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October 16, 2022

TO: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice-Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Re: JC1, Testimony in Support of the Confirmation as District Court Judge of the
First Circuit, Judicial Nominee Timothy E. Ho

Hearing: Monday, October 17, 2022 at 11:00am
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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

I strongly support the confirmation of Timothy E. Ho to the District Court of the First Circuit. He is smart, hardworking, knowledgeable and kind, all qualities that have served him well in his longstanding and distinguished career. These qualities will continue to serve him well should you consent to his nomination to the bench.

I first met Judge Ho almost twenty years ago when he taught Defense Clinic at the William S. Richardson School of Law. That meeting was fortuitous and set the course for the rest of my career, as I went on to work for him at the Office of the Public Defender after law school. He's the reason I became a Public Defender and dedicated a large portion of my career to public service. While I was a Public Defender, Judge Ho was the Chief Deputy and second in command at the office. He was our go-to when we had questions, needed advice or just needed a friendly face at the end of a hard day at court. He was the supervisor who was reliable, easy to talk to, and who supported you both in and out of the courtroom. I recall an emergency situation after hours when a co-worker was assaulted outside the office. Judge Ho was the first and only supervisor to show up on-site to lead his deputies through that traumatic event. He is a hands-on leader who does not shy away from hard work or from the difficulties of the profession. This is the type of leadership he will bring to the bench.

Judge Ho has already made an impact as a per diem District Court judge. I have appeared before him on numerous occasions to witness this first-hand. His temperament is even-keeled,

and he and possesses extensive legal experience and knowledge that serve him well as he presides over cases. In addition to his 30+ years as a criminal defense attorney, Judge Ho has spent the last four years in private civil practice to round out his experience. He has seen every single type of case that would be heard in the District Court and has spent the past year presiding over them in an effective way. In fact, I know of a very difficult criminal case that he was assigned to preside over involving two local attorneys as complainant and defendant. He handled the situation well, and exercised sound judgment while maintaining order and respect in his courtroom. I believe that his level of experience and the respect he commands as an esteemed member of our bar contributed greatly to the effective handling of this case, which was probably why he was assigned to it.

No matter the situation he finds himself in, whether dealing with sophisticated litigants or someone having the worst day of his life who speaks pidgin in a packed courtroom, I have no doubt that Judge Ho will treat each person with respect and know how to handle the situation. He is a judge who knows the law and will apply it in a firm but compassionate way. I trust him to make the right decisions.

I strongly urge you to consent to Judge Ho's nomination to the District Court of the First Circuit. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you kindly for your time.

Me ka ha'aha'a,



Crystal K. Glendon

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Testimony in support of JC 1: Timorhy Ho for District Court, First Circuit
From: Amefil (Amy) Agbayani 3432 B-1 Kalihi St Honolulu, Hi 96819
Amy_agbayani@yahoo.com

Chair Rhoads, VC Keohokalole and members of the Judiciary Committee

I am writing this letter in strong support of **TIMOTHY HO** to the vacancy in the Honolulu District Court, First Circuit. My support for Timothy Ho is informed by my identity, family, education, work and community experience. This letter of support is for and about Timothy Ho but I believe it is important to know something about me, the writer because my assessment and recommendation are informed by my own identity, values, observations and decades of experience in our multicultural state. As a woman, Filipino immigrant to Hawai'i, and naturalized citizen, I have advocated for representation and a deep respect for the US constitution, I have learned much about the need to have competent people with integrity to be appointed as a Judge from my career and past community service: in the area civil rights, non-discrimination, equal access, diversity and inclusion.

I was Chair Judicial Selection Commission and am familiar with the Judicial Selection criteria and process. I am an Emeritus Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Diversity and former director of student services programs at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa to recruit and support: Native Hawaiian students; underrepresented groups such as Filipinos, African Americans, Pacific Islanders; women students, students with disabilities, LGBT students. I was chair of the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, the state agency responsible for assuring the civil rights of various protected classes. I am currently co-chair of Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights, board member of The Legal Clinic for immigrant justice and the Patsy T. Mink PAC.

I am familiar with Mr. Ho's career and have had conversations with him and other legal professionals. He had a range of responsibilities and experience during his decades of legal service at the Public Defenders department. His co-workers respected him for his leadership and support as chief deputy. In addition, Mr. Ho is currently with a private law firm and a per diem judge. He has participated in specialized training such as immigration and criminal; is an award winning lecturer at the UH Law school and volunteer with college students. Mr. Ho has earned a reputation for being very prepared, knows the law, makes evidence-based decisions, respectful of the rights and responsibilities of participants in the justice system. I am convinced he will be a good judge because of his integrity and ability to listen and speak clearly and respectfully to all the parties involved in a case. I am confident he will be an excellent judge because he is a person of integrity, is fair and is committed to equal access to justice. I believe his appointment will be well-received and will maintain community trust in the Judiciary.

Mr. Ho is a highly qualified lawyer who has demonstrated throughout his career that he has integrity and will be fair. He appreciates our multicultural history and our community's aspirations for fairness and equal justice. He is committed to civil rights, equity and diversity. I strongly recommend him to be a Honolulu District Court Judge.

JC-1

Submitted on: 10/14/2022 12:36:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 10/17/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Curtis Ho	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments: October 13, 2022 Honorable Karl Rhoads Chairperson Senate Judiciary Committee State of Hawai'i State Capitol Honolulu, HI 96813 Re: JC 1 TIMOTHY E. HO Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I am writing in strong support of Timothy Ho's judicial confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit. In full disclosure, Timothy is my younger brother and I have known Tim for all of his life or for a little over 61 years. Tim's goal, early in his legal career has been to be a judge and I believe he will be a good one for several reasons. First, his legal knowledge and professional experience, in and out of the courtroom are exemplary. He has shared his knowledge and experience, formally as an adjunct professor at UHM's Richardson School of Law. Next, I have witnessed Tim's integrity and sense of fairness and justice from an early age, even before entering the legal profession. His strong moral compass has been steady and unchanged. Also, Tim is extremely hard working and dedicated to being the best in his field. I have witnessed this trait since he was an undergraduate student. And lastly, I am highly confident of Tim's ability to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of the position of district court judge. He has all of the characteristics you would want in a judge and his experience of as a per diem judge is evidence of his judicial temperament, diligence and commitment to his profession. I urge you to confirm Mr. Timothy Ho to the judicial position of Judge of the District Court, First Circuit. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on his behalf. Mahalo Nui Loa, Curtis P. Ho, PhD Professor of Education (retired) University of Hawaii at Manoa

STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

**Testimony of James S. Tabe,
State Public Defender**

Senate Committee on Judiciary

October 17, 2022

JC1: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit, Judicial Nominee, Timothy E. Ho.

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

I fully support the confirmation of Timothy Ho, Judicial Nominee, to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have personally known Mr. Ho since 1993 when I first joined the Office of the Public Defender. I had the fortunate opportunity to not only work with Mr. Ho but also observe Mr. Ho in a courtroom. He was simply masterful. First, he was a master in preparation. During trials, it was clear that he knew the facts of the case better than the prosecutor and the police detectives. His courtroom skills were equal if not better than his preparation.

Many judges lack courtroom experience prior to appointment; and only a few can boast having trial experience. Mr. Ho certainly has had extensive courtroom experience. As a trial attorney with the OPD, Mr. Ho tried countless of bench trials and approximately sixty felony jury trials, including representing defendants charged with the most serious of crimes (murder, attempted murder, sexual assault, and robbery). Trials before a jury or a judge are difficult; they are stressful for all parties, including the judges. Because of his extensive litigation experience, Mr. Ho is well prepared and extremely qualified to serve as a district court judge.

After his tenure as a senior felony trial attorney, Mr. Ho was elevated to the position of Assistant Public Defender (“APD”). He held the position for approximately 14 years. As the APD, he assisted the State Public Defender with the administration of the office. From January to April of each year, he was a fixture at the Legislature, as he testified in numerous crime-related and judicial-related bills. One of the most important duties of an APD is to be the office’s human resource officer, who is responsible for the state-wide supervision of trial attorneys, the supervisors, and the clerical staff. And as the human resource officer, he made many difficult decisions

in regard to enforcement and discipline, from issuing verbal reprimands to terminating employees. He was fair, neutral, and objective in his employment decisions – the same qualities expected from a judge who must make difficult decisions and impose serious sanctions.

In addition to Mr. Ho's extensive criminal law background, he has gained invaluable experience in civil and business litigation after leaving the Office of the Public Defender. He joined a well-respected private law firm specializing in real estate and commercial litigation. In the three years with the firm, he has immersed himself in learning and understanding civil law.

Although it has been a number of years since I regularly appeared before the District Court, I have not forgotten the rigors and the demands placed upon the district court judges. The judges must be hardworking, efficient, and organized to deal with the voluminous and demanding workload. Because judges must interpret the meaning, significance, and implications of the law, they must be intelligent, impartial, and have common sense. Moreover, district court judges must also have the demeanor, character, and sensitivity to treat each individual -- including litigants, witnesses, and attorneys -- with respect, patience, and compassion, as they touch the most people in the community on a daily basis and have the broadest reach and impact upon the public. Having worked with Mr. Ho and based on remarks from the deputy public defenders who regularly appear before him as a per diem judge, I can say without reservation that he possesses such qualities.

Mr. Ho is certainly highly qualified to serve on the district court bench. As stated above, he holds himself to high standards of preparation and performance and possesses a strong work ethic. He also has the intellect and the ability to grasp complex legal issues; he has good common sense, the integrity, and practical judgment to apply the laws evenly and fairly. He also has the ability to communicate his ideas and arguments in a thoughtful, eloquent, and persuasive manner. Mr. Ho is also well respected among his peers in the legal community for his insight, keen intellect, and advocacy skills. His reputation amongst prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys and judges is above reproach.

As long as I have known Mr. Ho, he has practiced law with competence, zealously, compassion, integrity, and humility. He has demonstrated that he possesses the ability, the experience, and the qualities to be a district court judge. Mr. Ho will certainly be an asset to the judiciary, and I am proud to support him for a seat on the bench.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in this matter.

JC-1

Submitted on: 10/10/2022 2:04:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 10/17/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard I Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments: We the People Oppose this person!!!!



October 10, 2022

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: JC 1 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit, Judicial Nominee, TIMOTHY E. HO, for a term to expire in 6 years.

Aloha Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of JC 1 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit, Judicial Nominee, TIMOTHY E. HO, for a term to expire in 6 years.

I have known Timothy for several years as both a colleague and a friend. Timothy has a wealth of experience as an attorney practicing for more than 30 years. He has significant experience in criminal law serving as a public defender. He has practiced as a commercial litigator for the past five years, including representing multiple high-profile clients in state and federal courts. In addition, Timothy has served as a per diem judge in the District Courts in Honolulu. In each of these positions, Timothy has displayed excellent legal knowledge and capability. These experiences will translate well into a position as a circuit court judge.

More important than his professional accomplishments, Timothy is a person of high moral character and integrity. He has always represented his clients with the utmost respect for his oath as an attorney. I am confident he will continue to exhibit such high moral values as a judicial officer.

I believe Timothy has the experience, knowledge and integrity needed to serve as a judicial officer and he will be a great asset to the State of Hawaii. For these reasons, I strongly urge the committee to pass JC 1 and confirm Timothy E. Ho's appointment.

Mahalo,

Michael L. Iosua, Partner
Imanaka Asato, LLLC

October 10, 2022

Hon. Karl Rhoads
Chairperson
Senate Judiciary Committee
State of Hawai'i
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: JC 1 TIMOTHY E. HO

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of Timothy Ho's judicial confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Tim for 47 years. I met him when he was 12 years old and he became my brother in law when I married his sister 5 years later.

Tim has the integrity, decisiveness, legal knowledge, and professional experience to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of a district court judge. I know that he will be fair and has the judicial temperament to be successful in this position.

I urge you to confirm Tim to the judicial position of Judge of the District Court, First Circuit. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on his behalf.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alden Y. Takaki". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Alden Y. Takaki

CATHERINE GUTIERREZ (SOUZA)
1001 Bishop Street, Ste. 710
Honolulu, Hawaii. 96813
Tel. No. (808) 532-3229

October 10, 2022

Re: Letter in support of Timothy E. Ho's confirmation as
District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii

Dear Chair Karl Rhoads and Members of the Senate Committee:

This letter is being submitted in support of Timothy E. Ho's confirmation as District Court Judge of the First Circuit. I submit this letter in strong support of his appointment.

I have known Mr. Ho since 2000. As my supervisor at the Public Defender's Office, he was the person I sought to answer legal questions but also to provide moral support. He was always generous with his time and was a resource person for the many attorneys in the office. He was attentive to the attorneys and clients and did so with patience and perspective. As a District Court Per Diem Judge, he continues to follow this method with all the parties appearing before him.

Mr. Ho is a seasoned trial attorney who has extensive experience in both criminal and civil cases. He possesses the character, intellect, and professional experience necessary for this position. His managerial skills, legal experience and knowledge puts him well above the median. I highly recommend him as a District Court Judge. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Very truly yours,


Catherine Gutierrez Souza

October 10, 2022

Honorable Karl Rhoads
Chairperson
Senate Judiciary Committee
State of Hawai'i
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: JC 1 TIMOTHY E. HO

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I respectfully submit this letter in support of the confirmation of Timothy E. Ho as Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit of the State of Hawai'i.

I worked with Mr. Ho for several years in the private practice of law, and believe that I gained a very good understanding of his legal expertise and character. I believe that Mr. Ho would be an excellent judge because of his significant professional experience, fairness, high level of integrity and judicial temperament.

I urge this Committee to confirm Mr. Ho to the judicial position of Judge of the District Court, First Circuit. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in support of his confirmation.

Thank you,

Jeanine Ogawa

TESTIMONY OF
ALEN M. K. KANESHIRO, ATTORNEY AT LAW
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022, 11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 229

RE: JC 1

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEE
TIMOTHY E. HO

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

I am submitting the following testimony in support for District/Family Court Judicial Nominee Timothy E. Ho.

I have known Mr. Ho for approximately 19 years, first, when I was an intern with the State of Hawaii Office of the Public Defender. I also worked under him as Deputy Public Defender and I worked with him in private practice.

Over the years, I have come to know and respect Mr. Ho as my supervisor, an attorney and as a per diem judge.

As a practicing attorney, Mr. Ho has always been diligent and responsible in representing his clients ethically and zealously. He is always respectful to other attorneys, prosecutors, and judges. I believe that his diligence and temperament are the type of qualities that would make him an excellent judge.

In private practice, Mr. Ho and I have represented mutual clients and I have always been impressed with his professionalism and diligence. His clients have also been impressed by his empathy and work ethic.

I have made appearances before per diem Judge Ho since he was appointed as a per diem judge of the District Court of the First Circuit. Judge Ho has always been fair, respectful and cordial to the litigants.

I have no reservations in saying that Mr. Ho is imminently qualified to serve as District/Family Court judge. He possesses a unique blend of diligence, pragmatism, intelligence, and real-world litigation experience that make for a respected jurist.

I respectfully urge your support for confirmation of Judicial Nominee Timothy E. Ho.

Sincerely,

/s/ Alen M. K. Kaneshiro
Alen M. K. Kaneshiro, Attorney at Law

October 11, 2022

Honorable Karl Rhoads
Chairperson
Senate Judiciary Committee
State of Hawai'i
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: JC 1 TIMOTHY E. HO

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I am writing in **support** of Timothy Ho's judicial confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Tim Ho for 22 years. We are not related. We started to know each other when our sons were playing basketball. As times goes by, we became good friends. I know Tim is capable and qualified to be a District Court Judge because he is responsible and reliable. I speak from my experience. When he says "yes" he means "yes"; when he says "no" he means "no." He is never on the fence. His ear and heart are open to all. Nearly everyone knows him has gone to him for guidance and assistance at one time or another. No problem is too small for his thoughtful consideration. It is significant that he has always served in positions where he could help people. The desire to do so must run very deep in the grain of his personality and beliefs. I do not believe that much more can be said for any man. He has been a distinguished public official but that is only part of the story. In both his public and private life, he has demonstrated a deep and abiding feeling for those opportunities have been limited by circumstances or by cruel conditions imposed on them by events beyond their control. He has more than I feel that he will make an excellent District Court Judge. It gives me great pleasure to recommend him for the position of District Court Judge

I urge you to confirm Mr. Ho to the judicial position of Judge of the District Court, First Circuit. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on his behalf.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Alec Wong

Lori Ann C. Lum
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Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary

Monday, October 17, 2022; 11:00 a.m.
Conference room 229

RE: **JC1 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit, Judicial Nominee, Timothy E. Ho, for a term to expire in 6 years**

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

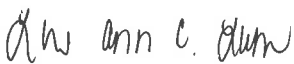
I'm writing in strong support of the nomination of Timothy Ho to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I've known Tim both personally and professionally for over 25 years. He is of the highest character and has the intelligence, legal ability, sense of fairness and judicial temperament to serve as Circuit Court Judge.

He currently serves as a Per Diem Judge, District Court of the First Circuit, assigned to the Criminal Calendar and DUI/Traffic Crimes Calendar and the Civil Calendar. From 1987 – 2018 he worked for the Office of the Public Defender. His positions included District & Family Court Trial Attorney, Felony Trial Attorney, Supervising Attorney and Chief Deputy Public Defender. His extensive experience makes him well qualified for the District Judge position.

Tim also engages in community activities and enjoys interacting with students at the elementary, high school and college level.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Timothy Ho.


Lori Ann C. Lum

October 11, 2022

Hon. Karl Rhoads
Chairperson
Senate Judiciary Committee
State of Hawai'i
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: JC 1 TIMOTHY E. HO

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of Timothy Ho's judicial confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Tim for all of his life. I am his older sister, Sandi, and my first memory of him is seeing him through the hospital window. All I could see was this little bundled blanket with a tiny face as I stood outside of the Kauai Veterans Hospital.

It is my testimony that Tim will make an excellent judge. Being the youngest of four children, he's had to assert himself and develop a strong and grounded confidence at a very young age, which continues on to this day. I know he has the decisiveness, integrity, diligence, legal knowledge and temperament to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of a judicial position. He will be able to rely on his professional experience to rule with the fairness and confidence expected of a judge.

I urge you to confirm Tim to the judicial position of Judge of the District Court, First Circuit. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on his behalf.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Sandi Ho-Takaki
sanditakaki@gmail.com

JC-1

Submitted on: 10/11/2022 8:03:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 10/17/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gail Yoshie Hirano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: My name is Gail Hirano and I am writing to express my strong support for the confirmation of Timothy Ho to the District Court of the First Circuit. I am a family friend of the Ho family. I've known Timothy Ho for over twenty years and he has always been honest, respectful, humble, compassionate, and patient. He is a wonderful husband, father, son, and friend. Mr. Ho also invests time into educating and helping others. He took the time to patiently answer my son's questions and he set the foundation for my son to become a practicing attorney. I cannot think of anyone who would be more qualified or suited for the job. I humbly urge your committee and the senate to give Timothy Ho your serious consideration and confirm his appointment to the District Court of the First Circuit. Sincerely, Gail Hirano

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Judiciary Committee
October 17, 2022 at 11:00am

By Doris M. Ching
Educator and Emeritus Higher Education Administrator

JC 1 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit, Judicial Nominee, TIMOTHY E. HO, for a term to expire in 6 years.

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee Senators Acasio, Gabbard, Mercado Kim, Lee, Fevela:

Thank you for the opportunity to present this unsolicited testimony in support of Timothy Ho. It is a pleasure and privilege to support JC 1 for consideration and confirmation of Mr. Timothy Ho to the District Court of the First Circuit. I strongly believe that Mr. Ho has the essential qualities, temperament, and courage required to fulfill the judiciary's critical role in our state and island community. As a former chair of the State of Hawai'i Judicial Selection Commission and current member of the Hawai'i Commission on Judicial Conduct, I have reviewed and observed an array of judicial qualifications and performance. I am, therefore, confident of my informed assessment that Mr. Ho's appointment will add a high caliber presence to the District Court of the First Circuit and the Judiciary will be extremely proud of the high distinction and outstanding performance Mr. Ho will provide the District Court.

Timothy Ho's judicial demeanor and temperament, philosophy and insights on issues and topics, and manner of treatment of individuals of all ages and in a wide range of situations are impeccable, as observed in his work over the past three decades. The consistency of his behavior in informal and formal settings, the evenness of his temperament, his broad and global philosophy, his keen insights which reflect his wide and varied experiences, and the fairness of treatment which he affords all individuals are admirable and a model for other judges. He is an authentic, honest, trustworthy individual, as demonstrated by his prestigious recognitions and awards, as well as by his performance over the past year as a per diem judge of the District Court of the First Circuit, assigned to the Criminal Calendar and DUI/Traffic Crimes Calendar. He is valued by colleagues and clients alike for the courageous decisions he is willing to make to uphold justice, respect for the law, and integrity of the profession. He is admired for his continuous search and practice of effective ways to build a better community and profession for future generations.

As a former associate attorney with the law firm of Imanaka Asato LLLC, Timothy Ho was highly valued for his performance as a civil litigation attorney representing corporations and individuals in foreclosures, trade name violations, and lease disputes. Prior to his current work as attorney in private practice and per diem judge, Mr. Ho served the State of Hawai'i Office of the Public Defender for more than 30 years as chief

deputy public defender, supervising attorney, and trial attorney. His track record as a respected public defender speaks to his ability to balance his respect for the court of law with his compassion for justice for all persons. His well-rounded experience and wide range of expertise include immigration consequences of criminal convictions, working with juveniles and mental health, Ignition Interlock, and Driving While Intoxicated (DWI). He is a careful, yet decisive, decision-maker who uses his vast experience in jury trial, family court trial, civil litigation, criminal plea-bargaining, and mediation to facilitate a court calendar. As a per diem judge, he has demonstrated the required skills to manage a full calendar of criminal and civil cases, thereby mitigating court hearing delays. My trust and confidence in his abilities and consistently sound attitudes, judgment, and beliefs prompt me to support his appointment as a full-fledged judge of the court.

Timothy Ho consistently demonstrates favorable judicial temperament, patience, courtesy, respect of all persons, and genuine willingness to hear all sides of a situation. He communicates with others in a calm, dignified manner. In word and action, he exhibits dignity to all persons and is a role model for commitment to fairness and social justice. Over the three decades I have known Mr. Ho, I have had the opportunity to observe his attitudes, behavior, personal philosophy, insights on issues and topics, and fair treatment of individuals of all ages and socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds. As we have engaged extensively in discussions on a wide range of topics, I am favorably impressed with his insights reflecting his wide range of experiences, the consistency of his thoughts and actions, and his fair treatment of all persons.

I assure you that Timothy Ho is a proven valuable asset to Hawai'i's courts and will continue to contribute significantly to the State court system as Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit. Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of Timothy Ho.

October 12, 2022

Hon. Karl Rhoads
Chairperson
Senate Judiciary Committee
State of Hawai'i
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: JC 1 TIMOTHY E. HO

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of Timothy Ho's judicial confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Tim for nearly 6 years and have the privilege to call him my father-in-law. He is one of the most influential individuals in my life because of the way he carries both himself and his family. He strives to be the very best person he can be, whether in a court room, in an office, in public, or at home. Tim always prioritizes others before himself and does everything in his power to help those around him.

Tim will make a great judge because of his outstanding work ethic and diligence. He has experience as a Per Diem judge and has the capability to make lawful decisions in various scenarios. With over 30 years of professional experience, Tim has worn many hats and has what it takes to fulfill the responsibilities and duties as Judge of the District Court.

I urge you to confirm Timothy Ho to the judicial position of Judge of the District Court, First Circuit. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on his behalf.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Ishaque".

Jamiel Ishaque

October 12, 2022

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Chairperson
Senate Judiciary Committee
State of Hawai'i
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Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of Timothy Ho's judicial confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Tim Ho for nearly 20 years. I first met Tim when he served an adjunct professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law. I enjoyed his class and learned practical knowledge about the inner working of our criminal justice system. Tim's passion for justice and his enthusiasm in his teachings were one of the primary reasons why I subsequently joined the Office of the Public Defender where Tim served as my boss for several years.

Tim would make an exemplary judge as he has all the important characteristics to make a difference in our legal system. He is smart and he is tough, meaning he will be able to make hard decisions based on his knowledge of the law and unwavering duty to uphold integrity and commitment to justice.

I urge you to confirm Tim Ho to the judicial position of Judge of the District Court, First Circuit. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on his behalf.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Sandra Kim

JC-1

Submitted on: 10/12/2022 3:19:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 10/17/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcus L Landsberg IV	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: Tim Ho was my professor at law school and helped me and all my friends get a job at the Office of the Public Defender after. Tim was a phenomenal teacher and a great supervisor. Just enough rope to learn things yourself, guidance right when you need it, at the point where you learn yourself but before the client is harmed. His teaching ability and demeanor was unmatched, both as a professor and a supervisor. During his time as a per diem judge I have also appeared before him. I found his rulings fair and impartial. He showed a deeper understanding of procedural law that some judges who have been there for many years. In private, in passing, I have spoken to Tim previously about his desire to become a judge. This is not a passing interest or a mood. Tim has taken great reflection on this, so much that he left his career as a public defender to move to civil work to gain a greater breadth of knowledge of the law. That type of broad move should be applauded and recognized. When told he needed greater breadth of experiences he didn't object or bemoan, he went out and got them. Many of us are scared to start over as an associate after many years practicing. The fact that Tim did this alone is to his credit, but the fact that he did it successful cannot be overvalued. Tim is the type of judge Hawaii needs.

October 12, 2022

Senate Committee on Judiciary
Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole

Re: JC1 Timothy E. Ho
Nominee for Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit

I am submitting written testimony in support of District Court Judge Nominee, Timothy E. Ho. I have known Tim for about 20 years as a law student at the William S. Richardson School of Law (2001) and as a Deputy Public Defender (2003-2018). As a law student, I was fortunate to have Tim as one of my Defense Clinic instructors. After taking Tim's class, I aspired to work at the Public Defender's Office. I started at the Office in 2003 and worked directly under Tim until 2018. During those years, I can say wholeheartedly that Tim had a positive impact on my growth and development as a trial attorney. Tim was a great resource to have at the office. He was always approachable, patient, and had a vast amount of knowledge and experience to share. I believe the Judiciary will gain a hard-working, smart, practical, and compassionate Judge in Tim Ho. Furthermore, I think that the Honolulu District Court can benefit tremendously from the experience that Tim will bring to the table as a Judge.

Sincerely,

/S/ Alan J.T. Komagome

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October 13, 2022

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 Mr. Timothy Ho to the District Court of the First Court (JC1)
October 17, 2022 at 11:00am

Dear Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

I am writing in strong support of the confirmation of Mr. Timothy Ho to the position of judge of the District 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.

Mr. Ho is one of the most experienced, careful, and competent criminal attorneys that I have ever met. He has impeccable credentials with many years of practical "in the trenches" experience as a public defender, private attorney, and per diem judge. Public service needs honest, talented, and caring individuals like Mr. Ho.

I believe that the opportunity to have such a qualified candidate for a position of District Court Judge 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

Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads
Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee
State of Hawaii / State Capitol
Honolulu Hawaii 96813

October 14, 2022

Re: JC1 – Timothy E Ho

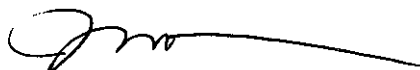
Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads,

I've known Timothy Ho for many years on a personal level. From a simple connection of our sons joining a community basketball league together in their elementary school years, our friendship grew to one of great trust and love. It is a very close friendship, very family like and filled with mutual respect for the past 20 plus years

Though I can't vouch for Timothy Ho's professional background having never worked with him on a professional level, my personal connection with Timothy is surely one that I can attest to. Much admired by all, Timothy's character could only be described as a person who is dedicated, respected and accountable. He is an outstanding father to son, Preston who is a pharmacist and to daughter, Lauren who is an engineer and a very loving husband to his wife Rollianne.

With great respect, please consider Timothy Ho for the District Court Judge position. You will find that Timothy's admired qualities of integrity and honesty along with his admirable ethic of core values are all the qualities of a person so deserving to serve as District Court Judge.

With Appreciation and Aloha,



Joyce Chikamori

William M. Bento
1130 North Nimitz Highway, Suite A-254
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Testimony to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary

October 17, 2022

JC1: Relating to the Judicial Nomination of Timothy E. Ho to the District Court of the First Circuit

Chair: Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair: Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee:

I write today in strong support of the judicial nomination of Timothy E. Ho to the District Court bench. Mr. Ho will be a valuable addition to the Judiciary as a full-time judge. I have known Mr. Ho for over thirty-five years, and know him to be a person of integrity, honesty, compassion and gentle temperament. He has the legal aptitude and experience to handle any challenge he might encounter on the District Court bench. He has worked as a trial deputy, line supervisor and First Deputy Public Defender for the State of Hawaii, as well as in private practice for a civil law firm, and as a solo practitioner. He has served as a per diem judge in the District Court, and thus has already been doing the job for which he has been nominated.

I highly and without reservation strongly recommend Mr. Ho's confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this nomination.

October 2022

To: Senator Karl Rhoads and the Judicial committee

My name is Patti Ohara. I am a retired DOE teacher currently working as a Part Time Teacher in the Farrington Complex. I am in support of the appointment of Timothy E. Ho.

Commitment to serve others best describes Tim. As a friend of 35 years, he has always shown the willingness to help others.

As a former 6th grade teacher, a yearly excursion was to the circuit court. Tim would volunteer to be a guest speaker in the classroom to help prepare the students for their visit. He always enthusiastically taught the students as well as answered any questions that the students had.

As a long time employee of the State of Hawaii as a public defender, he took his job seriously and ensured that all citizens were given fair representation. His ability to work and lead others in the department made him an asset to the Public Defenders office.

Upon retirement once again Tim has chosen to serve others. As an ordained minister, Tim has chosen to officiate the marriage of others for a very nominal fee. Often times he spends what he has earned to make the day special for the couple.

The willingness to serve others is further exemplified by his choice to be a court appointed attorney. Once again, to help, serve, and do right is the intent and purpose of his chosen way to spend retirement.

You will not find a person who exhibits higher integrity, work ethic and love for others than Timothy Ho. I am in support of his appointment as a district court judge.

Sincerely,

Patti Ohara

October 13, 2022

Hon. Karl Rhoads
Chairperson
Senate Judiciary Committee
State of Hawai'i
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: JC 1 TIMOTHY E. HO

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of Timothy Ho's judicial confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit.

Tim is my father. I am 27 years old and currently working in construction after graduation with a B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering from The University of Hawai'i at Manoa. My father is a major role model in my life as I look up to his work ethic, intelligence, integrity, and grit. I have no doubt that he will fulfill all responsibilities and duties of a District Court Judge.

As I am his daughter, I understand the perception that I have undeniable bias in support for Timothy's confirmation. Therefore, I will stick to the facts on why you should confirm him.

Diverse legal experience and knowledge – Timothy has criminal, civil, trial, and judicial experience. He worked for the Public Defender's office for 30 years in all various positions: trial attorney, manager, and ultimately the Chief Deputy Public Defender. Instead of retiring, my father was eager to gain civil experience and humbly took the position of associate at Imanaka Asato LLC. He also has experience as a Per Diem judge since 2021.

Selection by Chief Justice and Judicial Selection Committee – Tim has made the list of judicial nominees nearly 30 times. The Judicial Selection Committee has repeatedly found Tim fit to be a judge. Now, Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald has chosen Tim as the next District Court Judge. If the Chief Justice

had any issues with his current position as Per Diem Judge, he would not have appointed Tim.

Commitment to serving the Public – Besides working as a public defender, Tim has given back to the Hawai'i community as an adjunct professor at the William Richardson School of Law for 18 years. He has mentored many lawyers currently practicing in the State of Hawai'i.

I urge you to confirm my dad, Timothy Ho, to the judicial position of Judge of the District Court, First Circuit. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on his behalf.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lauren Ho', written in a cursive style.

Lauren Ho

JC-1

Submitted on: 10/13/2022 9:29:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 10/17/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Preston Ho	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I am writing in support of Timothy Ho's judicial confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit. Tim is my Dad so I may be a little biased, but I believe he would make a great judge because of many reasons. One of which is because of how much preparation he does. I remember when I was younger and had a tryout for junior golf. He printed out aerial pictures of the holes and we planned where I would want to hit each shot. He is the same way with his work and puts in the work before each case to prepare. Another reason I think my dad would make a great judge is that he is able to make decisions logically. It is human nature to have emotions, but he is aware of his emotions and does not let them get in the way of his decisions. I believe this is a very important quality in a judge because it is their job to apply the law and not let emotions get in the way of what the laws actually say. I remember the time that I told him that I did not want to play baseball anymore. I knew he really wanted me to play and had spent so much time working with me. But he let me stop playing which was the right decision, although a tough one to make because he grew up playing baseball. These are some of the reasons I think my dad would be a great judge. I urge you to confirm my father, Timothy Ho, to the judicial position of Judge of the District Court, First Circuit. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on his behalf. Sincerely, Preston Ho

JC-1

Submitted on: 10/13/2022 11:33:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 10/17/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Voltaire Gansit	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I write in support of the nomination of Timothy E. Ho to serve as Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit.

JC-1

Submitted on: 10/14/2022 10:57:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 10/17/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Mori Hayakawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: Dear Chair Rhoads and the Judiciary Committee: I have practiced criminal law in Honolulu for over 30 years. I first met Tim Ho when we started our careers at the Public Defender's Office. Tim has a track record as an excellent trial attorney and he served as the First Deputy for the Office, which in my opinion is the toughest job at the Office because the First Deputy has to address complaints from deputies, clients and the public. After leaving the Office of the Public Defender, Tim worked for a civil litigation firm, gaining valuable experience that will allow him to step in at both the criminal or civil circuit court calendars when needed. I believe Tim will be an outstanding asset to our Judiciary and I strongly support his confirmation. Respectfully, /s/ David M. Hayakawa

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October 14, 2022

Via <https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/submittestimonySS.aspx>

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol, Conference Room 016
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

RE: JC1
Testimony in Support of the Consideration and Confirmation of TIMOTHY E. HO for
Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii

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

Please accept this testimony in strong support of TIMOTHY E. HO's appointment as Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii. I have known Tim for over twenty years, and can say with all confidence that he has the intellect, character, and experience necessary to be an outstanding district court judge.

I have known Tim since 2001, while serving together as deputy public defenders for the State of Hawaii. Tim was known for his zealous and skilled advocacy, leadership ability and most importantly, his strong character and integrity. I worked under Tim during both his tenure as District Court Supervisor, and as Chief Deputy Public Defender. Tim was a valued mentor and leader, providing sound advice and guidance to not only the deputies, but to the staff members as well. There are many of us in the legal community who owe Tim a debt of gratitude for shaping us into the attorneys we are today.

Tim's expertise is not limited to the area of criminal defense, as he is also a civil litigator, adjunct professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law, and now, per diem judge. Very few of us in the legal field have this wealth of experience and it makes Tim the ideal candidate for district court judge. His qualifications, experience and character are unparalleled.

In addition to his many achievements as an attorney, Tim has also spent countless hours serving our community. His volunteer work has spanned all areas of service, from participating in the Lawyers in the Classroom and Junior Judges Program in our public schools, to community advocate for the American Heart Association, and most notably, as a member of a number of vital interagency task forces and committees. Tim has served on the Ignition Interlock Task Force, DWI Court, Committee on Equality and Access to the Courts, Hawaii Penal Rules Committee, and the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Committee, just to name a few. Through these efforts, Tim has helped to provide structure and support so that our government and our community as a whole can provide assistance to the most vulnerable among us. Confirming Tim's nomination to serve as district court judge would undoubtedly benefit not only our system of justice, but our community as well.

It is without reservation or hesitation that I offer this letter in support of Timothy E. Ho to serve as Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Jennifer D.K. Ng

October 10, 2022

Hon. Karl Rhoads
Chairperson
Senate Judiciary Committee
State of Hawai'i
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: JC 1 TIMOTHY E. HO

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of Timothy Ho's judicial confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I know Timothy Ho as Uncle Tim. He is my mom's youngest sibling. As the oldest of his nieces and nephews, I remember Uncle Tim as a young law student: earnest and hardworking. He would go on to take these qualities and apply them to his practice.

Tim Ho spent his youth in Waimea, Kaua'i where he learned the value of integrity, perseverance, and empathy. Driven, in part, by his upbringing Tim lives his life with a clear sense of right and wrong. I trust Tim Ho to fulfill the duties of the court with honesty and fairness in all matters. His calm yet assertive nature will ensure his courtroom will be run orderly and efficiently. His expertise, experience, and empathy are qualities needed to make clear and fair decisions in the courtroom.

When I think of my Uncle, I think of this 'Ōlelo no'eau: He noio 'a'e 'ale no ke kai loa. He truly has wisdom and skill to be admired.

I urge you to confirm Timothy Ho to the judicial position of Judge of the District Court, First Circuit. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on his behalf.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Aimee Takaki

October 10, 2022

Hon. Karl Rhoads
Chairperson
Senate Judiciary Committee
State of Hawai'i
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: JC 1 TIMOTHY E. HO

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of Timothy Ho's judicial confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Timothy Ho my entire life. He is my grand-Uncle on my mom's side.

Timothy Ho will be a good judge because of the strength of his character. He has a strong moral character and is more than capable of fulfilling the duties required of him should he be confirmed. Timothy Ho spent decades upholding the law with intelligence, kindness, and fairness which are the same qualities he will bring to the courtroom should he be confirmed.

I urge you to confirm Mr. Timothy Ho to the judicial position of Judge of the District Court, First Circuit. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on his behalf.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Ryan Takaki

October 14, 2022

Hon. Karl Rhoads
Chairperson
Senate Judiciary Committee
State of Hawai'i
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: JC 1 TIMOTHY E. HO

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of Timothy Ho's judicial confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Mr. Timothy Ho for nearly a decade. He is of strong ethical character and serves his duties with integrity. Mr. Ho has a keen eye for the law and will serve his appointment with honor.

I urge you to confirm Mr. Timothy Ho to the judicial position of Judge of the District Court, First Circuit. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on his behalf.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Frank Bright

Date: October 14, 2022

To: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice-Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Re: JC1, Testimony in Support of the Confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit,
Judicial Nominee, Timothy E. Ho

Hearing: Monday, October 17, 2022, 11:00 a.m.
Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

I met Tim in 1995 when I was first hired at the Office of the Public Defender. At that time, Tim was a front-line deputy, handling the more serious cases in the office. I recall watching him in numerous jury trials and remember admiring his advocacy, his style, and his presence in court. Tim and I became quick friends, and I also considered Tim to be a mentor. Tim's emphasis on preparation, work ethic, and dedication and commitment to our PD clients molded my approach to criminal defense work and advocacy.

Tim was eventually named District Court supervisor, and he soon exhibited his talents for management and organization. He was well-loved by his district court crew and the District Court division ran smoothly and efficiently. When Tim was appointed to the Chief Deputy position, much of the same followed. Tim smartly ran the everyday operations of the office from the staff to the attorneys, including four neighbor island offices. As the chief deputy, Tim was consistently fair and went above and beyond to tend to the needs of the staff and the attorneys.

Upon leaving the office, Tim ventured into the arena of civil law and joined a civil law firm. I was impressed with Tim's courage to start at the ground floor and learn a new area of law. Nonetheless, Tim took on this challenge and has enjoyed additional success as a civil lawyer.

I am confident that Tim will make an excellent judge. Tim has a wide-ranging background in law and has proven to be able to set his criminal defense background aside as a per diem judge, hearing cases and treating both parties fairly and evenly. Perhaps, most significantly, Tim has an exceptional work ethic with an innate sense of fairness and an insistence on always doing the right and moral thing. Additionally, Tim has an ideal judicial temperament, and has the ability to keep his cool in even the most extreme situations. Without reservation, I recommend Timothy E. Ho as a district court judge.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee S. Hayakawa
Assistant Public Defender
State of Hawaii Office of the Public Defender

JC-1

Submitted on: 10/15/2022 11:36:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 10/17/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lon Paresa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I strongly support Mr. Tim Ho for District Court of the First Circuit. Mahalo.



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Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

RE: Appointment of Timothy Ho to the District Court of the First Circuit

Dear Senators,

I am writing in support of Timothy Ho for selection as a judge for the District Court of the First Circuit. I have known Mr. Ho for many years, first as a fellow law student at the William S. Richardson School of Law and as a fellow Deputy Public Defender. Mr. Ho has conducted many bench and jury trials while assigned to the Family Court Division, District Court Division and Felony Division of the Office of the Public Defender. He has always been well prepared and respectful of his clients, opposing counsel and the Courts. Moreover, Mr. Ho has proven to possess great patience and organization skills as evidenced by his years as the Supervising Attorney for the District Court Division of the Office of the Public Defender and then as the First Deputy to the Public Defender. I believe that Mr. Ho has all the right qualities to sit as a District Court judge.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/Jerry A. Villanueva

Jerry A. Villanueva

Deputy Public Defender

Date: October 15, 2022

To: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice-Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Re: JC1, Testimony in Support of the Confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit,
Judicial Nominee, Timothy E. Ho

Hearing: Monday, October 17, 2022, 11:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229
415 South Beretania Street

It is my honor to write this testimony in support of the confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit, Judicial Nominee, Timothy E. Ho. I have known Mr. Ho since 2004 when I was a law student in his Defense Clinic class at the William S. Richardson School of Law. I also served with him for eleven (11) years when he was the Chief Deputy/Assistant Public Defender at the Office of the Public Defender, State of Hawaii.

As a clinical legal instructor, he was instrumental in cultivating my desire to serve defendants and the community as a deputy public defender. Mr. Ho possesses extensive knowledge of criminal law. He taught students the practical skills needed to be effective defense attorneys representing individuals accused of criminal offenses. For me, Mr. Ho made the practice of law real. He went beyond textbooks and case studies. Through his guidance and instruction, he helped me see the enormous undertaking and the responsibility of representing indigent members of our community accused of criminal offenses.

As the Chief Deputy of the Office of the Public Defender, State of Hawaii, Mr. Ho maintained an open-door policy. He made time for attorneys and staff who needed to speak to him privately about professional or personal matters. Mr. Ho is fair and respectful in his dealings with those he encounters. He treats people with dignity no matter the individual's status. I have never witnessed Mr. Ho behave or speak inappropriately.

Again, I support the confirmation of Judicial Nominee, Timothy E. Ho. If confirmed, Mr. Ho would be a positive reflection of our judiciary. If you give Mr. Ho this opportunity to serve as a judge, he will not disappoint you. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my testimony in support of Mr. Ho's nomination and confirmation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Okie Amadi', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and includes a small number '1' at the end.

Okechukwu "Okie" Amadi
Deputy Public Defender
State of Hawaii

JC-1

Submitted on: 10/16/2022 9:10:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 10/17/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aubrey M M Bento	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: Timothy Ho is an exceptional judicial nominee. I have known Judge Ho for many years as a deputy public defender, first deputy, and per diem judge. In every interaction I have had with him, he has been professional and knowledgeable. Judge Ho's commitment to justice and integrity makes him the perfect candidate for this prestigious position. Thank you for your consideration.

JC-1

Submitted on: 10/16/2022 10:25:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 10/17/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sheena Crail	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I strongly support Mr. Ho's confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit.

Date: October 14, 2022

To: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary
JDCtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Re: JC1, Written Testimony in Support of the Confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit, Judicial Nominee, Timothy E. Ho

Hearing: Monday, October 17, 2022, 11:00 a.m.

Dear Senator Rhoads, Senator Keohokalole and Members of the Committee on Judiciary,

Thank you for this opportunity to share with you my letter of support for the confirmation of Timothy E. Ho to the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai`i.

I have known Tim for over 36 years. Tim is a wonderfully caring, generous, and devoted husband, father, son, and uncle, a true family man, and quite a terrific brother-in-law too! Since 2018, when working as a felony assistant/secretary with the Public Defenders Office and then as his legal assistant at Imanaka Asato, I have had the opportunity to see and witness firsthand Tim's commitment and dedication to his profession.

Experienced and knowledgeable, Tim is a collaborative, open door type of person and leader, one who willingly shares of his time to mentor or lend his assistance to both attorneys and staff alike. Decisive and measured, attentive and assured, Tim can handily assess and address diverse and difficult situations, such as patiently easing and reassuring even the most distraught of clients. Tim possesses a fair and compassionate mindset one that I believe is rooted in the respect he shows and demonstrates towards all people. When Tim began his service as a Per Diem District Court Judge, I saw the melding of his many admirable qualities and talents and Tim's wholehearted devotedness to community, truly and perfectly all come together.

All this is why I strongly support the confirmation of Timothy E. Ho to the judicial position of Judge of the District Court, First Circuit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Chun". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelly Chun

LATE

JC-1

Submitted on: 10/16/2022 11:49:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 10/17/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Doris lum	Individual	Comments Only	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I support Timothy Ho's appointment to the District Court. I believe he has the judicial temperament to be a great judge. I have worked with him at the Public Defender's Office and I know him to be intelligent and fair minded. He also has the heart for public service.

LATE

October 16, 2022

Hon. Karl Rhoads
Chairperson
Senate Judiciary Committee
State of Hawai'i
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: JC 1 TIMOTHY E. HO

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of Timothy Ho's judicial confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit. Timothy is my youngest son. As a child, Timothy was goal-oriented and honest which, in addition to his studious nature, lead to his academic success. As Timothy grew into adulthood, he continued to accomplish his goals with integrity.

Timothy will make a welcome addition to the District Court of the First Circuit because he will serve with honor and integrity. He has always been one to prepare for all he does. This will be no different. Timothy has a strong, unwavering moral character and is fully capable of serving as a Judge of the District Court, First Circuit.

I urge you to confirm Timothy Ho to the judicial position of Judge of the District Court, First Circuit. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on his behalf.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Naoko Ho

LATE

October 16, 2022

Hon. Karl Rhoads
Chairperson
Senate Judiciary Committee
State of Hawai'i
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: JC 1 TIMOTHY E. HO

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of Timothy Ho's judicial confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit.

Timothy Ho is my uncle and I have known him for my entire life.

I believe my uncle would make an exceptional Judge due to his integrity and his knowledge of the legal system. While I may not have as much insight into his work life as that of his colleagues, I do know that he is a caring father and a loving uncle. I have complete confidence in his ability to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of the position and I believe he has much to offer should he be confirmed.

I urge you to confirm Timothy Ho to the judicial position of Judge of the District Court, First Circuit. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on his behalf.

Sincerely,

-Justin Takaki

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jon Ikenaga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I strongly support the appointment of Timothy Ho as judge of the District Court of the First Circuit. I have been working at the Office of the Public Defender since 1995 and I am currently the supervisor of the Appellate Section. I have worked with Mr. Ho throughout his tenure with the Office of the Public Defender as a senior trial attorney, District Court Supervisor and Assistant Public Defender. Mr. Ho has always demonstrated the highest integrity and character. As a per diem judge Mr. Ho is known for his fairness, judicial demeanor and legal knowledge. I have no hesitation in strongly supporting Mr. Ho's nomination.

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Submitted on: 10/16/2022 10:43:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 10/17/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tracie Takaki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I am writing in support of Timothy Ho's judicial confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit. I have known Uncle Tim for my entire life. I wholeheartedly believe Uncle Tim contains the necessary legal acumen, temperament, and experience to excel in the position of Judge of the District Court, First Circuit. Over the past 32 years, I have seen firsthand not only the dedication and diligence he displays as an attorney and judge, but also the compassion and empathy required as a volunteer in his community and as a mentor to his peers. He has always stood up for what he believes is fair, and has always been someone that I look up to. I urge you to confirm Timothy Ho to the judicial position of Judge of the District Court, First Circuit. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on his behalf. Mahalo Nui Loa, Tracie Takaki

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October 15, 2022

Hon. Karl Rhoads
Chairperson
Senate Judiciary Committee
State of Hawai'i
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: JC 1 TIMOTHY E. HO

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of Timothy Ho's judicial confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have had the honor of working with Mr. Ho for 4 years in his previous capacity as an associate attorney at Imanaka Asato LLC.

Mr. Ho exemplifies all the necessary qualities that will allow him to excel as a District Court judge. Tim has over thirty years of civil service working at the public defender's office and carries with him a vast amount of legal knowledge and ability.

Mr. Ho embodies the utmost levels of integrity, diligence and respect for the rule of law which make him highly qualified for this position. Through my time with Tim, I have seen his high level of fairness and decisiveness that will allow him to thrive as a judge.

With the highest level of confidence, I can state that Mr. Ho will be an excellent asset to our judiciary. I urge you to confirm Mr. Ho. to the judicial position of Judge of the District Court, First Circuit. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on his behalf.

Mahalo Nui Loa,



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October 13, 2022

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Chairperson
Senate Judiciary Committee
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Re: JC 1 TIMOTHY E. HO

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

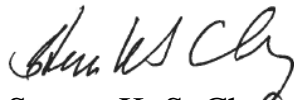
I am writing in support of Timothy Ho's judicial confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit.

After retiring from the public defender's office, Mr. Ho worked closely with me for three years, handling routine as well as complex civil matters. In all of his undertakings, Mr. Ho exhibited outstanding integrity, sound judgment, diligence and compassion.

I strongly support Mr. Ho's confirmation to the District Court judge and am confident he will be an outstanding jurist. He will be decisive and fair, and will treat everyone with civility and respect.

I urge you to confirm Mr. Ho to the judicial position of Judge of the District Court, First Circuit. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on his behalf.

Mahalo Nui Loa,



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October 17, 2022

Senate Judiciary Committee
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee

RE: Testimony in Strong Support of JC1 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit, Judicial Nominee, TIMOTHY E. HO, for a term to expire in 6 years.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in strong support of Judicial Nominee Timothy Ho's confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i. I have known Mr. Ho for many years and have utmost confidence in his confirmation. Mr. Ho is of good character, fair and just, and compassionate. I believe his extensive experience in the legal profession will make him an asset to the Judiciary. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Ho's confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tommy Waters".

Councilmember Tommy Waters
District 4 (*Hawaii Kai, Kuliouou, Niu Valley, Aina Haina, Wailupe, Waialae-Iki, Kalani Valley, Kahala, Wilhemina Rise, Kaimuki, portions of Kapahulu, Diamond Head, Black Point, Waikiki, and Ala Moana Beach Park*)

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Submitted on: 10/17/2022 10:51:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 10/17/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Teri Keliipuleole	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I am writing in support of Timothy Ho's judicial confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit. I have known Tim for roughly seven years, since working together at the Office of the Public Defender (OPD). During our time together at the OPD, Tim always maintained an open-door policy and provided invaluable guidance on the various stages of case management. I believe that Tim will make an exceptional judge because he is fair and impartial. He also has a wealth of knowledge and experience related specifically to matters before the District Court of the First Circuit. Lastly, his inherent personality traits and critical thinking skills will ensure that he always exhibits good judicial temperament. I urge you to confirm Tim to the judicial position of Judge of the District Court, First Circuit. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on his behalf. Mahalo, Teri Keliipuleole

Apologies for my late testimony

Kat Brady <kat.caphi@gmail.com>

Mon 10/17/2022 7:27 AM

To: Sen. Karl Rhoads <SenRhoads@capitol.hawaii.gov>

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Aloha Karl,

I apologize for sending in my very very late testimony in support of Timothy Ho for District Court (JC1).

I am rarely ill, but I have been knocked on my okole since last Friday and I am still feeling poorly. I wanted to zoom, but I feel so awful that I just submitted written testimony.

Tim Ho is a great guy and has the judicial temperament that is so crucial these days!

Mahalo nui for all you do, Karl.

A hui hou,

Kat

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

Timothy E. Ho
District Court Judge of the First Circuit (JC1)

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

FROM: Shannon S. Sheldon
President, Hawaii State Bar Association

Hearing: Monday, October 17, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol

The Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Association (HSBA) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the nomination of Timothy E. Ho for the position of District Court Judge of the First Circuit.

The HSBA Board of Directors followed its multi-step process to inform the confirming authority of its findings on this appointment.

- Notification to the nominee of the HSBA appointment review process, which includes a questionnaire requesting educational credentials, legal and other professional work experiences, personal references; a resume; a copy of the JSC application; 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 Mr. Ho on October 7, 2022 to discuss the subcommittee's findings. On October 11th, Mr. Ho was interviewed by the HSBA Board of Directors in executive session.

Documentation submitted by Mr. Ho 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 Mr. Ho in all categories of the HSBA criteria which include:

- Integrity
- Diligence
- Legal knowledge and ability
- Professional experience
- Temperament
- Financial responsibility
- Public service
- 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.

Timothy E. Ho began his legal career in 1987 when he joined the Office of the Public Defender. As a Deputy Public Defender for 31 years, Mr. Ho served in the Appellate Division, was a District, Family, and felony trial attorney, and was the Chief Deputy Public Defender for close to 15 years before transitioning to private practice in 2018. As a private practitioner, Mr. Ho was an associate civil litigator in a local law firm and handled wrongful foreclosure actions, tradename violations, lease disputes, and bankruptcy filings. Mr. Ho recently became a solo practitioner and currently serves as a Per Diem Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit.

Mr. Ho served as a Pro Bono CAAP Arbitrator, an Independent Grand Jury Counsel for the First Circuit Court, an Adjunct Professor for the Defense Clinic of the William S. Richardson School of Law, a Commissioner for the Reentry Commission of the Department of Public Safety, and a member of the Interagency Task Forces and Committees on Ignition Interlock, Corrections Population Management, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, Hawaii Penal Rules, Equality and Access to the Courts, Jail Diversion, Interstate Compact for Juveniles and Adults, and Mental Health Transformation for Juveniles.

Community and civic education activities include: the HSBA “Lawyers in the Classroom” and “Junior Judges” programs, and the American Heart Association.

Comments received from HSBA colleagues include: person of high integrity very honest and trustworthy, is very fair and reserves judgement until he hears both sides, and had a lot of client interaction which covered a wide range of people from the severely mentally ill to the highly educated and can effectively communicate with all.

After a review of all documentation submitted and the interview of the Nominee, which included dialogue and questioning relating to his background, experiences, and reasons for pursuing the position of District Court Judge of the First Circuit, the Board of the Hawaii State Bar Association found Mr. Timothy Ho to be **QUALIFIED** for the position of District Court Judge of the First Circuit.

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