

Honolulu, Hawaii

SEP 16 2019

RE: JUD. COM. NO. 1

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 Judiciary Communication No. 1, submitting for study and consideration the appointment of:

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE OF THE THIRD CIRCUIT

J.C. No. 1 JEFFREY A. HAWK,
for a term to expire in 6 years,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Jeffrey A. Hawk for service on the District Court of the Third Circuit, State of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the appointment of Jeffrey A. Hawk from twenty-seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on the appointment of Jeffrey A. Hawk 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 District Court Judge of the Third Circuit.

Jeffrey A. Hawk received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature from the University of California, Berkeley and later obtained his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. He currently serves as a Per Diem Judge of the District Court and District Family Court of the Third Circuit and works as a solo practitioner in criminal law. Mr. Hawk's prior legal experience includes serving as Per Diem Judge of the Family Court of the First Circuit; Partner at Hawk Sing & Ignacio, where he practiced criminal law; Deputy Public Defender in the Office of the Public Defender; and a paralegal at Stanton Clay Tom Chapman & Crumpton.

Mr. Hawk has been actively involved in the legal community throughout his career, including serving as Chairperson of Adult Friends for Youth, Chairperson of the Defender Council, and member of the Committee to Review and Recommend Revisions to the Hawaii Penal Code.

Testimony submitted in support of Jeffrey A. Hawk's appointment commend his wealth of trial experience, commitment to his community, and dedication to public service. He has repeatedly demonstrated his dedication and compassion to those who enter the legal system, and as such, he is well respected in the legal community. Numerous testifiers also praised his talent, intelligence, temperament, integrity, and ethics.

Your Committee finds that based on the testimony submitted on his behalf, Jeffrey A. Hawk has the experience, temperament, judiciousness, and other competencies to serve as a Judge of the District Court of the Third 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, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Gov. Msg./Jud. Com. No.:* <i>JC 1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>JDC</i>	Date: <i>9/16/2019</i>		
<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	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Donna Mercado Kim</i>				
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