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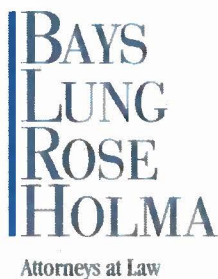
Testimony In Support Of Karin Holma

To the Honorable Committee Members:

I am the managing partner of the law firm Bays Lung Rose & Holma and I writing to express my strong support for the appointment of Karin Holma to the District Court of the First Circuit. I have worked with Ms. Holma for the last 15 years and there is no doubt in my mind that she will make a great District Court Judge. Her knowledge and experience will make her an asset to the Judiciary. As a practicing attorney, Ms. Holma has always been willing to take on challenging cases and complex legal issues. She has always put her clients first and has worked tirelessly on their behalf. I am certain that she will bring that same willingness to go above and beyond to the bench. As a senior partner at our firm, she has displayed the kind of integrity and temperament that is needed to maintain the public's confidence in the Judiciary and the legal system. Ms. Holma has been a fair and even-handed leader that is able to show empathy to all of those she deals with, yet she is not afraid to make the hard decisions when necessary. In these uncertain times, the Judiciary needs Judges with Ms. Holma's intellect and compassion to help guide the public forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter in support of Ms. Holma.

Sincerely,
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September 28, 2020

To the Honorable Members of the Committee:

Re: Letter In Support of Karin L. Holma

Dear Committee Members:

I am the managing partner of the law firm of Bays Lung Rose & Holma and I am writing on behalf of BLRH to strongly support the appointment of Ms. Holma to the District Court of the First Circuit. Ms. Holma has the skill and intellect to be an excellent District Court Judge. As a senior partner at the firm, Ms. Holma has brought unparalleled leadership to the firm and has been a tremendous mentor to all of the attorneys at the firm. Ms. Holma has always practiced with the highest ethical standards while dealing with the challenging legal issues that come with doing complex commercial litigation. Ms. Holma has helped make our firm one of the top litigation firms in the State of Hawaii. We are confident that she will bring that same knowledge and energy to the Court and will be a great addition to the District Court bench.

Confidence in the legal system is of the utmost importance in our society and Ms. Holma has the temperament and intellect that will no doubt instill confidence in the Judiciary. Having worked with a diverse array of clients, from large national corporations to small “mom & pop” businesses to your average, everyday citizen, Ms. Holma has the ability to relate to people across the board and that ability to relate to everyone is important to ensuring that those appearing before the court feel their case was handled in a fair and unbiased manner. As the State navigates its way through these unprecedented times, the Judiciary needs jurists like Ms. Holma to help carry on the traditions of respect and stability that have been the hallmarks of the State’s legal system. Accordingly, we strongly support the appointment of Ms. Holma and respectfully encourage the Committee to approve her appointment.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

BAYS LUNG ROSE & HOLMA

By: 

Adrian L. Lavarias

Attorney at Law, A Law Corporation

Its General Partner



Alan Shintani INC.
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TO: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair, The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

RE: **STRONG SUPPORT** for Judiciary Committee No. 1, Chief Justice's Appointment Order No. 2020-1, Consideration and Confirmation to the District Court, First Circuit, Judicial Nominee, Karin Holma

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2020
Time: 1:00 PM
Place: Congerence Room 016

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

My name is Alan Shintani, I own a construction business and was a past president of Building Industry Association of Hawaii. Since 1984 Alan Shintani, Inc. has completed numerous projects including both private and public contracts.

I know Ms. Holma who has been a member on the Board of Directors for the BIA of Hawaii before, during and after my term. While we were both on the board, Ms. Holma provided invaluable guidance to our board on legal matters and advice on legal issues which impacted the construction industry. She brought a wide range of experience and insight to the range of issues at these Board of Directors meetings.

I am in strong support for the confirmation of Judicial Nominee, Karin Holma to the District Court, First Circuit. She is a good attorney who I am confident would do a great job and be a valuable addition to the First Circuit Court. I stongly encourage the Committee to confirm Karin Holma as a Judge in the First Circuit Court.

Thank you for this time and I appreciate the opportunity to provide my comments on this matter.

Sincerely

Alan Shintani
President
Alan Shintani, Inc.

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JC1

Submitted on: 9/29/2020

Testimony for on Oct 1, 2020 13:00PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying Remotely
Ashley Lukens	Individual	Support	No

Your comments:

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF

AUDREY HIDANO
1620 HAU STREET
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BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
ON

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020
1:00 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 016

J.C. No. 1

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT, JUDICIAL NOMINEE, **KARIN L. HOLMA**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE IN 6 YEARS.

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on J.C. No. 1. **I strongly support the nomination of Ms. Karin L. Holma to the District Court of the First Circuit, Judicial Nominee.**

I have known Ms. Holma for over 20 years. She brings to the job her 25 years of litigation experience. She is open minded and a good listener which should be a positive trait for this position.

Ms. Holma, being a specialist in construction law and litigation we worked together on legislation for the construction industry under the umbrella of members of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA of Hawaii). She brings a wide range of experience and insight to various issues.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Ms. Holma for the District Court of the First Circuit, Judicial nominee.

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

Sincerely,


Audrey Hidano



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Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: JC1—Confirmation Hearing on Nomination of Judicial Nominee Karin L. Holma, District Court of the First Circuit

Hearing: State of Hawaii Senate Committee on Judiciary, October 1, 2020, 1 p.m. Conference Room 016, State Capitol

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

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

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

It is important that our State Judiciary have judges with a wide variety of backgrounds and perspectives. Ms. Holma brings the perspective of a woman whose family had limited financial resources, but taught her the value of hard work and respecting and having empathy for others. She used those values to

survive and thrive in the often harsh world of complex business litigation, resolving multi-million-dollar cases while managing our law firm through some of the most successful years in its history. I hope she has the opportunity to use those values as a District Court Judge, for the benefit of lawyers and litigants in the First Circuit.

Sincerely,

BAYS LUNG ROSE & HOLMA

By: /s/ Bruce D. Voss
Bruce D. Voss
Attorney at Law, A Law Corporation
Its General Partner

**TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF
KARIN L. HOLMA
TO JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT
[JC-1]**

September 28, 2020

Honorable Chair and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am writing in support of Karin L. Holma's appointment to the position of judge of the District Court of the First Circuit. I have known Karin since I first started practicing law in Hawaii in early 1997, and have practiced and worked with her since that time. We have been partners at the law firm of Bays Lung Rose Holma for over 15 years now and I have worked together with her on many cases. I have also had the pleasure of working with her in connection with our service in various positions with the Hawaii State Bar Association. Karin is a good friend as well as a trusted and valued law partner.

Karin will make an excellent judge in the District Court. She has been a careful and detail-oriented practitioner, but also a person who does not allow her passions to overrule principle or to cloud her judgment. She cares about doing what is right and helping others, which I have found to be rarer in our profession than it should be. Karin is a pleasure to work with and I am confident she will bring her enthusiasm and good nature to the bench in a manner that will help those appearing before her appreciate the experience. Karin is honest, upstanding, and ethical in the way that she practices law, but also in the way that she treats everyone.

I have been honored and grateful to call Karin my partner and friend, and will be honored further to see her fulfill her long-time dream of serving the State of Hawaii as a judge. I respectfully request that this Honorable Senate Judiciary Committee recommend confirmation of Karin L. Holma to the position of judge of the District Court of the First Circuit. Mahalo.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C.P. Wagnild', written in a cursive style.

Craig P. Wagnild

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Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Conf Room 016
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Testimony in Support of Karin Holma as District Court Judge

Dear Judiciary Committee:

I unconditionally, and without any reservation, support the appoint of Karin Holma to the District Court of the State of Hawaii. I have known Ms. Holma for over 25 years. We first hired her as a young attorney and we are now partners at Bays, Lung, Rose and Holma. She possesses all the qualities one would look for in a Judge. She is smart, hardworking, compassionate, dedicated, practical and does it all with integrity and grace. You cannot find a more qualified individual.

I ask that you approve and support the appointment of Ms. Holma as a District Court Judge. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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September 30, 2020

Senator Karl A. Rhoads, Chair and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: JC 1, TESTIMONY *IN SUPPORT OF*
NOMINATION OF KARIN L. HOLMA
Hearing: October 1, 2020, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room 016

The Honorable Chair Karl Rhoads and Honorable Committee Members:

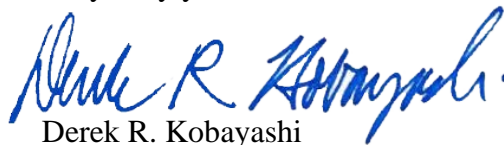
I am writing to express my *strong support* for the nomination of Ms. Karin L. Holma to the position of District Court Judge, District Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Ms. Holma over the years as a fellow board member and officer on the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i State Bar Association ("HSBA") and also know her to be a very skilled and knowledgeable litigator, particularly in the area of construction litigation. Ms. Holma has served diligently on the HSBA Board of Directors and has taken the time to regularly share her knowledge of construction litigation via seminars she has presented to the HSBA membership.

She is of the highest integrity and is hard-working. I have always known her to be very considerate of other's views, treating others with professional respect and as a result, Ms. Holma will display an excellent judicial temperament. She has always appeared to be in good health and financially responsible.

Ms. Holma undoubtedly will ably fulfill all of the responsibilities and duties of the position to which she has been nominated - District Court Judge of the First Circuit. I urge your Committee on Judiciary to recommend that the Senate advice and consent be given in support of her nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

Very truly yours,


Derek R. Kobayashi

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Submitted on: 9/27/2020

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying Remotely
Francis Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Your comments: I wish to submit strong support for Karin L Holma for judge in District Court. We first met as Board members for the Building Industry Association. It did not take long to see just how smart and organized she was and how perceptive she could be in breaking down issues that we confronted, and making them understandable to our membership. Karin comes from a dedicated family. Dedicated to appreciate all this country has to offer. Both of her parents came from Finland and her Father a building contractor and her Mother an office manager stressed education. Karin became a lawyer, her brother is a lawyer and an engineer and her sister is a scientist. Karin has also served her community while serving on the Board of the State Bar Assoc, the BIA board, the board of Rotary Club of Honolulu, the Neighborhood Board and City and Country of Honolulu Planning Commission. Karin is dedicated and compassionate. In closing we recently celebrated our 15 wedding anniversary. I know she will stand by the rule of law.

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
State Capitol, Conference Room 016
415 South Beretania Street
1:00 PM**

October 1, 2020

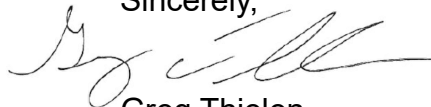
RE: Judiciary Committee No. 1, Chief Justice's Appointment Order No. 2020-1,
Consideration and Confirmation to the District Court, First Circuit, Judicial
Nominee, Karin Holma

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the committee:

I am writing in **strong support** for the confirmation of Judicial Nominee, Karin Holma to
the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii.

I have known Karin for over a decade and served together with her on a Board of
Directors. Karin always held herself and others to a high standard, but did so in a way
that was respectful. I consider her a mentor on educating me on properly executing my
duties and responsibilities as a board member. She has a sharp intellect and a
generous heart. I know she will be an outstanding Judge.

Sincerely,



Greg Thielen
President/RME

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JC1

Submitted on: 9/29/2020

Testimony for on Oct 1, 2020 13:00PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying Remotely
Harvey Lung	Individual	Support	No

Your comments: I wholeheartedly support Karin Holma's appointment as District Court Judge for the First Circuit, State of Hawaii. I have known Karin for nearly 30 years. She is both my friend and business partner. As a trial lawyer, Karin has demonstrated to me that she is very familiar with our judicial system, including the Rules of Procedure and Rules of Evidence. While she certainly knows her way around a courtroom, she is also practical and exercises good judgment and common sense on behalf of her clients. She is unfailing fair and unbiased. Accordingly, I believe that Karin would be a very good fit for the position of District Court Judge. Knowing her as well as I do, Karin has very high moral standards and her integrity and reputation in the legal community is unquestioned. Having been a litigator for nearly 40 years, and having litigated many cases against many fine attorneys and before many fine judges, in my opinion Karin has the judicial temperament and demeanor that would make her a fine District Court Judge. Finally, I am confident that Karin will will not only fill the position with competency and integrity, but she will enhance the Hawaii Judiciary as a whole. She is smart and creative while being firmly rooted in legal principles and precedent. She has embraced diversity in our firm and in our community. She has exhibited leadership, both in our firm as its managing partner, and with the HSBA as an officer. But most of all, she will bring increased visibility to the bar and the judiciary because of her courage--her willingness and ability to speak her mind while respecting the points of view of others; exercising authority while being held accountable; and being disciplined and rigorous in problem solving while being compassionate. Thank you for your consideration. Harvey J. Lung

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September 25, 2020

To: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

Submitted via Capitol website

RE: SUPPORT FOR NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF KARIN L. HOLMA TO
THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

Hawaii Women Lawyers (HWL) is a nonprofit organization with approximately 300 members/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 citizen.

The percentage of women judges in Hawaii has never been truly representative of the community at large. HWL has been working with the Bar, the Judicial Selection Commission and the appointing authorities (Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald and Governor David Ige) to educate and encourage women attorneys to consider applying for judicial positions. Significant strides have been made in the past several years, but HWL believes that more can be done to appoint qualified women to fill judicial vacancies to bring balance to the bench.

Consistent with these efforts to improve the diversity of our bench, HWL **supports** the nomination of Karin L. Holma for the District Court of the First Circuit, and respectfully requests that you appoint her to the First Circuit. Karin L. Holma's appointment will help to ensure that the number of women judges on the bench better represents the number of women in the legal profession and the community at large.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit support on this nomination.

Very truly yours,

Hawaii Women Lawyers

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Submitted on: 9/24/2020

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying Remotely
Jeffrey Zimmerman	Individual	Support	No

Your comments: I have known Karin Holma for more than a decade and have spent time with her both personally and professionally. Ms. Holma has represented my Company in select legal issues where her intellect and expertise has clearly championed a number of challenges that we could not have handled without her involvement. I'm not sure if there's enough positive adjectives to be used in this limited testimony but I'm in agreement of her choice as a Judge. The State of Hawaii will be in a much better position with Ms. Holma's involvement and leadership. Mahalo.

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JC1

Submitted on: 9/28/2020

Testimony for on Oct 1, 2020 13:00PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying Remotely
John Rowe	Individual	Comments Only	No

Your comments: This letter is a whole hearted endorsement of Karin Holma to become a judge in Hawaii. I have known Karin for over 15 years as a close family friend and in a business capacity as my attorney. I have seen her in both social and business environments. Karin is one of the most reliable and level headed I have ever known. She is smart, strong and sensitive. She conveys her thoughts clearly and simply. Karin is a fantastic listener. I have trusted her with my business dealings and I am proud to call her my friend. Karin Holma would be a great addition to the Hawaii courts.

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Submitted on: 9/29/2020

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying Remotely
Matthew Shannon	Individual	Support	No

Your comments: I strongly support the appointment of Karin Holma as a District Court Judge. I have worked with Karin Holma for almost 15 years. She has all of the qualities one hopes for in a Judge. She has integrity, intelligence, a strong work ethic, and a detailed knowledge of the law. Therefore, I am convinced that she would be an invaluable addition to the Judiciary.

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September 25, 2020

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Committee on Judiciary
Senator Karl Rhodes, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole

Re: JC1 – Consideration and Confirmation to the District Court of the First
Circuit, Judicial Nominee Karin L. Holma, for a term to expire in 6 years
(Testimony in Support)

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

I am writing to submit this letter in strong support of the confirmation of Karin L. Holma as Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit for a term of 6 years. I strongly support her nomination and believe that she has all the characteristics that would make her an outstanding Judge. I have known Ms. Holma for 19 years as an associate working under her, and as law partner. She is hard working, ethical, a great attorney and a great person. I strongly support her nomination and believe she meets all the qualifications for an outstanding Judge. Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,



Michael C. Carroll

Respected Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to express my unconditional support for the nomination of Karin Holma to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have worked with Ms. Holma for twenty years – first as a summer associate, then as an associate, then as a Partner. She is smart, pragmatic, and compassionate. These are the very qualities you should seek in a District Court Judge.

I have the upmost regard for Ms. Holma's legal acumen and moral character. The State should be proud to have her as a nominee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any further information.

Best regards,

Ryan Engle

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
State Capitol, Conference Room 016
415 South Beretania Street

October 1, 2020

RE: Judiciary Committee No. 1, Chief Justice's Appointment Order No. 2020-1,
Consideration and Confirmation to the District Court, First Circuit, Judicial Nominee,
Karin Holma

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

My name is Sarah Love. I am a Partner with the law firm of Bays Lung Rose & Homla. I am writing to you in **strong support** for the confirmation of Judicial Nominee Karin Holma to the District court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii.

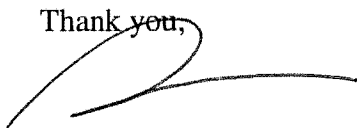
I have worked with Ms. Holma for the past 14 years. Ms. Holma has been both a mentor to me as a young associate where she took the time to teach me the fundamentals of what it means to be a good attorney and litigator, and a Partner where we have worked together to advance the workings of the firm. This included working closely with Ms. Holma during her tenure as managing partner for the firm.

Ms. Holma would be a valuable asset to the District Court bench. She has a true passion and love for the law. Ms. Holma is smart and over the tenure of her career as a practicing attorney she has worked closely with clients to evaluate the legal merits of their case so the client may make informed decisions on how they wish to proceed. I believe these qualities are important for an attorney to possess when he/she transitions from practice to the bench. In addition, I have watched Ms. Holma through her involvement with the Building Industry Association of Hawaii and know the high regard that those in the BIA-Hawaii hold for her.

For as long as I have known Ms. Holma, she has had a desire to be on the bench. I know that she is committed to this next step in her career, should she be provided the opportunity. As someone who has worked closely with Ms. Holma for over a decade, I whole heartedly provide my support for her nomination. I am confident she will be a valuable addition to the First Circuit Court.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on this matter.

Thank you,



Sarah Love



**SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
State Capitol, Conference Room 016
415 South Beretania Street
1:00 PM**

October 1, 2020

RE: Judiciary Committee No. 1, Chief Justice's Appointment Order No. 2020-1,
Consideration and Confirmation to the District Court, First Circuit, Judicial Nominee,
Karin Holma

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the committee:

My name is Dwight Mitsunaga, 2020 President of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. Our members build the communities we all call home.

BIA Hawaii is in **strong support** for the confirmation of Judicial Nominee, Karin Holma to the District Court, First Circuit.

Ms. Holma was a member and on the Board of Directors for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii for a number of years. She provided valuable guidance to our association on legal matters and advice on legal issues that impact the construction industry. She brought a wide range of experience and insight to the range of issues being discussed at the Board of Directors meetings.

We are confident that she would be a valuable addition to the First Circuit Court as she would bring that same insight and experience on matters before the Court.

We urge the Committee to confirm Karin Holma as a Judge in the First Circuit Court.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments on this matter.

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Your comments: Please accept my testimony in strong support of Ms. Karen Holma for District Court judgeship. I can attest to Ms. Holma's strong work ethic, moral character and dedication to Hawaii's people. Thank you for your favorable consideration of her nomination for District Court in the First Circuit. Respectfully, C. Mike Kido

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

Karin L. Holma
District Court Judge of the First Circuit (JC1)

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

FROM: P. Gregory Frey
President, Hawaii State Bar Association

Hearing: Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 1:00 p.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 Karin L. Holma 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; 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 to determine if the nominees is qualified or unqualified.
- Submittal of the HSBA Board's recommendation to the confirming authority.

The HSBA President and the Executive Director met with Ms. Holma on September 22, 2020 to discuss the subcommittee's findings. On September 24th, Ms. Holma was interviewed by the HSBA Board of Directors in executive session.

Documentation submitted by Ms. Holma 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. Holma 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

After graduating from law school in Oregon, Ms. Holma came to Hawaii and sat for and passed the Hawaii Bar Exam, and began a clerkship with Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon (ret). After a brief tenure at the Office of the Attorney General, the Nominee joined a civil law firm now known as Bays Lung Rose and Holma. This well-respected law firm is known for commercial litigation and real property transactional expertise. Ms. Holma has been a litigating attorney during her entire tenure with the firm.

She is known within the legal community as an experienced construction dispute litigator who knows the law and rules of procedure and evidence. Members have commented that she is a hard worker, is always prepared, and looks to all sides for a "win-win" result. She is also known for her accuracy in her representations and high level of integrity.

In addition to her professional responsibilities to her clients, Ms. Holma is a long-time member of the Hawaii State Bar Association board having served as an elected member and officer. She has been a primary speaker at construction law continuing legal education seminars. Recently, Ms. Holma spearheaded The Hawaii Food Bank's Legal Industry food drive in response to the enormous needs due to corona virus pandemic. In 3 weeks over \$75,000 was raised for The Hawaii Food Bank and its Kauai, Maui, and Big Island partners. Ms. Holma is also active as a Rotary Club member involved in Hawaii's Literacy Program.

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While Ms. Holma's appointment to the Bench will not allow her to continue on the HSBA Board, Ms. Holma will be an asset to the Hawaii State Judiciary as a District Court Judge of the First Circuit. Her contributions to the HSBA as a board member will be missed as she serves the legal community in another capacity.

After 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. Karin L. Holma 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 our Committee.