistrate Judge, a partner on two separate occasions at the McCorrison firm separated by her time as a deputy corporation counsel for the City & County of Honolulu.

Ms. Cataldo has appeared in numerous state and federal court proceedings as counsel in pretrial and trial matters. Lisa is an intelligent, hard-working and conscientious lawyer. She is cordial, courteous and respectful of opposing counsel and all witnesses in the many cases that we have co-counseled together.

Lisa is always fair and even-handed in her role as an advocate while demonstrating compassion and fairness to all parties while maintaining the utmost professionalism with counsel. Her overall demeanor and personality coupled with her superior intellect indicates that she possesses a fair judicial temperament and the intelligence to be an excellent Circuit Court Judge. Ms. Cataldo possesses excellent legal skills with a thorough understanding of the role that evidence, court rules and case law play in the judicial process while exhibiting the highest personal integrity with the appropriate moral courage to be a Circuit Court jurist.

As a former deputy prosecutor and private litigator over the past 35 years, I have appeared before numerous judges at all levels of courts in the State of Hawai'i. I can honestly state without any hesitation that Lisa W. Cataldo is an excellent candidate for Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i. She will make the judiciary and the State of Hawai'i proud as she continues her prior public service as a Circuit Court Judge.

Thank you for this opportunity to recommend Lisa W. Cataldo for confirmation as Circuit Court Judge of the State of Hawai'i.


David J. Minkin
Hawaii Bar # 3639
September 9, 2019

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GM3

Submitted on: 9/8/2019

Testimony for on Sep 10, 2019 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Dayna Kamimura-Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Wakai, and Judiciary Committee Members: I am writing to express my strong support of Lisa W. Cataldo for the position of Judge of the State of Hawaii First Circuit Court. I have known Ms. Cataldo since 2007 when I started working as a litigation associate at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP. I worked closely with her on numerous cases and have always been impressed by her diligence, integrity, and legal acumen. Ms. Cataldo also possesses the character, temperament, and intellect that make her superbly qualified to be a judge. Prior to being a litigator, I served as a law clerk and before that, I externed for various judges. I understand how much of an impact judges can have, not only on the parties who come before them, but also the law students and new attorneys who extern and clerk for them. I have no doubt that Ms. Cataldo will positively influence anyone who has the privilege of working with her. Her appointment would be of great benefit to the bar and our community. Although I no longer practice law, I continue to have the utmost respect for Ms. Cataldo as an attorney and as a person, and I wholeheartedly believe she would be an outstanding judge. Thank you very much for your consideration of my written testimony.
Sincerely, Dayna H. Kamimura-Ching

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September 9, 2019

VIA ONLINE SUBMISSION

Chairman Karl Rhoads
Senate Committee on Judiciary
145 South Beretania Street, Room 016
Honolulu, Hawaii

Re: GM3
Letter in Support of Lisa W. Cataldo to Serve as
Judge in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

I write to you in strong support of Lisa M. Cataldo to serve as a Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. I have known Ms. Cataldo professionally and personally for several years. We have had civil cases with each other and have shared many “war stories” over the years. She has had numerous cases against some of the most challenging personalities in our profession. Not only does she have the necessary broad legal experience, but her ability to handle opposing counsel professionally and effectively is the utmost example of why she should be appointed. Her calm and even demeanor will make her an invaluable asset to the Judiciary. I highly recommend that she be appointed and thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Emily Kawashima Waters, Esq.

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GM3

Submitted on: 9/8/2019

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Fenix Grange	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony in support of the selection of Lisa Cataldo for Circuit Court Judge, State of Hawaii . Chair Rhodes and members of the committee, I offer the following comments in support of the nomination of Lisa Cataldo for circuit Court judge. I have known Lisa for eight years, and find her a person of highest integrity, with a keen intellect combined with a calm and reasoned approach to challenges big and small. Her service will great benefit the people of Hawaii.

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**BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

**CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
LISA CATALDO AS CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, STATE OF HAWAI'I**

TESTIMONY OF LISA WILLIAMS CATALDO (GM3)

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 016

Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

I write this letter in strong support of nominee Lisa Cataldo (GM3) for the position of Circuit Court Judge of the State of Hawai'i. I have known Ms. Cataldo since 2012 meeting through common acquaintances, and within the last 5 years have become good friends.

If I had describe Ms. Cataldo in one word, it would be "thoughtful"; always in thought whether it be a random discussion amongst friends or a formal conversation.

My name is Jayneen (Jay) Toguchi and have been a Social Worker in Hawaii for the past 28 years; of which the last 10 years I have specifically worked with Service Members and their families. I have observed Ms. Cataldo in a variety of situations and interactions with others and am impressed with her integrity, good character, honesty, and ability to stay even-keeled even at the most stressful times. I have found Ms. Cataldo to be extremely insightful, with excellent judgement; caring, yet firm and delicately direct. To bring more depth to Ms. Cataldo, she had the fortunate experience of growing up in Micronesia which formed her value system of the importance of people and relationships. The State of Hawaii will be a better place with Ms. Cataldo as a Circuit Court Judge.

Thank you for this opportunity to write in support of Ms. Cataldo's nomination as a judge to the First Circuit Court.

Very Respectfully,
Jayneen Toguchi, LCSW
Licensed Clinical Social Worker

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September 5, 2019

Committee On Judiciary
Hawaii State Senate
Attn: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chairman

Re: GM3 – Circuit Court Nominee Lisa W. Cataldo

Dear Senator Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

I am a practicing attorney licensed in Hawaii since 1993, and a partner in the Honolulu firm Schneider Tanaka Radovich Andrew & Tanaka, LLLC. I write in support of the nomination of Lisa W. Cataldo to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii.

I have known Lisa since 2000 when she joined my former firm, McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon. I worked closely with Lisa on numerous cases between 2000 and 2013 when I left the McCorriston firm, and since then have remained in contact with her.

Lisa is one of the first attorneys in Honolulu from whom I seek advice about difficult legal issues. She is a lawyer of the highest caliber with an impressive knowledge of the law. She is calm, even-tempered and always professional. She holds herself to the highest ethical standards. She is practical and displays common sense in decision making. She is a clear-thinker and a skillful and precise legal writer.

Lisa will be a terrific judge. I recommend her highly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Joel D. Kam



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM3
relating to the nomination of

Lisa W. Cataldo
Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit (GM3)

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

To: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Members of the Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Wakai, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I write to express my strong and unequivocal support of the nomination of Lisa W. Cataldo to fill the judiciary vacancy in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

I have had the honor and privilege of knowing Lisa for over twelve years, both in the capacity as a mentor when I was a summer associate/associate at McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP ("M4") and as her law partner. I have worked extensively with Lisa and under her guidance on many civil litigation matters ranging from contract disputes, commercial and residential landlord-tenant matters, and probate matters. In the past few years, Lisa and I have served on various M4 committees together including the firm's hiring and compensation committees.

Based on my years working with Lisa, I believe she is highly intelligent, hardworking, and a quick study able to grasp complicated facts and areas of law pertinent to any dispute. She is well versed in Hawai'i statutes and case law and an excellent teacher on these topics. She is a team player, willing to roll up her sleeves and get her hands dirty whenever necessary, and I have never seen Lisa refuse to raise her hand when called upon to help where she can. I also have great respect for the manner in which Lisa deals with her colleagues, clients, and adversaries. I have personally witnessed multiple occasions where Lisa will not let pride get in the way of relationships or accomplishing the task at hand.

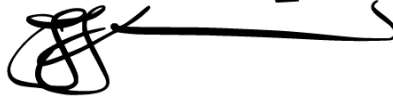
Above all, Lisa possesses unfailing integrity, and is a scholar of the rules of professional conduct. Because of this, I often find myself conferring with Lisa on ethical dilemmas I face in my law practice. I have never questioned Lisa's judgment, honesty, and fairness.

Based on my extensive experience working with Lisa, I strongly believe that Lisa possesses all the qualities and attributes that will make an excellent circuit court judge for years to come. She is one of the best and brightest lawyers that I have had the pleasure of knowing.

While M4 is disappointed to lose a talented and well-respected attorney, our loss is the Judiciary's gain. I strongly urge your confirmation of her nomination by Governor Ige.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized initial 'JK' followed by a long horizontal line that ends in a small hook.

Jordon J. Kimura

**BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

**CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
LISA CATALDO AS CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, STATE OF HAWAI'I**

TESTIMONY OF JOY M. CLEMENTE

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
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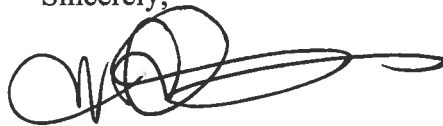
Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

My name is Joy Clemente. For 19 years, I have been a legal secretary at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP. I write this letter in strong support of nominee Lisa Cataldo (GM3) for the position of Circuit Court Judge of the State of Hawai'i. I have known Ms. Cataldo since 2000, when she joined McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP.

I truly believe that Lisa would be a tremendous asset to the First Circuit Court. I had the privilege and opportunity to work closely with Lisa over the years and I've known Lisa to be professional, fair, knowledgeable, and a hard worker. She can work independently and is able to follow through to ensure that the job gets done. She is trustworthy and is built of exceptional character and uncompromising integrity. Lisa is evidently a person with substantial experience, and I have no doubt that she would make an excellent and fair Judge. I have the utmost respect for her personally and professionally.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my support of Ms. Cataldo's nomination as a judge to the First Circuit Court.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joy M. Clemente', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joy M. Clemente

From: [Mailing List](#)
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Cc: ksyho@aol.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for GM3 on Sep 10, 2019 10:00AM (Written Only)
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Submitted on: 9/8/2019

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
kathleen ho	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee: I write in strong support of the selection of Lisa M. Cataldo as a Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i. I have known Lisa, both professionally and socially, for many years. Lisa is hard-working, diligent, and has demonstrated exceptional knowledge of the law. She is a dedicated practitioner with a breadth of experience in both the public and private sector. As a practitioner, Lisa has demonstrated she has the judicial temperament, composure, and restraint to be an excellent Judge. She is analytical and thoughtful in oral and written work. I believe she poses the intelligence, experience, and demeanor to become an outstanding Judge. I know Lisa will be a tremendous asset to the bench and highly recommend that you confirm her.

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September 9, 2019

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

I write this letter in support of Lisa W. Cataldo's nomination for appointment to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Lisa since 2010 when I was an associate at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP ("M4"). For part of that time, she was my partner supervisor and I worked with her on numerous litigation cases. This time allowed me to observe Lisa both as a lawyer and as a person, and I believe my observations may assist this Committee in considering her confirmation.

In my time working with Lisa, I learned many lessons on how to be a good lawyer, and effective advocate for my client's interests.

I learned about the work needed to be an effective counsel. Lisa's work ethic is exemplary. She was one of the first attorneys in the office and she often worked long hours. Despite her busy professional life, Lisa would find time for family and maintain a work/life balance.

I also learned about treating everyone with civility and respect. Lisa consistently treated clients and opposing counsel with fairness and respect, which made her an effective advocate. She maintained her professionalism and civility even when personally attacked. I respected her straightforward demeanor and unwillingness to play games or compromise her values.

She also extended that civility to all who she worked with. During her time at M4, Lisa earned the respect and admiration of my fellow associates and the staff. Outside of the office, Lisa showed respect to and acknowledged the inherent dignity of every person she encountered, which I believe is based, in part, from her humble upbringing.

I also learned how to be an effective mentor. I found Lisa to be open-minded and she listened to different arguments. When she did not agree, she would explain her reasoning in a way that was constructive. These "teachable moments" were invaluable to me. I believe that her ability to make a person feel heard and understood is an essential component of an effective Circuit Court Judge.

Her ability to communicate effectively verbally also extends to her legal writing. She was able to convey difficult legal topics

in a meaningful manner that clients could understand. Lisa is a thoughtful writer who values clarity of expression and brevity.

She has an easygoing personality that I have seen her use to effectively disarm and diffuse tense situations with opposing counsel.

Both professionally and personally, I know Lisa to be honest and forthright, and to maintain the highest integrity and moral courage in difficult situations.

My opinion of Lisa has not changed since my time at M4, and my regard and admiration for Lisa has only increased over the years.

I am confident that Lisa will diligently apply herself to her cases with thoughtful deliberation and impartiality in accordance with the highest judicial standards, and that she will treat litigants and attorneys evenhandedly and with respect.

I respectfully ask that you favorably confirm Lisa to the position of Circuit Court Judge. Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide my comments.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Asano Besko

kimberly.asano@gmail.com

**BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

**CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
LISA CATALDO AS CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

TESTIMONY OF LAURA S. LUCAS

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 016

Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

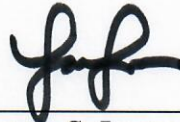
I write this letter in strong support of nominee Lisa Cataldo (GM3) for the position of Circuit Court Judge of the State of Hawai‘i.

Since 2008, I have known Ms. Cataldo as a trusted colleague, valuable mentor, and close friend. Currently, I am a Managing Partner at Carlsmith Ball LLP. Before joining Carlsmith, I was a litigation associate and then partner at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP, during which Ms. Cataldo and I worked together closely.

I can attest to Ms. Cataldo’s sharp analytical skills, outstanding writing ability, and astute judgment. She approaches legal issues with intellectual curiosity, thoughtfulness and practicality. I know her to be open-minded, fair, and an excellent listener. In addition, Ms. Cataldo is a natural teacher who is generous with her time and knowledge; I have benefitted exponentially from that generosity. She is also witty and wise, insightful, and self-aware. Through everything, she remains humble, maintains impeccable integrity, and conducts herself with the utmost professionalism.

I am proud to wholeheartedly support Ms. Cataldo’s nomination. Her considerable talents and attributes make her exceptionally well-qualified to serve. With a diverse reservoir of knowledge and experience on which to draw, she will be a tremendous addition to the Judiciary.

Thank you for this opportunity to write in support of Ms. Cataldo’s nomination as a judge to the First Circuit Court.



Laura S. Lucas

From: [Lyle S. Hosoda](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Recommendation for Lisa Cataldo for Circuit Court Judge
Date: Sunday, September 8, 2019 8:20:20 AM

Dear Senators:

I have known Ms. Cataldo for approximately 30 years. We worked together at the same law firm for 2-3 years back in the late 1980s. We developed and maintained both a professional and personal relationship ever since. I have worked on cases with Ms. Cataldo both for and against.

Professionally, Ms. Cataldo knows the law and exercises sound judgment. She also knows people and the community well, and will make well reasoned and rational decisions. She is an ethical individual who will not compromise her ethics. She is a very fair minded person.

She is both mentally and physically healthy and fit for the duties and responsibilities to serve as a First Circuit Court judge. For these reasons, I recommend Mr. Cataldo for the position. I am available should you wish to discuss Ms. Cataldo further.

Aloha, Lyle

**BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

**CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
LISA CATALDO AS CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, STATE OF HAWAII**

TESTIMONY OF MARGUERITE S. N. FUJIE

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 016

Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:


I write this letter in strong support of nominee Lisa Cataldo (GM3) for the position of Circuit Court Judge of the State of Hawai'i.

My name is Marguerite S. N. Fujie. I am a partner at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP ("M4"). Before joining M4 in 2014, I was a Deputy Corporation Counsel for the City & County of Honolulu, where I first met Ms. Cataldo. Ms. Cataldo encouraged me to apply to M4 where she had been a partner before joining Corporation Counsel. In late 2014, I started at M4 as a litigation associate and then became a partner in January 2018. Since 2015, after her return to M4, Ms. Cataldo and I worked together on several matters and she has become one of my primary resources at M4 for legal analysis, strategy and writing.

Aside from being consistently meticulous and detailed in her review and analysis of any case that she becomes involved with, she also has a great sense of humor and deeply cares for her friends and family. She is also someone who feels strongly about practicing with the utmost professionalism, integrity and decency, which I fully anticipate she will expect in any practitioner who appears before her.

Although her appointment would mean a great loss to M4, I have no hesitation in recommending the Committee approve Ms. Cataldo's nomination as I believe she will make an exceptional judge.

Thank you for this opportunity to write in support of Ms. Cataldo's nomination as a judge to the First Circuit Court.



BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

GM 3

CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
LISA W. CATALDO AS CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, STATE OF HAWAII

TESTIMONY OF NOELANI JINBO

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 016

Der Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Wakai, and Committee Members:

My name is Noelani Jinbo and submit this testimony in **strong support** of the nomination of Lisa W. Cataldo as a Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Hawaii pursuant to GM 3.

I have known Ms. Cataldo since 2000 when she started as an associate at the McCorriston law firm, where I have been a legal assistant for over 30 years. Based on the 19 years that I have known and worked with Ms. Cataldo, I believe that Ms. Cataldo is highly qualified to serve as a Circuit Court Judge because of her integrity, temperament, and strong work ethic. For these reasons, I strongly support and hope that you will favorably consider her nomination.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, •



Noelani Jinbo

September 7, 2019

RE: Governor Appointed Circuit Court of the First Circuit Lisa Cataldo (GM3)

Dear Senate Committee of the Judiciary Members,

I humbly submit a letter of recommendation for Lisa Cataldo who is the Governor's Appointee for the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Ms. Cataldo for over 20 years. My wife, Shauna Brown, who grew up in Hawaii and still has family in Kailua, went to law school with Ms. Cataldo. We are very close friends. Ms. Cataldo is one of the most honest, ethical and caring people I know.

We both have mothers who are getting older. She has worked hard to ensure that her mother has the care and attention she needs. She has provided me wonderful guidance on things to consider in caring for my mother, emphasizing the importance of spending as much quality time as possible. It is one of a number of examples I could share that highlight Ms. Cataldo's caring nature and prioritization on issues that matter most.

If I had an issue before the First Circuit, I would want a Judge like Ms. Cataldo. I think she will create a courtroom that is fair and kind and promote trustworthy leadership in the judicial system.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Pamela Brown
Kensington, California

Peter J. Hamasaki
Five Waterfront Plaza, #5-400
500 Ala Moana Boulevard
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

September 6, 2019

Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice-Chair
Committee on Judiciary
The Senate
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: GM 3 - Submitting to the Senate for its consent, the appointment of
Lisa W. Cataldo to serve as Judge of the State of Hawai'i First Circuit

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Wakai and Committee Members:

I would like to express my **strong support** for the nomination of **LISA W. CATALDO**, Governor's Message No. 3, to serve as a Judge of the State of Hawai'i First Circuit.

I have been a colleague of Ms. Cataldo as an attorney in private practice for the past 19 years and believe that her integrity, keen analytical skills, extensive litigation experience, diligence and temperament will make her an excellent Judge. In addition, Ms. Cataldo's prior experience as a part-time federal magistrate judge (United States District Court, District of Hawai'i) in Kwajalein, Republic of the Marshall Islands, gives her a strong judicial foundation.

For the foregoing reasons, I ask that you please favorably consider Ms. Cataldo's nomination for appointment as a Judge of the State of Hawai'i First Circuit. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Peter J. Hamasaki

Ref: Nomination of **LISA WILLIAMS CATALDO -- GM3**

My name is **R. John Seibert**, a previously active and now in-active member of the Hawai'i State Bar (active: 1990 – 2018; inactive: 2018 – present) (Bar # JD5257). I submit this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Lisa Williams Cataldo for Judge of the First Circuit Court, State of Hawai'i.

For nearly 44 years until my retirement in 2018, I was a civil and criminal trial attorney first for the U.S. Department of Justice from 1974-1995 and then from 1995 - 2018 as a private practitioner with the firm of McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP ("M4"). Between 1987 and 1995, I served as Chief of the Organized Crime Strike Force Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Hawai'i.

I worked closely with Ms. Cataldo at M4 starting in 2005 on a series of unrelated civil actions until my retirement last year. The cases were often discovery intensive requiring careful and efficient case management, drafting and arguing numerous motions, undertaking extensive trial preparation and eventual appellate briefing.

At all times, Ms. Cataldo demonstrated outstanding professional skills as a civil litigator. Her insight as to law and facts was detailed and thorough. Her knowledge of the case record as it developed and expanded through discovery remained superbly comprehensive. Her oral and written communication skills were succinct and virtually always on point as were her insightful evaluations of positions of counsel whether in-house or opposition. Her commitment to following, and requiring others to follow, the Hawai'i Rules of Professional Conduct was exemplary.

Throughout, Ms. Cataldo expressed her views in an evenly tempered demeanor never letting emotion overtake the logic of her analyses.

The First Circuit Court and the State of Hawai'i would be decidedly well-served were Ms. Cataldo confirmed as circuit court judge for the First Circuit Court.

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September 6, 2019

The Honorable Karl Rhoads
The Honorable Glenn Wakai
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **Governor's Message 3: Nomination of Lisa W. Cataldo**
Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 10:00 am, Room 016

Dear Chair Rhoads and Vice Chair Wakai:

I submit this letter in support of Lisa W. Cataldo's nomination as a Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii. Ms. Cataldo is one of my law partners in the firm of McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP, and I have had the good fortune of knowing her since 2000 when she first joined the firm. Over the years we have worked on numerous cases together, nearly all of which have involved complicated legal and business issues. Ms. Cataldo has consistently shown the patience and intellectual capacity to study and understand these issues, and to work with clients and opposing counsel in arriving at a resolution.

Ms. Cataldo's work experience in both the public sector (at the Department of the Corporation Counsel in Honolulu) and the private sector has given her a broad and practical perspective of law practice in Hawaii, and has earned her the respect of judges, attorneys and government regulators throughout the State. She has consistently shown the highest level of excellence in legal writing and oral argument in complex civil litigation matters and administrative hearings. When you consider Ms. Cataldo's legal background and skill set along with her tireless work ethic and high ethical standards, there is no doubt that she will make a great Circuit Court Judge.

I respectfully urge the Senate Committee on Judiciary to recommend confirmation of Ms. Cataldo as a Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii.

Very truly yours,



Randall F. Sakumoto

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September 5, 2019

VIA E-MAIL

Senate Judiciary Committee
JDCtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 204
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Lisa W. Cataldo - Letter of Support

Dear Sir/Madam:

I have had the privilege of knowing and being Ms. Cataldo's law partner for almost 20 years. We are both personal friends and professional colleagues. Lisa is a thoughtful and careful attorney who focuses on the details of all matters before her. She is quite knowledgeable about the law, but when she is unsure of an area, she will readily acknowledge her lack of information and purposely and aggressively seek it out before forming a conclusion. We have worked together on many cases over the years and she has a strong sense of teamwork and cooperation. Over the years, she has also mentored several of our associates, helping to groom them for their roles as partners in the firm. Further, she has actively participated in the administration of the firm and its personnel.

On a personal level, I know her to be a kind and empathetic person who cares deeply about the well-being of others. She is a caring and giving person who is witty and laughs easily. Difficult situations do not daunt her in her personal or professional life.

I highly recommend the Committee approve her nomination as I believe that she will make a fine judge.

Very truly yours,

McCORRISTON MILLER MUKAI MacKINNON LLP



Randall K. Schmitt

RKS:jmc

Before the Senate Committee on Judiciary
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee
Lisa Cataldo as Circuit Court Judge, State of Hawai'i

Testimony of Regina Robello

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 016

Dear Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

I am writing you in strong support of the judicial nomination of Lisa Cataldo (GM3) for the position of Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i.

My name is Regina Robello. I am presently, and have been, a legal secretary at the law firm of McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP (the "McCorriston firm") for 27 years. Although I may not be one of Ms. Cataldo's peers who is at liberty to comment on her skills as an attorney, I am very qualified to comment on her character as an individual; a quality that I feel is just as valuable in such a vital position as being a judge.

I met Ms. Cataldo in 2000 when she joined the McCorriston firm and it was immediately apparent that she was not only a well-respected attorney, but a kind and compassionate individual. Ms. Cataldo took time out of her busy schedule not only to help other attorneys on their cases, but to guide new associates and help staff members with personal problems or questions. It was then that I realized her caring nature far extended the walls of our office. She approached her clients with the same compassion, understanding and dedication as she did her friends and co-workers. It is Ms. Cataldo's moral standings, as well as her skills as an attorney and her ability to make hard decisions, that I feel will make her an excellent judge.

Although this may be the end of a close working relationship, I will carry with me everything that I have learned from her and will always respect her as a person and a friend.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to write in support of Ms. Cataldo's nomination.

Very truly yours,


Regina Robello

From: [Shanlyn A.S. Park](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In support of GM3 Lisa Cataldo, Judicial Nominee
Date: Sunday, September 8, 2019 7:21:49 PM

Dear Senator Karl Rhoads and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

Even though I have only known Lisa Cataldo for a little over two years my time with her as a partner in the McCorriston law firm has given me the opportunity to know her both broadly and intensely. It is not an exaggeration to say that I have spent substantive time with her almost every day during this period. What I've learned is that while she practices law with great passion, her actions are deliberate and measured. Lisa has a thorough knowledge of the law, and its processes, and possess all of the intellectual faculties that go along with being a successful practicing attorney for three decades.

Equally important, is that I have come to realize her compassion for the people involved in her work. Whether it be co-counsel, opposing counsel, staff or the courts, she is keenly aware of the reactions to and ramifications of her actions. This situational empathy gives her the ability to have great insight into the "why" of a case, and not just the "what." This in turn has allowed her to not only litigate her clients' cases successfully, but fairly. I believe that if confirmed Lisa will be a valuable asset to the Judiciary.

Sincerely,

Shanlyn Park

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**CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
LISA CATALDO AS CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, STATE OF HAWAI'I**

TESTIMONY OF SHARON SHIMIZU

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 016

Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

My name is Sharon Shimizu. I have been a legal secretary at the law firm of McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP since 1996 and have known Ms. Lisa Cataldo since 2000 when she first started as an associate.

I submit this testimony in strong support of Ms. Cataldo's nomination (GM3) for the position of Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit of the State of Hawai'i. I have worked with Ms. Cataldo on several occasions and I believe that Ms. Cataldo is highly qualified to serve on the Circuit Court bench and to serve the Hawai'i community. Ms. Cataldo has always demonstrated the highest level of integrity and diligence. In addition, she has consistently maintained good relations with subordinates and staff. Regardless of the circumstances, she maintains a straightforward and professional manner, and is respectful and civil to all parties. Ms. Cataldo always invites others to share their concerns in hearing all sides of an issue before determining on how to best proceed. She always seems committed in doing what is fair, no matter what parties are involved.

I firmly believe that Ms. Cataldo would be an outstanding Circuit Court Judge and an asset to the Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon H. Shimizu

I write to submit my written testimony to the Judiciary Committee regarding the Governor's nomination (GM3) of Lisa W. Cataldo to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii.

My name is Shauna Brown and I have known Lisa Cataldo for 29 years since we were law students in the same section together during our first year at the University of California Hasting College of the Law. Lisa and I have remained close professionally and personally over the years and over that time, I have known her to exhibit a deliberate and thoughtful character in her communications and behavior toward others. Lisa's temperament is balanced, composed and steady. I strongly believe Lisa's fitness to be a judge is well established by her valuable practical qualifications as a law clerk for a U.S. District judge in Las Vegas, a federal magistrate judge in Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, and as a partner practicing civil litigation at the well- regarded law firm of McCoriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP.

I wholeheartedly and without reservation support the nomination of Lisa Cataldo.

/s/

Shauna Brown

September 8, 2019

Dear Chair Rhoads and Judiciary Committee Members,

My name is Simone Smead. I am mother, a small business owner, and a public school teacher in Colorado. It is my honor to write this testimony for my longtime friend, Lisa W. Cataldo, GM3, in support of her nomination to serve as a Judge of the State of Hawai'i First Circuit Court.

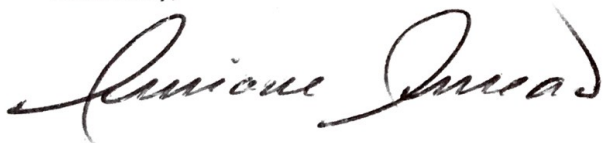
Lisa and I met as teenagers while living in Kwajalein in the Marshall Island. We went to the same school, played on the same sports teams, and spent time with each other's families. We also worked together for several years at Kwajalein where she was highly regarded for her excellent work product. It's been 40 years and Lisa is my best friend and closest confidant.

I have witnessed Lisa's determination and exceedingly hard work to achieve her goals including playing a Division I sport, becoming a lawyer, and aspiring to be a judge. I have been inspired by Lisa's intrinsic motivation and commitment to perform to the highest standards. Lisa is the most ethical person I have ever met, while also being the most considerate and caring. She treats everyone she meets with genuine respect and consideration.

The idea for Lisa to be a judge is not new to me. I have thought she should be a judge for a long time given her temperament and fundamental belief in the rule of law and its equitable application. Lisa's nature is thoughtful, caring, highly intelligent, and understanding. In her quest to get a deep grasp of matters she asks great questions, is a careful listener, thoroughly considers the information, and comes up with spot-on assessments.

I cannot think of a better person to be a judge than Lisa. She is a quality person that I, and so many of our friends and family, hold in the very highest regard. I thank you for this opportunity to share my insights about Lisa, and if I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simone Smead". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Simone Smead

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Comments: Attached, please find written testimony in favor of the confirmation of Lisa W. Cataldo to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. Please contact me should you require any additional information. Thank you.

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Testimony in support of Lisa W. Cataldo (G3)

I am writing in support of the nomination of Lisa W. Cataldo to the circuit court in Hawaii. Ms. Cataldo is my sister. I have known her for over 50 years.

I know Lisa to be hard-working and committed to excellence. Lisa is one of the hardest working people I know. Whether it is practicing 50 free throws before breakfast during her basketball career years or working on the weekends for her job, she always puts in the time and effort to produce an excellent result. My sister, Lisa, holds herself to a very high standard in whatever arena she is working in. She expects nothing but the best from herself and will not stop until she has achieved it.

All of her life my sister, Lisa, has been driven to be excellent and has been willing to put in the time to be so. She will bring these traits to the bench as a judge. Ms. Cataldo will make an excellent circuit court judge.

September 9, 2019

The Honorable Karl Rhoads
Senate Committee on Judiciary, Chair
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 204
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Glen Wakai
Senate Committee on Judiciary, Vice Chair
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 407
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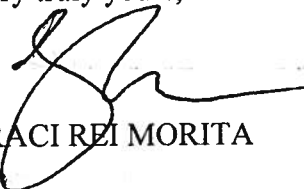
Subject: **GM3** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, LISA W. CATALDO

Dear Chair Rhoads and Vice Chair Wakai:

It is with great pleasure that I write this recommendation for Lisa W. Cataldo ("Lisa"). I have known Lisa personally and professionally for over 6 years. I first met her when we worked together at the Department of the Corporation Counsel for the City and County of Honolulu, where she was an invaluable resource for legal analysis, strategy, and writing. In addition to her legal abilities, I respect Lisa for her work ethic and unwavering integrity.

Lisa will make an excellent Circuit Court Judge because of her calm demeanor and temperament. I have always known her to treat everyone with respect, regardless of their background or legal position. In conclusion, I respectfully recommend your Committee approve Lisa W. Cataldo's nomination for Circuit Court Judge. Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Very truly yours,



TRACI REI MORITA

To: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Date: September 6, 2019

Re: GM 3; Strong Support for the Nomination of Lisa W. Cataldo

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Ms. Lisa W. Cataldo's nomination to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. I have known Lisa W. Cataldo for at least seven years. We met through mutual friends (mostly non-attorneys) and instantly shared a common language around the law and litigation.

HUMBLE AND ACCOMPLISHED IN THE LAW

Lisa is not one to boast about her accomplishments or rest on her laurels. When we first met, I was new to the practice of law as a litigator. It was nice to talk about the work I was doing and share battle stories from my work as a Deputy Public Defender. Lisa gave consistent reassurances, listening and asking questions that helped reinvigorate my practice and commitment to my clients. In hindsight, my struggles as a new attorney were "oranges" to the "apples" Lisa must have faced serving as a judge in Micronesia, handling complex civil cases, and representing the City and County in the Corporation Counsel's office. Nonetheless, she listened with interest and patience.

LOVE FOR THE LAW; EXPECTATION OF EXCELLENCE AND PROFESSIONALISM

Lisa's focus is on mastery of the law and navigation of the judicial process. Lisa has a reputation for demanding excellence: clear and crisp writing, hard work, and proper preparation for court. The attorneys who have worked alongside and under her know that Lisa is committed to ensuring work products are immaculate. I recall Lisa asking me about various judges as she prepared for hearings and trial matters. Such questions demonstrated her commitment to her craft and humility in believing she could learn from even a new attorney.

COMPASSION AND CARE FOR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

In addition to Lisa's drive as a legal practitioner, she is deeply committed to serving others. Perhaps obvious, I believe Lisa sees her work as an attorney as a form of service, ensuring that her clients are provided good counsel and representation. Additionally, Lisa served the United States as a part-time magistrate in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Deputy Corporation Counsel. Outside of work, Lisa cares for her aging mother and is deeply loyal to her closest friends, volunteering to provide childcare, or simply being available to listen and offer support.

In sum, Lisa's experiences as an attorney, litigator, and part-time federal magistrate judge combined with her deep commitment to excellence as a practitioner, will make her a judge who is unwavering and unbiased in the fair application of the law.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support of the nomination of Lisa W. Cataldo to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF
G.M. 3**

TO: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Troy J.H. Andrade, Ph.D., J.D.

RE: STRONG SUPPORT OF G.M. 3, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee LISA W. CATALDO, for a term to expire in 10 years

DATE: Tuesday, September 10, 2019
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: State Capitol, Conference Room 016
415 South Beretania Street

I write today in my individual capacity to express my strong support of G.M. 3, Governor David Ige's nomination of Lisa W. Cataldo to become a judge in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

I have the privilege and honor of serving for several years as a colleague of Ms. Cataldo at McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP ("M4"). Ms. Cataldo's academic, litigation, and judicial experiences alone make her an ideal judicial nominee to confirm. But, I write today with a different criteria for what I believe makes an excellent judge and why Ms. Cataldo meets that criteria. As a former law clerk to Chief Justice Mark E. Reckentald—an amazing mentor—and now as a law professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law training our next generation of lawyers, I know that an important—often forgotten—role of a Hawai'i judge is to mold our future lawyers. From my own daily interactions with Ms. Cataldo, I can say with full confidence that she played an instrumental role in my development as a lawyer and scholar, and she will, no doubt, be a great mentor to many more young professionals.

I first met Ms. Cataldo in my job interview for an associate position at M4. While the other members of the hiring committee asked me questions about myself and why I applied to the firm, Ms. Cataldo almost immediately jumped in and asked me about a paper that I had published while in law school about getting rid of the bar exam. She wanted to further understand my argument and wanted to see if I could defend it. She wanted to challenge me and see if I could be a good lawyer. I knew from this brief interaction that I wanted to learn from Ms. Cataldo, and I did. In our work, she asked probing questions that forced me to rethink my analyses and conclusions. We worked through opposing arguments with the same meticulous attention to detail. It should, thus, come as no surprise that I was continually in awe of Ms. Cataldo's intelligence, patience, and fairness. More importantly, she always made time to check in and just talk—about life, career paths, and even the use of the Oxford comma. Indeed, although busy with disputes that often included complex legal issues and multiple parties, Ms. Cataldo's door

was always open to her colleagues, including young associates, senior partners, and our support staff. Because of Ms. Cataldo's steadfast dedication and unparalleled commitment to the highest quality service to our client, the judicial system, and our work 'ohana, I strived every day to approach my own role as a lawyer, advocate, and team member with similar conviction.

Based on these interactions, I know that Ms. Cataldo will provide our future lawyers with constructive and honest feedback; she will have them scour the legal databases to ensure that all laws have been thoroughly vetted; she will challenge their arguments and conclusions so that they have fully considered all sides of an issue; she will do so with her firm and compassionate disposition; and she will create a collaborative work environment.

Ms. Cataldo will make an amazing judge (and mentor to many) and I hope you will accord her your most thorough consideration.

Before the Senate Committee on Judiciary
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee
Lisa Cataldo as Circuit Court Judge, State of Hawai'i

Testimony of William C. McCorriston, Esq.

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 016

Re: Nomination of Lisa W. Cataldo (GM3)

Dear Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

To give you some context, I would like to briefly introduce myself before giving you my strong endorsement of Lisa Cataldo ("Lisa") to be confirmed as Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i. I am a "local boy" who attended both public and private schools in Honolulu. As such, I believe I am familiar with local culture and values. Professionally, I served as a government lawyer for the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Honolulu. I have been in private practice for fifty years and founded my law firm, McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP ("M4 Law"), thirty years ago. It was my privilege to serve the Hawai'i State Bar Association as President and have been elected to many professional organizations such as the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Board of Trial Advocates. Additionally, I have participated in various capacities on a number of charitable and community organizations.

Lisa's broad experiences have given her a unique perspective in law and life. Lisa was primarily raised on the Island of Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands when it was being administered by the United States. She went on to graduate with honors from Oregon State University, where she also played on the Women's Varsity Basketball team.

Thereafter, Lisa attended and graduated from the University of California Hastings College of the Law. She was elected as Associate Executive Editor of the Hastings International and Comparative Law Journal. After graduation, Lisa was selected for a highly sought after clerkship position in the Federal District Court of Nevada. Thereafter, Lisa began her career at the distinguished Kobayashi Sugita and Goda law firm in Honolulu. From 1998 - 2000, Lisa served as part-time Magistrate for the United States District Court for the District of Hawai'i, giving her valuable experience as a jurist.

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Lisa joined M4 Law in 2000 and became a partner in 2003. Lisa has primarily practiced in civil litigation and has represented major mainland and Hawai'i corporations and insurance companies. At M4 Law, she held significant positions on the firm's Executive Committee, which manages the business of the firm, and the Associate Development Committee.

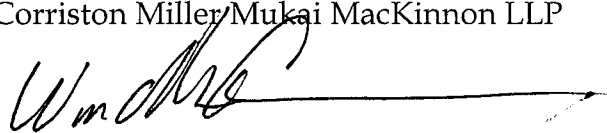
Lisa is respected by her clients and lawyers who work with her. She has a calm, deliberate demeanor which will serve her well as a jurist. She is exceptionally intelligent and unafraid to make decisions. She has superb research and writing skills.

I believe that you will find Lisa, by education, experience and character, to be exceptionally qualified to be a circuit court judge.

I appreciate this opportunity to write on behalf of Lisa and thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wm C. McCorriston', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

William C. McCorriston