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Chair Karl Rhoads and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Capitol
417 South Beretania Street, Room 016
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813
Via Email: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Re: Confirmation of Ms. Shanlyn Park to the First Circuit Court (GM3)
October 27, 2021 at 9:00am

Dear Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

I am writing in strong support of the confirmation of Ms. Shanlyn Park to the position of judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

I am a solo practitioner concentrating in criminal defense who has appeared in the District, Family, Circuit, and Federal Courts, on a regular basis over the past 20+ years. I am familiar with the histories, procedures, and personalities of the Hawaii Judiciary.

Ms. Park is one of the brightest, quickest, and most competent attorneys that I have ever met. She has impeccable academic credentials and many years of practical “in the trenches” experience as a federal public defender and private attorney. Public service needs honest, talented, and caring individuals like Ms. Park.

I believe that the opportunity to have such a qualified candidate for the position of Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit should not be passed up. Please feel free to call upon me if you have any questions or concerns.

Very Truly Yours,

/s/ Richard H.S. sing

Richard H.S. Sing

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Submitted on: 10/20/2021 2:33:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 10/27/2021 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Robin Kobayashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully endorse and support Shanlyn Park to the judiciary because of her outstanding character, experience, and ability. I have known her on both a professional and personal level for over 10 years. During this time, Shanlyn has demonstrated her irreproachable integrity and commitment to the community. Not only would Shanlyn provide the much needed diversity of thought on the judiciary, but she would also enhance the quality of the bench.

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**Written Testimony in Support of
consideration and confirmation to the First Circuit Court as
Circuit Court Judge, Gubernatorial Nominee, Shanlyn A.S. Park**

October 20, 2021

Honorable Senator Ronald D. Kouchi
President
Hawai'i State Senate
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
And Members of the Committee
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawai'i State Senate
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Judicial Nominee: Shanlyn A.S. Park
Hearing: October 27, 2021 / 9:00 a.m.

Dear Senators Kouchi and Rhoads:

I am humbled and honored to submit the following written testimony in support of the Senate's consideration and confirmation of the Shanlyn A.S. Park, to the First Circuit Court as a Circuit Court Judge.

I am currently a practicing attorney at law in Hawai'i and have been licensed to practice law in the State of Hawai'i and a member of the Hawai'i State Bar Association for 40 years.

My interaction with and relationship to Shanlyn is limited to her as a practicing attorney.

I believe Shanlyn will uphold and honor the esteemed position of a Circuit Court Judge in a manner that accepts and embraces our rich cultural norms and our laws.

I believe that Shanlyn's appointment to the First Circuit Court will be a valuable benefit to the Citizens of Hawai'i, and our future generations.

From an attorney's perspective, I believe Shanlyn has a superior understanding of the law and its application. In every case for which I interacted with her as an attorney, she demonstrated her superior knowledge of the law, critical legal analysis and writing abilities, and those traits which support my belief that she will be able to exercise fine judicial temperament, which include

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compassion, decisiveness, open-mindedness, sensitivity, courtesy, patience, freedom from bias and commitment to equal justice.

Her experience, maturity, excellent legal ability, and traits conducive of fine judicial temperament make her an excellent choice to fill the position of Judge of the First Circuit.

The Citizens will be truly blessed to have this exceptional and fine attorney as a jurist sitting on the First Circuit Court, and I hope my comments are helpful for your consideration of Shanlyn's nomination, and that you will confirm her nomination as a Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit Court.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen K. Williams", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Allen K. Williams

GM-3

Submitted on: 10/20/2021 4:16:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 10/27/2021 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jaime Tokioka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is hard to put into words just how impressive and special Shanlyn Park is, but this will have to do for now. Shanlyn is far and away one of the best trial attorneys I have ever seen, an amazing mentor, and incredible person. I have no doubt that Shanlyn possesses all of the knowledge and experience (during her lengthy career in both the criminal and civil sectors), fair and unbiased disposition, and compassion for the community and its concerns to make an excellent judge! During my time working as an associate at the McCorriston Firm, I had the pleasure of getting to know and work with Shanlyn. Although supervising partners are only assigned to one associate, Shanlyn graciously offered her help to all associates. I was lucky enough to be one of those associates. Despite her heavy caseload and commitment to being a devoted mother and wife, Shanlyn always made the time for me, including after we were no longer at the same law firm. Having someone like Shanlyn in my corner has made ALL the difference in my development as an attorney and person as she has not only inspired me but also made me want to be a mentor to others. In short, to say that Shanlyn has my support is an understatement. If you should have any further questions, please let me know. And again, I STRONGLY support Shanlyn's nomination!

Governor Ige

September 15, 2021

Dear Governor Ige:

I write this letter on behalf of Shanlyn A. S. Park. I have known her for over 20 years. I first met her when I started working at the Federal Public Defenders Office. She was one of the attorneys I was assigned to. After she left the office to join a private law firm we kept in touch over the years. She is an honest, intelligent, witty, and a down to earth sort of person that one would be so lucky to have as a co-worker and friend.

Shanlyn has an excellent rapport with people of all ages and is devoted to her principles. At work I have seen her always striving for the best outcome for our clients despite the many hurdles some of those cases presented. And throughout the years she has remained passionate and enthusiastic and always maintained professionalism in her career.

In addition, Shanlyn has involved herself in various community programs volunteering what time she could between working and caring for her children and husband and also her extended family which included her in-law who developed Alzheimer's disease. That was a challenge which she took up without being asked to, dealing with the doctor visits and home care for her father-in-law until his death years later.

She is capable to handle any situation handed to her. She has excellent communication skills both verbal and written and ability to connect with all kinds of people make her very approachable. If appointed, she will truly be an asset to the community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Hermi Hunt

Hermi Hunt

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October 20, 2021

Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **Shanlyn A.S. Park**
Judicial Nominee
Circuit Court of the First Circuit

Dear Senate Committee:

I write this letter in support of Shanlyn A.S. Park, who I know to be a very competent, caring, hardworking, and community-minded individual. I worked with her as a legal assistant for approximately 9 years, while she worked at the Office of the Federal Public Defender, and our friendship has continued since then.

When I began working with Shanlyn, I was surprised at how much she truly cared for her clients, given that she was a “public defender.” She had good rapport with her clients and truly cared for their wellbeing. No matter the offense or how difficult the client may have been, she handled every client with professionalism, patience, empathy, and respect. I was especially moved by her care of two of her mentally-ill clients. One of those clients was here in Honolulu, and even though her case was closed, Shanlyn continued to talk and visit with her and provide her with certain necessities (toiletries and clothes). The other client was on the mainland, and Shanlyn would keep in contact with him and his family. When Shanlyn left our office to go into private practice, she took those clients with her.

As my supervisor, Shanlyn always treated me with respect and patience. When I first started at the Public Defender’s Office, I was new to criminal law (my previous work history was in civil law). Shanlyn was very approachable and always available to answer my questions and explain criminal procedures to me. I learned a lot from working with Shanlyn and will always be grateful for the guidance she gave me.

Shanlyn also did a lot of volunteer work outside the office. She served on the Board of Sacred Hearts Academy and volunteered with Project Focus Hawaii and

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HUGS. She was also very active in her children's school activities and often volunteered to help set up and decorate for school events. This is just the few that I remember, but Shanlyn was always volunteering to help whenever she could.

I firmly believe Shanlyn will make an excellent judge. She will treat all attorneys and parties who come before her, and her staff and co-workers, with the same respect and patience, and most importantly, fairness, that I have seen in her through the years. She possesses the qualities of a great judge – she has well-rounded legal work experience, working in both criminal and civil law, in government and in private practice; she is active in the community; and she has the disposition to be a fair, impartial, and competent arbiter.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my support of Shanlyn. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Cathy Peters



October 20, 2021

Senate Judiciary Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Testimony in Support of Shanlyn A.S. Park for Circuit Court Judge

Dear Chair Karl Rhoads and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I write in strong support of Shanlyn A.S. Park (“Shanlyn”) for the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. Shanlyn joined our firm in 2017. I had contact with her virtually every working day, and have had many opportunities to work directly alongside her on several cases.

We recruited Shanlyn because of her excellent skills and reputation as a trial attorney at the Federal Public Defender’s Office. She is extremely intelligent, even tempered and fair. These traits have made her an outstanding mentor to our new associates. I have always found her to be respectful to our staff, opposing counsel and the courts alike. I have observed her demeanor in court where she exhibits a cool competence. She is absolutely honest, trustworthy and of the highest character. I believe this to be not just my opinion, but that of the legal community and greater community at large.

Shanlyn showed an exceptional ability to quickly adapt to a civil law practice from her previous employment as a Federal Public Defender. She has had extensive experience in civil trial work since joining our firm.

Although Shanlyn recently left our firm, we still hold her in the highest regard and hope that she achieves her dream job of becoming a judge.

I believe that you will find Shanlyn, by education, experience and character, to be exceptionally qualified to be judge.

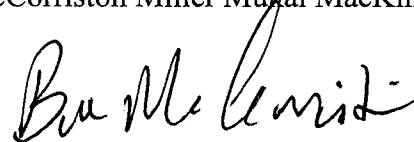
On a personal note, Shanlyn is part-Hawaiian “local girl”, who is steeped in our local values and culture. She will bring this added perspective and balance to the Court. She also has a delightful sense of humor. Finally, she is a wonderful wife and mother who balances her life to fully participate in her family’s activities.

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

Very truly yours,

McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP

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William C. McCorrison

WCM:lu

October 21, 2021

Senator Karl Rhoads
Chair of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Via Online submission

Re: GM 3, the consideration of the Gubernatorial
nomination of Shanlyn A.S. Park to serve as
a First Circuit Court Judge

Dear Senator Rhoads:

Please allow me to convey my support for the nomination of Shanlyn A.S. Park as a First Circuit Court Judge, and I request that the Judiciary Committee and the Senate vote to confirm her nomination.

In recent years Ms. Park has been my "opposing counsel" in civil litigation cases, and she has shown a very strong understanding of the law and the Hawaii judicial system, rules and procedures. She has also shown a commitment to getting things done the right way, and to reaching the correct resolution of matters in an efficient manner. She has also expressed in conversations with me a strong desire to serve our community as a Circuit Court Judge to help provide the high level of judicial services we deserve, and she can draw upon her significant history of representing people in criminal and civil proceedings to do so. In our professional dealings as opposing counsel I have always been able to trust her word and her representations, and she has always shown a professional demeanor that would serve her well as a Circuit Court Judge.

Very truly yours,

SHIM & CHANG
Attorneys at Law

By



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Testimonial for Shanlyn Park

I am writing on behalf of Shanlyn S. Park who has been nominated as a circuit court judge.

My relationship with Ms. Park evolves around Sacred Hearts Academy. I was her high school teacher, and, later as the Head of School, I found her to be a faithful alumna of the school. She is a past member and Chair of the Academy's Board of Directors.

In all my dealings with Ms. Park, I found her to give unselfishly of her time to serve the school. I feel confident that she will bring to the court much dedication and hard work. She is a person of great integrity, competence and compassion. Her reliability and fairness and her tolerance and acceptance of the opinions and beliefs of others are of the highest caliber. And, perhaps, just as important, she always exhibits a positive attitude towards others.

I appreciate Ms. Park's desire to serve her community and state —always keeping in mind her sense of place, aloha and compassion.

I fully support Ms. Park's nomination to the court system as one of Hawaii's jurists.

Betty White
Former Head of School
Sacred Hearts Academy

October 21, 2021

Senate Committee on Judiciary
Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair
Representative Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Submission via online testimony

Re: Support of Shanlyn A.S. Park
Hearing Date/Time: October 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Dear Representatives:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in SUPPORT of Shanlyn A.S. Park.

Shanlyn has shown great judgment, compassion, and a strong commitment to upholding the law. Most importantly, she treats people fairly and with respect in all aspects of her life. For all those reasons and more, Shanlyn would make an excellent Circuit Judge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Tongg', written in a cursive style.

Kevin C. Tongg

I write in strong support of Shanlyn Park to be appointed as a Circuit Court Judge for the First Circuit.

I have known Shanlyn in a professional capacity since 2009, as she was my mentor at the Federal Public Defender's office. She is extremely knowledgeable, incredibly hardworking, and was seen as a leader within the office. Shanlyn has extensive litigation experience, and I personally have seen her try cases, as we tried several cases in federal court together before juries.

Her commitment to public service has been unwavering, and it does not surprise me that she is seeking to serve the people of the State of Hawai'i as a judge. She would do so fairly, compassionately and with integrity.

Thank you for reading my comments.

Salina M. Kanai



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The Senate Judiciary Committee
Hawaii State Legislature

Re: Shanlyn A.S. Park

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am an attorney and the founder of Ronald T. Ogomori, Attorney at Law, a Law Corporation. I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Shanlyn A.S. Park, who has been selected to fill one of the existing vacancies at the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, subject to the Legislature's confirmation.

I have known Shanlyn for nearly thirty years, and first met Shanlyn when we both attended the William S. Richardson School of Law.

I strongly believe that Shanlyn has the requisite litigation experience, moral values and temperament to be an extremely effective Circuit Court Judge. She is hard-working, diligent, compassionate and takes pride in her work. Therefore, it is without reservation that I recommend Shanlyn A.S. Park to be appointed as a Circuit Court Judge in the First Circuit Court, State of Hawaii.

If you have any questions or comments, I may be reached at (808) 695-4241.

Very truly yours,

RONALD T. OGOMORI

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Submitted on: 10/21/2021 12:43:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 10/27/2021 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Laurie Callies/Lisa Uesugi	Testifying for ProjectFocus Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: We have known Shanlyn Park for over two decades as a client of our photography businesses and avid supporter of our non-profit, ProjectFocus Hawaii, whose mission was to provide a healing voice through the medium of photography for Hawaii's children in need. Later, Ms. Park would become one of our most dedicated and active board members who helped advance ProjectFocus from a community service endeavor in 2004, to an all-volunteer, non-profit organization in 2008. Regrettably, the COVID-19 pandemic impacted our ability to provide meaningful services to our constituents and in April, 2021 we dissolved the corporation. During her time as a board member, Ms. Park consistently provided skilled guidance in all aspects of our organization, especially in the areas of laws governing non-profits, the integrity and obligations of good stewardship and the importance of best business practices. She was a team player, patient, open-minded, fair, effectively and accurately communicated well with others and had a delightful sense of humor that was often present when most needed. In addition to our board, Ms. Park has and continues to serve on other non-profit boards which demonstrates her commitment to serving our community. Over the years, we have observed Ms. Park as a wife, mother, daughter, career person, community leader and athlete. She expertly and patiently juggles all aspects of her life with ease and grace and we have no doubt that she would do the same in her capacity as a Circuit Court Judge. Respectfully, Laurie Callies Lisa Uesugi



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This letter is written in support of **Shanlyn Park's** nomination for a judgeship position on the First Circuit Court. Ms. Park served on the Board of Directors for Sacred Hearts Academy from 2011 to 2017 ... including service as Vice Chair in 2015 – 2016 and as Chair in 2016 – 2017. In this capacity she demonstrated characteristics that would make her an ideal First Circuit judge: reliability, integrity and sound judgment.

Across her long service on Sacred Hearts' Board, Ms. Park was a reliable participant and leader in all Board functions, from full Board meetings to committee meetings, to special gatherings and events. Ours is a working Board, with Directors taking a hands-on role in helping the school administration with the variety of functions required to maintain the Academy's status as a high quality college preparatory school. Ms. Park has extended her availability to the school following her time on the Board, most recently serving on its capital campaign committee.

Another standout characteristic of Ms. Park's is her integrity. In her role of Board Chair at Sacred Hearts Academy, Ms. Park needed to work with multiple constituents, all with different needs, interests and perspectives that they brought to their engagement with the Academy. This included the variety of Directors with their own viewpoints on Academy operations. It extended to the members of the Sacred Hearts Congregation ... Sisters and Priests who oversaw the Sacred Hearts Academy Corporation. And it involved the Academy administration, school leaders who managed the day-to-day operations of the school. It would be easy in such an environment to be pulled in multiple directions by these stakeholders, but Ms. Park had a steadying presence on the Board, with clear commitment to the mission of the Academy and the well-being of students.

Navigating governance of a private school with multiple constituents involves both a high volume of work across a wide variety of issues. In her committee work and leadership roles on the Board, Ms. Park invariably brought sound judgment and prudent thinking to the determination of difficult decisions and areas of high impact for the Academy.

I served, prior to becoming Academy president, as a Board member during Ms. Park's tenure on the Board, and I believe her reliability, integrity and judgment would contribute significantly to her work as a judge on the First Circuit Court. Consequently, I ask that you give Shanlyn Park full consideration for that role.

Scott Schroeder, PhD
President

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October 22, 2021

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Committee on Judiciary
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Hawai'i State Legislature

Re: GM3 – Testimony in Support of the Nomination of Shanlyn A.S. Park to be a Judge on the Hawai'i Circuit Court, First Circuit

Dear Committee Members:

I write in strong support for Shanlyn Park's nomination to serve as a judge on the Hawai'i First Circuit Court. I have known Shanlyn Park since 2005 when I worked alongside her at the Federal Public Defenders Office. We have kept in touch over the years, and we now both practice civil litigation at private law firms. Over the years, I have seen Shanlyn in court, I have seen her writing, and I have witnessed her leadership. Her skills are top notch. I have seen her confront and handle difficult clients and legal issues with skill and compassion. Shanlyn is the rare attorney who has both criminal and civil law experience, as well as years of trial experience. She will make an outstanding Circuit Court Judge.

As a judge, Shanlyn will have an excellent judicial temperament. She is smart, funny, and exudes honesty. She comes from a diverse background of people and ideas that will help her to compassionately deal with those who come before her. I have never seen her lose her cool.

Her reputation in the community is stellar. She will have the support of the legal community and the community at large.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

DAVIS LEVIN LIVINGSTON



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Of Counsel:
SHANLYN A. S. PARK

October 22, 2021

Senate Judiciary Committee
31st Legislature 2021
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Shanlyn A. S. Park, Circuit Court Judge Nominee

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee:

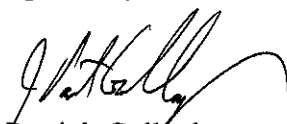
This letter is written in support of Shanlyn A. S. Park as a new Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii. [General Measure 3, 10/27/2021]

Shanlyn is currently working as a trial attorney with our office on a full-time daily basis. She is of counsel to our firm and reports directly to me. We communicate almost daily, working together on many cases and for several clients. Shanlyn is a gifted and skilled attorney, quick to identify and analyze problems and find solutions. She is knowledgeable, works hard and has an excellent command of the Rules of Evidence.

Shanlyn is also a positive and enjoyable presence in the office. She works extremely well with our office staff, our associates, the court personnel and even opposing counsel. She is upbeat, enthusiastic and pleasant with everyone. A great ambassador for the law.

And unlike some lawyers, the law is more than a job for Shanlyn. She holds the law in high respect, with a very noble approach to see that it is just and fair. In short, Shanlyn is a terrific selection for Circuit Court Judge.

Respectfully Submitted,



J. Patrick Gallagher

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TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF CONFIRMATION OF ATTORNEY SHANLYN PARK

TO: THE HONORABLE SENATORS OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:

RE: Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of SHANLYN ALOHAKEAO SOUZA PARK for JUDGE OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT COURT

“Long long ago in a galaxy” near to here (Chaminade University), 1987 to 1991, SHANLYN PARK was a student of mine, majoring in English and minoring in Criminal Justice. She was “A plus”! And I was pleased – and honored -- to write a letter of recommendation for Ms. Park supporting her application for admission to the University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law

Even back then, Ms. Park (I shall refer to her as Shanlyn, forthwith) showed the spark and the commitment to public service and community service that brings Shanlyn to this confirmation hearing on her nomination to be a Judge of the First Circuit Court.

So now, it is truly my pleasure – and my honor – to submit to you Senators this testimony urging, please, that your Committee – and then the full Senate – “advise and consent” to Shanlyn’s appointment for the following reasons:

- (1) Shanlyn can – and will – “hit the ground running” to help alleviate the caseload in both the Civil and Criminal Calendars in the First Circuit.

Shanlyn has extensive experience in both criminal law and civil law cases, including trials: From 1997 to 2013 – a total of 16 years – Shanlyn served in the Federal Office of the Public Defender at the Prince Kuhio Federal Building. Then, from 2013 to 2017, a total of four and a half years, in that same office, she served as the Senior Litigator, bringing her grand total of experience in criminal law matters to 20 years. During that time, Shanlyn handled 10 felony trials.

At the same time, Shanlyn is very objective and can see cases not only from a public defender’s point of view but also from the prosecution’s point of view: This is due to the fact that Shanlyn’s roots in law enforcement go deep – Her father is a retired Major of the Honolulu Police Department, Louis Souza.

In addition to Shanlyn’s experience with criminal law cases, she also has a total of five years of civil law practice with three Honolulu private practice law firms, the most recent being her current law firm of Gallagher Kane Amai & Reyes.

There, Shanlyn oversees all aspects for the defense of claims involving commercial disputes, contested probate matters, and insurance defense. As you Judiciary Committee Senators know civil cases rarely go to trial because they are settled beforehand; yet, Shanlyn has the experience of being chief counsel in one civil trial and of being counsel in a civil case arbitration.

- (2) Shanlyn has extensive background and experience in legal research and trial techniques and, also, just six years after graduating from Richardson School of Law, she was chosen

to teach, for five spring terms, the course on “Appellate Advocacy.” She is definitely qualified, if asked, to serve as a Substitute Appellate Court judge

Straight out of Richardson School of Law (Class of 1995), Shanlyn was selected as Law Clerk to Federal Magistrate Judge Francis I. Yamashita. She conducted legal research for the judge and prepared bench memorandums and drafts of orders and opinions.

She was considered knowledgeable enough about appellate court practices just six years out of law school and passing the Bar exam such that she was chosen as – and served as – Adjunct Professor at Richardson School of Law’s “Appellate Advocacy” course for the spring semesters from 2001 to 2006.

(3) Shanlyn has been – and is – a pillar of the community: She and her husband, Kuuhaku Park, the senior vice president at Matson Navigation Company for governmental affairs, have been supportive of not only the academic endeavors but also the extracurricular activities of their two children, son Kamalu, now 18, and daughter Kahiau, now 16, -- and supportive of various community groups.

Shanlyn is currently Team Mom for her daughter’s high school varsity volleyball team. From 2011 to 2016, Shanlyn served on the Board of Directors of Sacred Hearts Academy, rising to become the Vice Chair in 2014-2015 and then Chair in 2015-2016. This builds on her prior track record of community involvement from 1996 to 2000, when Shanlyn was active in the Richardson School of Law Alumni Association, serving as President for two years from 1998 to 2000.

(4) In these current times when “equity” and “balance” are being sought in the appointment of State judges, Shanlyn is an excellent example of “equity” and “balance” – As a superbly qualified woman and Native Hawaiian, Shanlyn will bring those invaluable perspectives to the bench.

For all of the above reasons, I hereby humbly urge that the Senate Judiciary Committee – and then the full Senate – “advise and consent” to the appointment of SHANLYN ALOHAKEAO SOUZA PARK as a Judge of the First Circuit Court.

Sincerely and Aloha,

/s/ Melvin (Mel) Masuda, J.D., M.P.A.; Attorney at Law; Professor Emeritus of Business Law and Criminal Justice, Hawaii Pacific University

BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
SHANLYN A. S. PARK AS CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, STATE OF HAWAII

Testimony of Joy M. Clemente

October 22, 2021

Dear Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

My name is Joy Clemente and it is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of nominee Shanlyn A.S. Park (GM3) for the position of Circuit Court Judge of the State of Hawaii.

I have worked directly with Shanlyn as her legal assistant for the past 4 years, and since then she has become a very close and dear friend to me. I am truly grateful to have had the opportunity to work closely with Shanlyn and to witness her grace, professionalism, uncompromising integrity, strength, and wisdom. She taught me the meaning of compassion and how to look at both ends of a social spectrum. Beyond that, she is well versed in dealing with complex issues with tact and confidence. Shanlyn always manages to encourage positive discussions and bring out the best in everyone.

With these qualities, combined with her kindness and patience, I am confident that Shanlyn would be a tremendous asset to our Judicial System.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my support of Shanlyn's nomination as Circuit Court Judge for the First Circuit Court.

Very truly yours,

Joy M. Clemente

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Hawaii Senate
Committee on Judiciary
Senator Karl Rhodes, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Thirty-First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
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October 24, 2021

Dear Senators Rhodes and Keohokalole,

I am pleased to offer this written testimony in support of Shanlyn A. S. Park to serve as Judge of the State of Hawai'i First Circuit Court. I met Ms. Park this year when she joined the law firm where I am employed. While much of her legal experience is in federal criminal defense at the Federal Public Defenders, she is a quick study and has adapted to the practice of insurance defense law in no time because of her strong litigation skills of research, writing, witness and fact analysis, and negotiations. I am confident she will hit the ground running if confirmed as a Judge.

I have also observed Ms. Park communicate with many different individuals in the community. She can explain complex legal concepts to people of varying educational levels, experiences, and backgrounds. This is a significant skill needed for the Judiciary so parties involved in the system can understand and appreciate the decisions made in each case. My own personal experience as a practicing attorney is that parties can be dissatisfied if they do not feel their position was fully considered. Ms. Park is fully capable of filling this void that occasionally is found with Judges that may have difficulty with meaningfully communicating with pro se litigants. She will be an excellent addition to the bench.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony in support of Ms. Park.

Thank you,

Katherine Y. Koga

GM-3

Submitted on: 10/24/2021 12:39:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 10/27/2021 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Audrey Stanley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To whom it may concern: Shanlyn will be a great judge. She has a wealth of experience that will be invaluable to her as a judge. Moreover, she is extremely dedicated and hard working. Her experience, diligence, work ethic, and talent will make her a great asset to the judiciary.

October 24, 2021

RE: CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT, STATE OF HAWAII, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE SHANLYN A.S. PARK, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE IN 10 YEARS (GM3)

Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

It is my privilege to express my support for Shanlyn A.S. Park, who is pending confirmation to serve as a Judge on the State of Hawaii First Circuit Court. I have known Shanlyn for approximately 20 years, both professionally and personally. I cannot think of anyone better suited or qualified to serve as a judge and I know Ms. Park will take the responsibility of administering justice with the utmost sense of fairness, compassion, and integrity.

Ms. Park has served as an Assistant Federal Public Defender (AFPD) and a Criminal Justice Act (CJA) attorney at Hawaii's federal court. I have personally observed Ms. Park to be well prepared, professional, and a great partner to work with. As a criminal defense attorney, Ms. Park has always been responsive to her clients' needs even when the defendants are difficult or the representation challenging due to the nature and seriousness of the charges. Notwithstanding "seeing and hearing it all" in her role as a defense attorney, Ms. Park consistently displays respect for, support, encouragement, and a genuine belief that defendants can change. On the flip side, Ms. Park is well-respected for her willingness to hold defendants responsible and accountable when appropriate and she always strikes the right balance between being firm and fair.

It has been my experience that Ms. Park consistently volunteers to serve on initiatives and projects within the court system that are evidence-based and offer innovative approaches to working with criminal justice-involved persons. One recent example is a new problem-solving court for pretrial defendants where Ms. Park has been instrumental in the planning and implementation of the pilot program. As a defense attorney stakeholder on the collaborative court team, Ms. Park attended training on evidence-based practices, participates on the selection committee that screens applicants, and attends the monthly court sessions. Previously, Ms. Park served as a stakeholder for the re-entry court operated by the U.S. Probation Office in Hawaii and participated in re-entry court training sponsored by the Federal Judicial Center (FJC). Ms. Park is always open to learning new things and in 2016, she accompanied me and others from the U.S. District Court to a training on neuroscience and behavior at Harvard to better understand the impact of addiction and trauma on the brain and decision-making. In addition, Ms. Park initiated and planned multiple training opportunities for criminal defense attorneys on many subjects, including pretrial services and bail practices. She has made countless presentations to students to teach them about the court system – from first graders (where she "represented" Goldilocks in a mock trial) through high school, college, and law school. Ms. Park enthusiastically shared her experiences as a lawyer, a defense attorney, and as a female role model.

On a personal level, I have gotten to know Ms. Park over the years through various social encounters. We both were members of a "boot camp" that met weekdays at 5:30 a.m. I can vouch for Ms. Park's commitment and dedication from those early morning workouts. In fact, she still consistently attends boot camp and even serves as an instructor. Ms. Park is a very dedicated and involved parent and has deep roots in our community through her extended family, friends, and professional associations. She has served on various boards and been involved in many volunteer community projects, including with her children's school.

I strongly believe that Ms. Park will make an excellent Circuit Court Judge based on her professional and personal qualities, experiences, and character. First, she will treat all who come before her with dignity, fairness, and respect. She will be an excellent problem-solver as she is creative, resilient, and collaborative. She will not be shocked or repulsed by any set of circumstances that she encounters as a Circuit Court Judge as she has dealt with criminal defendants charged with serious offenses. She has shown her commitment to making a positive difference through her work and volunteer commitments in the community. She has been trained on evidence-based practices and understands the role that addiction and trauma can have with persons who are involved in the criminal justice system. She has a multi-dimensional perspective about people and life and has the capacity and willingness to see the “good” in the person or situation while also recognizing the impact and reality that there are victims and harm caused to the community. Ms. Park is a lifelong learner and has consistently taken on new initiatives and opportunities for professional and personal growth. She is wonderful to work with and someone who works very well with others. From her various and varied experiences including management oversight of others and trial/courtroom appearances, she will be able to manage her courtroom to include her staff, and the parties and litigants. Ms. Park has excellent written and oral communication skills. She will make well-reasoned and thoughtful decisions and has seen on a firsthand basis how critical it is for judges to exercise their power fairly and justly over the lives of others.

Ms. Park has a clear record of integrity, compassion, dedication, commitment, and fairness. She will bring all this and more to her tenure on the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to provide testimony in support of the confirmation of Ms. Shanlyn A.S. Park.

I am happy to provide additional information or answer questions if needed.

Sincerely,
Carol M. Miyashiro

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October 25, 2021

Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Honorable Mike Gabbard, Member
Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Member
Honorable Chris Lee, Member
Honorable Kurt Fevella, Member

**RE: SHANLYN A. S. PARK | GM3
Gubernatorial Nominee, Circuit Court of the First Circuit**

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

It is with high regard that I offer this letter in support of your nominee, SHANLYN A. S. PARK, for Judge of the First Circuit Court. It is also with selfish reluctance that I advocate for her nomination, as she remains an impact attorney of our law firm.

I have known Ms. Park for almost thirty (30) years. We met while attending William S. Richardson School of Law and playing Ete Bowl together, and have since shared many highs and lows of our respective personal and professional journeys. The present opportunity is undoubtedly a high for both of us.

Ms. Park is an experienced and skillful attorney who has practiced both criminal and civil laws in the public and private arenas. She is a highly intelligent, skilled and diligent individual who is able to anticipate, articulate and identify complicated issues, as well as formulate and execute thoughtful solutions within the bounds of the law. She's handled numerous complex legal and policy issues, and her knowledge of the law is impressive and her work ethic outstanding. My law firm has been fortunate to have her on our team. Ms. Park is, in my humble opinion, an outstanding judicial candidate.

She also has an impeccable reputation for her professionalism and civility. Ms. Park has a contemplative and considerate nature, but also the courage and confidence to make the tough decisions faced by a Circuit Court Judge. She respects all individuals, regardless of their background or political preference. Most importantly, Ms. Park is a person of tremendous integrity and high moral values.

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While I am sad at the prospect of Ms. Park leaving our law firm, I realize that our loss will be a tremendous gain to the Judiciary and the people of Hawai'i. In that regard, I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration and urge you to recommend and confirm SHANLYN A. S. PARK as Judge to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

Thank you very much for this opportunity. If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/

JOELLE SEGAWA KANE
Gallagher Kane Amai & Reyes, AAL, ALC

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Committee Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

Honorable Chair Rhoads and Judiciary Committee Members:

GM 3 – Nomination of Shanlyn A.S. Park to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii

I wish to offer this testimony in support of Shanlyn A.S. Park's nomination to the Circuit Court.

I have known Shanlyn and her family for several years. A person's family and personal life is often a good and accurate indicator of character. I know Shanlyn as someone of high moral character and integrity. She is smart and is also fearless in speaking out, especially for the underserved and under-represented among us. Because of that, it would not be difficult for Shanlyn to be a fair and impartial circuit court judge.

Thank you for your consideration and for allowing me to share this testimony with you.

Sincerely yours,



John T. Komeiji

Re: written testimony in support of Shanlyn Park -- Support**Howard K.K. Luke <howard@hkkluke.com>**

Mon 10/25/2021 4:41 PM

To: JDC Committee <JDCCCommittee@capitol.hawaii.gov>

Please disregard all prior emails. My testimony is as follows:

Aloha, respectfully submitting the following written testimony in SUPPORT of Shanlyn Park:

Aloha Chair Sen. Rhoads, Vice-Chair Keohokalole, and fellow committee members:

My name is Howard Luke. I have been a member of the Hawaii State Bar Association for 44 years, and recently served as its president in 2018.

I am writing in very strong support of Ms. Shanlyn A.S.Park to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. I have been acquainted with Ms. Park since she was a federal assistant public defender. It is through her tenure with that office that I am most familiar with her professional ability and high moral character.

I consider Ms. Park to have been a superb advocate for her clients, and a great asset to the representation of those charged with federal offenses in the United States District Court. Although I had many years of trial experience before I got to know Ms. Park, I would often call on her for her informed perspective on often esoteric federal issues.

Ms. Park was instrumental in the success of the Annual Federal Defenders Seminar. Her contributions in that regard, often in conjunction with participating members of the federal judiciary, greatly enhanced the quality of training for relatively new and more seasoned criminal defense counsel.

Although I had limited exposure to her advocacy while at the distinguished law firms of McCorriston Miller Mukai and Gallagher Kane Amai (having consulted with her on one case in which we were both involved), I feel very confident that she brought an excellent work ethic to the benefit of those firms.

In summary, I believe Ms. Park's experience with handling complex federal criminal defense cases and the high-stakes civil matters with her two private law firms have made her an exceptional candidate for the Circuit Court bench.

I support her without reservation, as I am certain that she will enhance the judiciary with her impressive legal background.

Mahalo for your consideration of my comments,

Howard K.K. Luke

GM-3

Submitted on: 10/25/2021 10:32:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 10/27/2021 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Raina Gushiken	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the consideration and confirmation to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee Shanlyn A.S. Park, for a term of 10 years.

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October 25, 2021

Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 3, Gubernatorial Nominee Shanlyn Park, Circuit Court, First Circuit

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

I am writing in my personal capacity to recommend, without reservation, Shanlyn Park, to the First Circuit Court, State of Hawaii. Ms. Park's personal integrity, character and humility along with her strong litigation background given her experience as an Assistant Public Defender and in private practice in Honolulu, make her, in my opinion, a very strong candidate for the position. I have known her from around 1995—I was a new Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office here in Hawaii and Ms. Park [then, Shanlyn Souza] was a law clerk to Magistrate Judge Francis Yamashita. After her one-year clerkship, she moved on the Federal Public Defender's Office where she served for almost 20 years. Over the years, I have had many cases with Ms. Park. She represented her clients zealously and advocated on their behalf. As a Federal Public Defender she was reasonable, she wanted the best for her client, and she conducted herself with integrity and professionalism—her word was her bond. She earned the respect of the federal Judges and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Ms. Park graduated from Sacred Hearts Academy and Chaminade University and then attended the William S. Richardson School of Law. During her third year in law school, she clerked for the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission. After her rising through the ranks in the Office of the Federal Public Defender, she joined the McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon law firm where she became a partner. After several years, she left the firm and she is now Of Counsel at Gallagher Kane Amai & Reyes. Ms. Park has had a long and distinguished career and she is ready to serve the community as a jurist in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Ms. Park for more than 25 years. She is smart, humble, she is an observant listener and she will ask question because she wants to make sure she has before her all relevant and material information. Ms. Park will be a good judge because she truly cares about people. As a judge, she will be presiding over cases but each case is about at least one person. I have seen her interact with her clients—many of whom have issues and may not necessarily fully understand the judicial process. I saw her listening to them; obviously, I did not hear her advice to them. But she was patient and understanding. Ms. Park is a true

professional, she is always civil, and she has excellent judicial temperament. I have the highest regard for her character and her legal abilities.

Ms. Park has no agenda; she is not a zealot for defendant's rights or for law enforcement; she believes in the rule of law. Ms. Park will follow the law; she will thoughtfully but firmly and correctly interpret the law, according to precedent, and make a decision. I know she will be an effective judge because she is fair and reasonable, a clear and thoughtful communicator, is open to new or different ways of viewing an issue, and can disagree without being disagreeable.

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you about Shanlyn Park. I believe she will well serve the people of the State of Hawaii as a Judge in the First Circuit.

Very truly yours,

Florence T. Nakakuni

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October 26, 2021

Senator Karl A. Rhoads, Chair and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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Re: GM 3, TESTIMONY *IN SUPPORT* OF
NOMINATION OF SHANLYN A. S. PARK
Hearing: October 27, 9:00 a.m., Via Videoconference

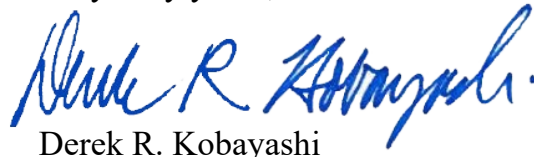
The Honorable Chair Karl Rhoads and Honorable Committee Members:

I am writing to express my *strong support* for the nomination of Shanlyn A. S. Park to the position of Judge, First Circuit Court, State of Hawaii.

I have known Ms. Park to be a capable and diligent civil litigator, most recently as an attorney with the law firm of Gallagher Kane Amai. Ms. Park always conducts herself in a manner that is respectful of other practitioners. I know her to be sincerely concerned with the advancement of the legal profession and the availability of legal representation to those in our community without access to representation and in this regard appreciate and respect her recent service as a Director on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Foundation. She will be a definite asset to the Judiciary.

Ms. Park will certainly fulfill all of the responsibilities and duties of the position to which she has been nominated. 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

Senator Karl A. Rhoads and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Judiciary
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Submitted on: 10/26/2021 3:42:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 10/27/2021 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jordan K. Inafuku	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the appointment of Shanlyn A.S. Park to judicial office in the Circuit Court for the First Circuit (O'ahu). Ms. Park is one of the most skilled and well-rounded advocates I have observed in the Hawaii Bar. She employs her considerable experience and mastery of trial advocacy to guide her pretrial strategy and written advocacy and best position disputes for a resolution that is both favorable to her client and to the administration of justice. Ms. Park's trial experience as a federal public defender combined with her civil litigation experience in private practice uniquely positions her to move disputes toward resolution--a critical skill in this COVID era. Additionally, Ms. Park is a leader in the workplace and is able to connect with her peers in a manner that shows genuine consideration for their professional development and personal well-being. Her passion for managing an efficient and harmonious work environment will enhance her effectiveness on the bench, as she will not only be a fair decision-maker but also an effective manager--both of her case load and of her office staff. She will be an incredible mentor for young attorneys that clerk in her chambers. I fully support, without reservation, Ms. Park's appointment to judicial office in the Circuit Court for the First Circuit (O'ahu).

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Submitted on: 10/26/2021 7:09:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 10/27/2021 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Wayne S. Sakamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Shanlyn will make an excellent judge!

Jacqueline L. S. Earle, Esq.

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October 25, 2021

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Thirty-First Legislature Interim of 2021
State of Hawaii

Re: GM3: Gubernatorial Nominee SHANLYN A. S. PARK
To The Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii

Senator Rhoads, Senator Keohokalole and Committee Members:

I am a 1977 graduate of the University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law and was a partner at Goodwill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, where I practiced for more than thirty years before retiring from the firm in 2010. Since 2010 I have worked as a pro bono mediator at The Mediation Center of the Pacific and on the panel of mediators for the Hawaii Appellate Courts. In short, I am a long-time member of the Hawaii legal community and I have a perspective on our judiciary born of years of practice before Hawaii courts.

I write in support of the confirmation of gubernatorial nominee SHANLYN A. S. PARK to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit Court. I have known Shanlyn as a family friend since she was a little girl and have delighted in watching her career unfold. From childhood, Shanlyn has been a kind, caring person so it was no surprise to me that she spent a significant part of her career serving as a lawyer for indigent defendants or that she has given back so much to the community through her volunteer experiences. Shanlyn's intelligence and willingness to work hard - evident from her earliest days - have led her to acquire a breadth of legal experience that makes her a uniquely well-rounded candidate for the bench. She has practiced in state and federal courts,

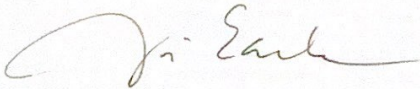
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represented businesses in addition to indigent defendants, and participated in alternative dispute resolution in addition to litigation.

Shanlyn is an excellent choice for the bench, and with her deep roots in Hawaii, she represents the very best of Hawaii. From her childhood in Makakilo to her education at Chaminade University to her studies at the Richardson School of Law, to her varied legal practice and community activities, Shanlyn has lived, thrived, and excelled in our state.

In Shanlyn Park, Governor Ige has made an inspired choice for the First Circuit Court. As a longstanding member of the Honolulu legal community and a lifelong family friend and fan, I strongly support her nomination and urge the Senate Committee on Judiciary and the full Senate to confirm her nomination.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jacqueline L. S. Earle".

Jacqueline L. S. Earle

GM-3

Submitted on: 10/26/2021 8:22:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 10/27/2021 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ivy Miyasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I submit these comments in full support of the appointment of nominee Shanlyn A. S. Park as First Circuit Court Judge of the State of Hawaii. I worked with Shanlyn for four years at the law firm of McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP. During those four years I had the opportunity to work closely with her. I found her to have the highest level of professionalism, uncompromising integrity, and character when representing her clients. I have great respect for Shanlyn both professionally and personally. Her fairness will be an asset to the Court and she will make an excellent Judge. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my support of Shanlyn A. S. Park.

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October 26, 2021

The Honorable Karl Rhoads
Chairman
Senate Committee on Judiciary
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Re: GM 3 Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, SHANLYN A. S. PARK
(Hearing on October 27, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., by Videoconference)

Dear Senator Rhoads:

Please consider this letter in support of the appointment of SHANLYN A. S. PARK to a judicial position in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii.

I have the privilege of knowing and working alongside Ms. Park at our law firm.

Ms. Park has dedicated herself to her career in law. At every stage of her progress within this field, she has been devoted in her pursuit of justice and fairness for defendants, victims, and civil clients. Having been a litigator for such an extensive period of time, Ms. Park is well-versed in procedural rules, statutory authority, trial procedure and protocol. There is no question that she will maintain the professionalism, courtesy, and respect that she already has for the judicial system, court personnel, attorneys, and litigants.

I believe that Ms. Park will continue to make valuable contributions to the judicial system and the community if she is given an opportunity to serve in a judicial capacity. I respectfully request your favorable consideration of her appointment to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

Thank you very much for this opportunity and your time in this regard.

Very truly yours,



Jacqueline W. S. Amai

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October 26, 2021

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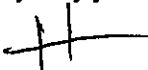
Re: GM3 Circuit Court Judge Nominee SHANLYN A.S. PARK
Hearing: October 27, 2021, 9:00 AM

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

This letter is in support of the nomination of SHANLYN A.S. PARK to the circuit court bench. I have known Ms. Park for over fifteen years both personally and professionally. Over the years, Ms. Park has consistently demonstrated that she is not only intelligent and zealous in her practice of law, but she is also compassionate, caring and thoughtful. Her intellect, abilities and dedication will serve her well as a circuit court judge.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Taryn Tomasa

GM-3

Submitted on: 10/26/2021 8:53:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 10/27/2021 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Carolina Miranda Conzano	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This testimony is in support of Ms. Shanlyn Park's nomination to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii. As a young attorney, I found myself lost in my career and I wanted to talk to a woman that walked a similar path than mine. A friend suggested to set up a meeting with Ms. Park and within 48 hours, Ms. Park agreed to meet me. I was in shock that a busy established attorney, who I did not know, was willing to meet me on such a short notice just to talk about me. The meeting however, exceeded all my expectations, Ms. Park patiently listened to my frustrations, shared some wonderful stories and provided validation to some of my concerns. Most importantly, she provided invaluable advice that I will always carry with me and she offered her time any time I needed to talk to someone. I know Ms. Park has all the qualification that such an important position requires however, as a former Circuit Court law clerk, I also understand the value that Judges bring in mentoring and educating new attorneys. I strongly advise you to confirm Ms. Park's nomination, I couldn't think of a better addition to our bench but also a great role model to us, young female attorneys. Thank you.

October 26, 2021

Dear President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

My name is Doris Lum and I previously worked as a Public Defender for over 14 years. I am writing in support of Ms. Park's confirmation as a Circuit Court judge. In seeing Ms. Park in Court and the way she practices law, I believe she will be an excellent judge. She has temperament and the intelligence needed to handle serious situations. She is known to be professional and thoughtful to her clients, as well as the Court and other attorneys.

I have dedicated my career to the legal system and having the right judges in our courts is so important. I believe that a judge should be fair, analytical, and compassionate. Ms. Park has demonstrated that she is all of these things. I urge you to confirm Shanlyn Park to the Circuit Court so she can provide invaluable public service for our island with the leadership she has already shown.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony and for all your hard work.

Sincerely,

Doris Lum



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October 26, 2021

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
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Re: Shanlyn A.S. Park
GM 3

Dear Chair Rhoads, Chair Keohokalole and the Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing this letter in support of Shanlyn A.S. Park. I strongly urge this committee to confirm Ms. Park's appointment to serve as a Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i. I believe Ms. Park will be an asset to the Judiciary and community at large.

I first came into contact and introduced to Ms. Park when we both represented and worked together on a tragic case involving the death of two parents who left behind a surviving minor child. Ms. Park graciously volunteered and provided her legal services pro bono to this family. This is no small feat and involved significant work on Ms. Park's end. Yet, through this all, in this family's darkest hour, Ms. Park was compassionate and sympathetic while advocating and educating her clients about their rights and responsibilities under the law.

Since then, Ms. Park and I have conferred and discussed various cases. Through all of my conversations with her, she is the perfect balance of compassion, class and truth. She is a straight shooter and does not shy away from making the hard calls. Undoubtedly, all of these characteristics and more will carry over with her to the bench.

Ms. Park is smart. She is exceedingly capable. She is qualified. More than anything, she possesses the heart and drive necessary to become an exemplary Judge and asset to the Judiciary. I strongly urge you to confirm her appointment.

LUKELA & KOBAYASHI, LLP

October 26, 2021
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary
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If you should need any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,



KATHERINE M.M. LUKELA

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Dear Senate Judiciary Committee:

It is with great honor and pleasure that I am writing this letter of support for Shanlyn A. S. Park's nomination to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit bench. Shanlyn demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to her peers and community and would be an exceptional Judge.

When I was a first-year litigation associate starting at a mid-sized law firm, Shanlyn was assigned as my supervising partner. Throughout this time, Shanlyn truly went above and beyond as a supervisor. Shanlyn was a constant pillar of support, encouragement, and understanding. We had weekly meetings where we discussed my cases and assignments and brainstormed strategy and next steps, even if she was not on the case.

Although she was only assigned me to supervise, Shanlyn was a mentor and role model for every associate. She was dedicated to teaching, helping, and empowering us to grow as both attorneys and individuals. For example, Shanlyn organized monthly seminars geared toward associate development and practical skills. She was always encouraging us to suggest topics for seminars that we were interested in and what we believed would be helpful.

I have had many conversations with classmates and peers about their experiences starting as new associates, and I realized how vastly different our experiences have been. I have no doubt that the primary factor was Shanlyn, and I cannot express my gratitude towards her.

Although Shanlyn and I no longer work at the same law firm, she continues to be a mentor and dear friend. I know I can always reach out to her – and I have— for advice, support, and guidance. I have seen the way she treats others with respect and compassion, whether they are her colleagues, staff, friends, or family.

Shanlyn has made a huge difference in my life, and has positively impacted everyone who have had the honor of knowing her. Her skills, knowledge, willingness to help others, and dedication to her peers and community make her an excellent nomination. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you,
Dara S. Nakagawa

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October 26, 2021

TO: The Honorable Karl Rhoads
Senator, District 13
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 204
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: GM3 Circuit Court Judge Nominee Shanlyn A.S. Park, Hearing 10/27/2021

Dear Sir,

I fully support the nomination of Ms. Shanlyn A.S. Park to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. I have known Ms. Park both professionally and personally for almost 20 years. We have worked on cases together while she was a Federal Public Defender and I practiced at the State Public Defender's Office. Since we've both left our respective positions, our professional paths have frequently crossed, and Ms. Park has been an excellent resource on both Federal criminal law as well as civil procedure. Her extensive knowledge on a wide range of legal issues is a key reason she is often an attorney I refer others to, as well as someone I consult whenever I have a legal question. Without a doubt, she will bring this extensive knowledge to the Circuit Court bench, along with an incredible work ethic and a balanced approach to her practice that will serve her well as a jurist. Having both criminal and civil litigation experience will enable Ms. Park to sit on either the criminal or civil bench, which makes her an outstanding asset to the Judiciary and its many needs.

In addition to her experience, Ms. Park brings a dedication to public service and the ability to be fair and compassionate to the bench. She has served most of her career as a Federal Defender and public servant. When she transitioned to private practice, she still maintained her dedication to public service, taking on pro bono cases as well as federal CJA cases. In all of her dealings, she is fair and compassionate, while equally being tough and holding others to high standards. I believe this is how she will approach her role as a judge: fair and compassionate, with high expectations and the leadership to hold all parties accountable.

I also admire Ms. Park's ability to balance her ambition with her devotion to her family. She is a loving wife and mother, and she sets a good example not only for her two children, but also for other women about how to balance family and career. This grounds her and will

contribute to her ability to be a fair judge: she has the legal experience developed over years and years of practice, and she has the balance of family and parenthood to give her the big picture perspective needed to handle the demands of being a judge.

I fully support Ms. Park's nomination for Circuit Court judge. She will make an excellent addition to the bench. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email crystal@glendonponce.com or at (808) 532-3802.

Thank you kindly for your time.

Me ka ha'aha'a,



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The Honorable Karl Rhoads
The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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Re: **Governor's Message 3: Nomination of Shanlyn A. S. Park**
Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 9:00 am, Via Videoconference

Dear Chair Rhoads and Vice Chair Keohokalole:

I submit this letter in support of Shanlyn A. S. Park's nomination as a Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii. Ms. Park is one of my former law partners in the firm of McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP, and I had the good fortune of working with her during her time at the firm. The cases that we worked on together involved complicated legal and business issues. Ms. Park 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. Park's work experience in both the public sector (at the Office of the Federal Public Defender 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 criminal matters, complex civil litigation matters and administrative hearings. When you consider Ms. Park's legal background and skill set along with her tireless work ethic and high ethical standards, there is no doubt that she will make an excellent Circuit Court Judge.

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

Very truly yours,

Randall F. Sakumoto

Judy M. Iriye (Hawaii State Bar No. 10569)
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October 26, 2021

Senate Committee on Judiciary

Re: Shanlyn Park, Nominee for Judge, District Court for the First Circuit

Dear Committee Members,

I write in support of Shanlyn Park's nomination to the position of Judge for the District Court for the First Circuit. I have known Ms. Park since my family and I moved to Kailua five years ago, first, personally, and then, professionally.

I am a litigator and equity partner at an Am Law Top 200 law firm. Ms. Park and I have discussed our cases, while watching our daughters' play volleyball together on the same club team. While maintaining our clients' and the cases' confidentiality, we discussed everything from deposition strategy to motion practice to handling challenging situations with opposing counsel and clients. As a new practitioner in Hawai'i, I have relied on Ms. Park for her advice and opinion on myriad things, including civil procedure and personalities of practitioners and mediators, and she has been generous with her time. Ms. Park's experience, intelligence, pragmatism, and, above all, sense of humor and fairness are obvious.

I had an opportunity to ask Ms. Park to ask as co-counsel in a matter with me, and I saw those qualities in action, so to speak. Her deposition questions and style showed her sharp and quick wit and ability to think and turn on a dime. All the while, she was professional, courteous, and pleasant to opposing counsel and his client.

Personally, Ms. Park is a good person, hard worker, and motivated to do the fair and right thing. She was the volleyball team's "team parent"; while I understand that may seem unrelated to her nomination, those who know, know that it takes an exceptional personality to take care of ten 15-year old girls on a mainland tournament trip for a week. You not only have to be well organized, you need to wear multiple hats and keep the girls organized, happy, and ready to play. The girls, coach, and fellow parents respected and appreciated Ms. Park. I can see Ms. Park running her courtroom and treating her staff and the counsel who appear in front of her, and their clients, with the same energy and positive attitude.

As someone who has been practicing for over twenty years and seen good judges and not-so-good ones, I highly recommend Ms. Park for the position of Judge for the District Court, First Circuit—she has the experience, knowledge, and temperament to be a highly-esteemed member of the bench.

Sincerely,



Judy Iriye

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

I support GM3, which confirms Shanlyn Park to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. Ms. Park is an experienced trial attorney and is very familiar with the Rules of Evidence and court rules and procedures. Her experience with representing indigent clients in Hawaii as a senior litigator at the Office of the Federal Public Defender will serve her well in her duties in Circuit Court.

Thank you for considering my testimony in support.

Sincerely,
Nelisa Asato



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
Relating to the nomination of GM3

Shanlyn A. S. Park
Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit

Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

I write to respectfully provide comments in strong support of Shanlyn A. S. Park for the position of Circuit Judge for the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. As a former litigation partner of Ms. Park at McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP (M4), I worked closely with Ms. Park for four years and strongly believe that she would be an excellent addition to the Circuit Court.

Ms. Park came to M4 with extensive trial experience, having been with the Federal Public Defender's Office for over two decades. Those criminal trial skills translated well to a civil law practice. She was always excited at the opportunity to be in Court, learn new areas of law, and unafraid to dig in when the going got tough.

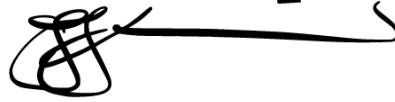
This was best illustrated by my experience working with Ms. Park on several contested trust litigation matters before the Probate Court. When she joined M4, Ms. Park was unafraid to enter this new area of law, first making sure to study up and becoming well-versed in trust law so she could be an effective advocate. Trust litigation presents unique challenges to practitioners in that emotions can often blind a litigant from seeing the world rationally and reasonably, particularly because the emotionally draining nature of this area of law can bring out deep-seeded feelings of hurt, distrust, and frustration among family members. Notwithstanding these challenges, Ms. Park was a trusted counselor to our trust litigation clients, guiding these clients beyond their emotions to logic, reason, and the law. Her effectiveness was in her candor, patience, humility, empathy, and compassion.

All these traits will make Ms. Park an exceptionally talented Circuit Court Judge with the necessary judicial temperament. As a result of my experience working with Ms. Park, I can unequivocally say that those who appear before Ms. Park would walk away knowing that they were treated fairly, feeling that they had been heard, having the upmost confidence in Ms. Park's decisions, and understanding and respecting the judicial process.

I was proud to call Ms. Park my colleague. She is smart, down to earth, always well-prepared with a can-do attitude and the right demeanor, commands total and complete patience, and practices with the highest integrity and moral courage.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments in favor of Ms. Park.

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

Sarah E.S. Akinaka

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October 27, 2021

Honorable Karl Rhoads
Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 204
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Gov. Msg. No. 3 Appointment of Shanlyn A. S. Park to serve as Judge of the State of Hawai'i
First Circuit Court

Aloha Chair Rhoads and the Members of the Committee:

My name is Sarah Akinaka and I am submitting my SUPPORT for the nomination of Shanlyn A. S. Park to serve as Judge of the State Hawaii First Circuit Court. Although I only know Shanlyn on a personal level and have not had the opportunity to work with her on a professional capacity, I sincerely believe that she possesses the necessary skill sets and traits to be a successful and respected Circuit Court Judge.

Shanlyn's extensive service as a Senior Litigator for the Office of the Federal Public Defender as well as serving as a Partner at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP illustrates her breadth of knowledge, intelligence, and experience in both criminal and civil proceedings. As a proud alumnus of Sacred Hearts Academy, Shanlyn has committed herself to giving back to her alma mater by previously serving on its Board of Directors and assisting in envisioning and shaping a brighter future for women. As a proud parent of two children, Shanlyn is heavily involved with Le Jardin Academy and her children's extracurricular activities and sports, including serving as the Team Parent for her daughter's volleyball club. Her work experience and commitment to her community are all indicative of her experience, intelligence, and strong work ethic.

On a personal level, I know Shanlyn as a bright, smart, strong, and spirited woman who has an innate ability to successfully balance her career with her first priority – family. I truly admire her ability to not only take on challenges, but to do them all well and successfully. She is a role model for women and would be an asset on the Circuit Court bench.

Mahalo for allowing me to share my SUPPORT for the nomination of Shanlyn to the Circuit Court bench.

With much Aloha,



Sarah E. S. Akinaka

425 Queen Street
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October 26, 2021

Hawaii State Senate
Committee on Judiciary
JDCcommittee@capitol.hawaii.gov

Re: Nomination of Shanlyn Park

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

It is a pleasure to support the nomination of Shanlyn A.S. Park to be a Circuit Judge of the First Circuit of the State of Hawaii.

I have been practicing law in our State since 1981. I spent more than thirty years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, during which I handled many cases against Ms. Park. Ms. Park always proved to be a highly ethical and talented attorney who vigorously defended her clients. She was always prepared, carefully reviewed the investigative materials and applicable law, and aggressively litigated issues as appropriate.

I particularly recall one case which involved a defendant who cheated hundreds of families out of their life savings, by falsely marketing a debt elimination program. The investigation took years, and generated voluminous documents, reports and recordings. Following the indictment, Ms. Park vigorously pursued a defense, until her client asked her to withdraw in favor of another attorney. The replacement attorney took the case to trial, which resulted in multiple convictions and a lengthy sentence of incarceration. When the defendant challenged the sentence on grounds of ineffective assistance on the part of the trial attorney, I was able to review the internal files prepared by Ms. Park. Those files were particularly detailed, and reflected a careful consideration of a complex case, potential theories of defense, and recommended a plea disposition which the client rejected. I was incredibly impressed by the thoroughness and sophistication of the evaluation, particularly where Ms. Park also maintained a high volume practice defending indigent defendants accused of a range of offenses involving violent crime, fraud and drug violations.

During nearly twenty years of litigation with Ms. Park, I consistently found her to have the highest integrity, diligence and work ethic. She evaluates cases dispassionately, and listens to all viewpoints regardless of the speaker. She relates well to people, and has excellent communication skills. Following her transition to private practice, Ms. Park also responded to investigative requests with skill and diligence. I believe she is a fine lawyer who will be a credit to the bench.

I strongly urge Ms. Park's confirmation, with the normal caveat that I write this letter in my personal capacity and not on behalf of my present employer. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at larrytong808@gmail.com.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Lawrence L. Tong

Lawrence L. Tong

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GM-3

Submitted on: 10/26/2021 4:49:43 PM
Testimony for JDC on 10/27/2021 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Emma	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strong Support!

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GM-3

Submitted on: 10/26/2021 4:53:08 PM
Testimony for JDC on 10/27/2021 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Len	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strong support

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October 27, 2021

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 3

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee SHANLYN A. S. PARK, for a term to expire in ten years

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the Committee:

The Elizabeth Kahanu Hawaiian Civic Club supports GM3, which confirms Shanlyn Park to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. Ms. Park is an experienced trial attorney and is very familiar with the Rules of Evidence and court rules and procedures. Her experience with representing indigent clients in Hawai'i as a senior litigator at the Office of the Federal Public Defender will serve her well in her duties in Circuit Court. Further, confirming a Native Hawaiian woman to the Circuit Court increases its diversity and ensures our judicial system better reflects the communities it serves.

The Elizabeth Kahanu Hawaiian Civic Club hosts a forum for education, learning, and exchange of information to advance our understanding of government, politics, civic processes, and matters of importance to Hawai'i and the Native Hawaiian community. Among these matters of importance are increased civic engagement, and representation and participation in government by Native Hawaiians.

We appreciate your favorable consideration of our support for Shanlyn Park. If you have any questions, please contact Dre Kalili, our club president, at EKahanu.HCC@gmail.com.

GM-3

Submitted on: 10/26/2021 7:03:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 10/27/2021 9:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
David M. Hayakawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the nomination of Shanlyn Park to the Circuit Court bench.

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GM-3

Submitted on: 10/26/2021 8:49:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 10/27/2021 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Craig W Jerome	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing to express my strong support for the confirmation of Shanlyn A.S. Park to the bench of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. I have known Ms. Park since 2015, when we began working together at the Office of the Federal Public Defender. Ms. Park has consistently been a leader in many organizations, including at our office when she was employed here. She has excellent, broad legal knowledge and the drive to continue to grow as a legal professional. She has been involved with many difficult cases, and she consistently rises to meet any challenge. Ms. Park has always impressed me as being extremely even-keeled, professional, and respectful. She is able to approach her work with both a sense of humor and the seriousness that it often demands. I have never seen her treat anyone, whether a client, a peer, or a supervisor, in anything but an appropriate and respectful manner. I have great respect for the way that she approaches her life and profession. Ms. Park has always dealt with her clients in a way that goes above and beyond what anyone could hope to expect. For several years, she had a very difficult client that was homeless, had severe mental health issues, and had a long history of trauma. That client would call the office every day, and no matter how busy Ms. Park was, she always made time to talk to her and connect on a human level. When the client was at a long-term residential facility, Ms. Park would visit her on an almost weekly basis to chat and to bring her donated toiletries and snacks. I could tell stories about dozens of other clients that she treated with similar kindness and dignity. I have no doubt that Ms. Park would make an excellent judge and would be an asset to the judiciary. She has my highest recommendation. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, /s/ Craig W. Jerome Craig W. Jerome

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October 27, 2021

To: Senator Karl Rhoads
Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole
Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary

RE: GM 3: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee SHANLYN A.S. PARK, for a term to expire in 10 years.

Hearing: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via videoconference

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

Hawaii Women Lawyers (“**HWL**”) respectfully submits testimony in **support** of the confirmation of Shanlyn A.S. Park to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

HWL is a nonprofit organization comprised of over 300 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. Significant strides have been made in the past several years to improve the diversity of our bench, but HWL believes that more can be done to appoint qualified women to fill judicial vacancies to bring balance to the bench.

HWL supports the confirmation of Ms. Park to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, which will help to ensure that the number of women 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 testimony in support of this confirmation.

Very truly yours,

Hawaii Women Lawyers

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GM-3

Submitted on: 10/27/2021 8:44:46 AM
Testimony for JDC on 10/27/2021 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Janet	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strongly support.



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

Shanlyn A.S. Park
Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit (GM3)

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

FROM: Levi Hookano
President, Hawaii State Bar Association

Hearing: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
Via Videoconference
State Capitol

The Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Association (HSBA) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the nomination of Shanlyn A.S. Park 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.

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

The HSBA President and the Executive Director met with Ms. Park on October 25, 2021 to discuss the subcommittee's findings. On October 26th, Ms. Park was interviewed by the HSBA Board of Directors in executive session.

Documentation submitted by Ms. Park was reviewed and the references listed were contacted for their personal opinions and observations. The comments and letters received from HSBA members reflected an affirmation of Ms. Park 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

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

Shanlyn Park is known in the legal community as a criminal and civil litigator who served in the Federal Public Defender's Office for close to 20 years and who has been in the private practice of law for 4 years. During her tenure in the Federal Public Defender's Office, the Nominee represented indigent clients charged with offenses ranging from Class A felonies to misdemeanor offenses, provided comprehensive services to clients from an initial appearance and detention hearings through the trial and sentencing phases, and if necessary, appeals process.

As a private practitioner Ms. Park participated in, and oversaw, all aspects for the defense of claims involving commercial disputes, contested probate matters, insurance claims, and State and federal criminal defense matters.

Ms. Park is known for her integrity, diligence, and trustworthiness. One member reported that with the Nominee “a handshake is enough.” Other comments received indicate that Ms. Park has a command of the law and the Rules of Evidence, will be strong, but not disrespectful, and will be fair minded to both sides.

The Nominee’s judicial “road map” to listen, identify the issues, research the law, and provide justification for decisions will serve her well as she pursues the next phase of her legal career.

The Nominee currently serves on the Hawaii State Bar Foundation Board and served on the boards of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, HUGS, the Sacred Hearts Academy, and the LeJardin Academy Parent Faculty Association.

After a review of all documentation submitted and the interview of the nominee, which included dialogue and questioning relating to her background, experiences, and reasons for pursuing the position of Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit, the Board of the Hawaii State Bar Association found Ms. Shanlyn A.S. Park 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 your Committee.