

Honolulu, Hawaii

JUN 26 2024

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 3

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
First Special Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 3, submitting for study and consideration the appointment of:

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

G.M. No. 3 DYAN MEDEIROS,
for a term to expire in 10 years,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Judge Dyan Medeiros for service on the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the appointment of Judge Dyan Medeiros from the Governor, Hawaii Women Lawyers, and sixteen individuals.

Your Committee received comments on the appointment of Judge Dyan Medeiros from the Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Association.

The Hawaii State Bar Association Board of Directors (HSBA Board) uses a rating system that considers several criteria to assist the HSBA Board in making a recommendation to your Committee on whether the appointee is "qualified" or "not qualified". Specifically, the criteria the HSBA Board employs is the same criteria found in the American Bar Association's Guidelines for Reviewing Qualifications of Candidates for State Judicial Office. Those guidelines include the following criteria, which are not



exclusive: integrity, diligence, legal knowledge and ability, professional experience, temperament, financial responsibility, public service, and ability to perform the responsibilities and duties required of the position for which the applicant has been appointed. Upon review of the established criteria, the HSBA Board found the appointee to be qualified for the position of Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit.

Judge Medeiros received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, where she was a University of Hawai'i Regent's Scholar, and her Juris Doctor from the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Judge Medeiros has been licensed to practice law in the State of Hawaii since 1996.

Since 2015, Judge Medeiros has served as a Family Court Judge of the First Circuit where she adjudicated divorce cases; including pre-decree hearings involving temporary custody, timesharing, support issues, settlement conferences, and divorce trials; post-divorce cases, including child custody and timesharing modification, child custody or timesharing enforcement, enforcement of property division, modification of child support, modification or enforcement of child-related provisions, and relocation cases; juvenile criminal cases; and child welfare and neglect cases. Judge Medeiros currently is the lead judge of the Domestic Division and also serves as the presiding judge of Girls Court.

Before becoming a Family Court Judge for the Family Court of the First Circuit, Judge Medeiros worked in private practice. From 2008 to 2015, Judge Medeiros was a partner for Kleintop, Luria, and Medeiros, LLLP practicing exclusively in family law handling divorce cases, paternity cases, restraining order cases, and Child Support Enforcement Agency cases. Prior to that, Judge Medeiros worked as an Associate Attorney at Stirling and Kleintop from 1998 to 2008 and at Damon Key Leong Kupchak Hastert from 1996 to 1998.

In addition to her service as a judge and time spent in private practice, Judge Medeiros has also been an active participant in the legal community and has demonstrated a deep commitment to serving the public. Judge Medeiros has served as the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer of the Family Law Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association. Judge Medeiros has also presented at numerous seminars and continuing legal education



events in the area of family law. Additionally, Judge Medeiros volunteered at Volunteer Legal Services of Hawaii after graduating from law school until she became a judge in 2015.

Testimony submitted in support of Judge Medeiros' appointment commends her knowledge, demeanor, and experience. Testimony further indicates that during her time as a judge for the Family Court of the First Circuit, Judge Medeiros has demonstrated an ability to be an efficient courtroom manager while maintaining professionalism when interacting with attorneys and litigants in her courtroom. Numerous testifiers also praise her knowledge, humility, diligence, and precision in her application of the law.

Your Committee finds that, based on the testimony submitted on her behalf, responses to questions asked by the members of your Committee, and your Committee's review of information about her and her qualifications, Judge Dyan Medeiros has the experience, compassion, and other competencies to be a Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit, and she has the legal expertise, integrity, and demeanor to fully and faithfully discharge the duties associated with that judicial office.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the appointee, has found the appointee to be qualified for the position to which appointed and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,

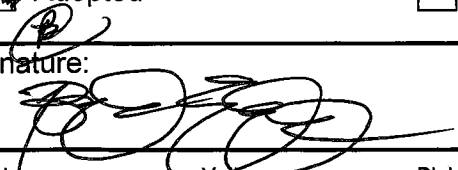


KARL RHOADS, Chair



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Gov. Msg./Jud. Com. No.:* GM 3	Committee Referral: JDC	Date: 06/26/24		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent 2347	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Consent 2349			
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)				✓
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.				✓
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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