

## TESTIMONY OF THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2008

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**ON THE FOLLOWING:**

G.M. NO. 410, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation Gubernatorial Nominee PETER J. HAMASAKI, for a Term to Expire 6-30-2012.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

**DATE:** Friday, March 7, 2008 **TIME:** 10:00 AM

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 016  
*Deliver to: Committee Clerk, Room 219, 1 copy*

**TESTIFIER(S):** Mark J. Bennett, Attorney General  
or Maurice S. Kato, Deputy Attorney General

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Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

The Attorney General strongly supports the reappointment of Peter J. Hamasaki to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation of the Department of the Attorney General.

The Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation is advisory to the Attorney General and to the Legislature on matters pertaining to uniform legislation. Members of the Commission are Hawaii's representatives to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. The National Conference requires that each appointed commissioner be a lawyer licensed to practice law and that each commissioner personally attend and participate in its annual meeting.

Peter J. Hamasaki is a lawyer licensed to practice law and has regularly attended and participated in the annual meetings of the National Conference and the National Conference's committee meetings. The National Conference's committee appointments are selectively made by the President of the National Conference -- not all members of the National Conference have the privilege of serving on a committee. Since his initial appointment in 2005, he has served as a member of the National Conference's Drafting Committee on Registered Agents and Annual Filing Requirements Act and the Standby Committee on Model

Registered Agents Act and Amendments to Entity Acts to Rationalize Annual Filings. He has also served, and continues to serve, as a member of the Drafting Committee to Revise the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.

In addition to attending the meetings of the National Conference, Commissioner Hamasaki has regularly attended and participated in the meetings and activities of the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation. In the promotion of uniform legislation, the members of the Commission provide information on uniform laws to interested officials of the Executive Branch and to interested legislators, including presenting testimony during hearings on bills to enact new or revised uniform laws. Commissioner Hamasaki has provided information and testimony on bills to enact the Revised Uniform Securities Act, the Uniform Athlete Agents Act, and the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act and has on several occasions volunteered to appear and provide information for other commissioners when the other commissioners have had conflicting commitments.

In view of his demonstrated commitment to the promotion of uniform legislation and his continuing participation in the activities of the National Conference and of the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation, the continued service of Peter J. Hamasaki as a member of the Commission and of the National Conference will be greatly beneficial to the State of Hawaii and the National Conference. Consequently, the Attorney General respectfully requests that this Committee recommend the immediate confirmation of the reappointment of Peter J. Hamasaki to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation.

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March 4, 2008

Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Honorable Clayton Hee, Vice-Chair  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
The Senate  
State Capitol  
415 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 410 submitting for consideration and confirmation to the  
Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
Peter J. Hamasaki, for a term to expire 06-30-2012

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Hee and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of GM 410, submitting the nomination of Peter J. Hamasaki to serve on the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation, which will be heard by your Committee on Judiciary and Labor on March 7, 2008.

I have worked as a partner of Peter for over seven (7) years and believe that his prior experience on the Commission, complemented by his background and experience as a practicing attorney, will be an asset to the State of Hawaii. For these reasons, I would like to express my strong support for his nomination to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation.

Very truly yours,

  
Lorraine H. Akiba

**TO:** Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair  
And Members, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

**RE:** Testimony in support of **GM 410**, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation, Gubernatorial Nominee, PETER J. HAMASAKI, for a term to expire 6-30-2012

Hearing: Friday, March 7, 2008, 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 016

I am pleased to submit this testimony in support of the nomination of PETER J. HAMASAKI to serve another term on Hawaii's Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation ("CPUL").

All of the commissioners on the CPUL serve as commissioners to the Uniform Law Commission ("ULC"), also known as the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, which is a body of attorneys from all States who spend countless hours to develop proposed laws to be enacted in all States. ULC's goal is to provide uniformity in the laws among the States without sacrificing control to the federal government. The best known products of ULC include the Uniform Commercial Code, the Uniform Probate Code, the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act and the Uniform Partnership Act, all of which have been adopted in Hawaii; these and other uniform laws affect the lives of residents of Hawaii and other States every single day.

A commissioner's duties are two-fold: First, the commissioner needs to participate in the drafting of uniform laws, including the careful review and consideration of their provisions on a line by line basis. Secondly, the commissioner needs to work with the legislature of his or her State to get uniform laws enacted.

As a fellow commissioner on the CPUL, I have observed firsthand how well Peter has fulfilled those duties. He carefully studies the drafts of the various acts that are considered at the annual summer meetings of ULC, and during his first term as a commissioner, he was appointed by the Executive Committee of ULC to serve on the drafting committees for the Model Registered Agents Act and the revision of the Uniform

Law on Notarial Acts. Members of a drafting committee attend additional meetings during the year to discuss and draft new acts for presentation to all the commissioners at the annual summer meetings.

Peter also prepares testimony in support of uniform acts which have been introduced in the Hawaii Legislature, testifies at hearings and reports his evaluation of the comments and status of the bills to the CPUL. He often volunteers to assist other commissioners on the CPUL who have scheduling conflicts with respect to hearings on bills that they are following. Additionally, Peter has contacted individuals and groups who may be interested in particular uniform acts and done research to provide background information to those interested parties as well as the CPUL.

I have no reservation in supporting the nomination of Peter J. Hamasaki for an additional term on the CPUL. Peter has been and will continue to be an outstanding commissioner on the CPUL, and I urge you to recommend that the Senate confirm his nomination.

Respectfully submitted,



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Member, Commission to Promote Uniform  
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Re: GM 410 submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Peter J. Hamasaki, for a term to expire 06/30/2012

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Hee and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of GM 410, submitting the nomination of Peter J. Hamasaki to serve on the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation ("Commission"), which will be heard by your committee on Judicial and Labor on March 7, 2008.

I am a practicing civil litigation attorney in Hawaii, in which understanding and utilizing legislation in my practice has been of continued importance. I have had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with Mr. Hamasaki on a professional, as well as personal, level during the course of several years. During my varied interactions with Mr. Hamasaki, Mr. Hamasaki has consistently demonstrated an invaluable ability to analyze issues, then understand and reconcile different perspectives. He is focused, yet not short-sighted. He has the foresight to consider future consequences of present action, which is important to forming legislation that invariably affects different parties in different ways. These attributes, coupled with his strong work ethic, will prove to be a continued asset to the Commission.

Accordingly, I respectfully urge the Committee to confirm Mr. Hamasaki to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation.

Very truly yours,

  
KRISTIE M. KAWAKAMI

**testimony**

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**Testimony of Elizabeth Kent  
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On GM 410, Confirmation of Peter Hamasaki  
The Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Friday, March 7, 2008 10:00 a.m.**

Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of the confirmation of Peter Hamasaki to another term on the State Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation.

I have been impressed with Peter's work and participation as a Commissioner and urge you to reappoint him to the Commission. His intelligence and work ethic are an asset.

Yours truly,

Elizabeth Kent

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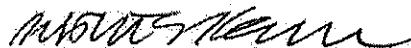
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony **in support of GM 410**, submitting the nomination of **Peter J. Hamasaki** to serve on the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation, which will be heard by your Committee on Judiciary and Labor on March 7, 2008.

Mr. Hamasaki is one of my law partners, and I have known him for eight years. During that time, I have had many opportunities to confer with him on a wide variety of legal issues, sometimes based on statutory interpretation, sometimes based on case law. He has always been thorough, exact, and knowledgeable when responding to me and our clients. I am glad that he has made himself available to serve on this important committee for another term. Please vote for his confirmation.

Very truly yours,

McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP



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March 6, 2008

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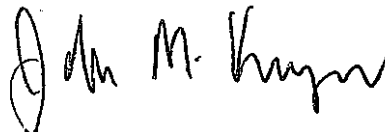
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I have known Mr. Hamasaki for almost 20 years in both a personal and professional capacity, and can attest to his outstanding character and integrity, work ethic and professionalism. He is a widely respected attorney and a partner at McCorriston, Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP, and in my view, Mr. Hamasaki is one of the top transactional attorneys in the State. I believe he would be an excellent choice to serve another term on the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation and should be able to make a substantial contribution to the Commission.

Very truly yours,



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Dear Senators Taniguchi, Hee, and Members of the Committee:


I am writing in support of the appointment of Peter J. Hamasaki to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation.

I have known Peter for 19 years when we worked together as colleagues at the law firm of McCorriston Miho Miller Mukai in 1989. At the law firm, we worked closely together on complicated litigation and transactional matters that required a thorough, complete and accurate analysis of complex laws. Peter is a brilliant attorney who is capable of analyzing, synthesizing and explaining even the most complex of legal issues. I am proud to have called him my law partner and I am even more thrilled that he has dedicated his time and talents to serving the public.

Peter has contributed significantly to the Commission in his prior term and I know he will continue to do so. He is a practical-minded and sensible person who brings common values to the interpretation of the law. He truly takes the interest of the people to heart. He is honest, direct, truthful, and intelligent.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Committee vote favorably on the appointment of Peter J. Hamasaki to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation.

Very truly yours,

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Darolyn H. Lendio

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Peter joined our firm in 1991 and I have known him for close to 17 years. I support for his nomination to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation because he has been able to work in a variety of different practice areas within our firm, including litigation, transactional work and governmental relations, and this breadth of experience, as well as his work on the Commission from 2005 through the present, will enable him to be an effective member of the Commission.

Peter is one of the finest young lawyers in the State. His character and integrity are beyond reproach.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Peter's nomination.

Very truly yours,

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I have known Peter for seventeen years – since he graduated from Stanford Law School and began work at the McCorrison law firm, at which I was a partner at the time. I have watched as Peter, always a bright, diligent and honest attorney, has grown in stature and value to his firm and to the community. He has recently agreed to serve as a member of the board of directors of the Real Property and Financial Services Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association, and has served his community, his peers and his firm with diligence and skill as long as I have known him.

I highly recommend that Peter Hamasaki be confirmed to serve on the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation.

With warmest aloha,



Kenneth B. Marcus

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I have known Peter for about 15 years. Specifically, we worked together for many years at the McCorriston law firm and in recent years we have co-counseled as attorneys for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs on litigation and real estate matters. We also have some common social friends and have participated in triathlon events in the past.

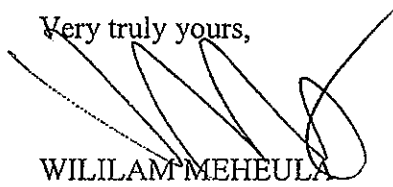
Peter is an excellent real estate and litigation lawyer, and he gets along very well with staff, co-lawyers, clients, opposing counsel and members of the judiciary. These skills and personal qualities make him an outstanding candidate in part because he is highly respected and unquestioned credibility.

These qualities will make Peter a superior member of the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation. His fellow commissioners and the people of Hawaii will be able to look to Peter for well-considered and wise decisions regarding the best way to promote uniform legislation for the benefit of future generations.

Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Honorable Clayton Hee, Vice-Chair  
March 4, 2008  
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I urge your Committee and the entire Senate to support Peter's nomination.  
Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WILIAM MEHEULA', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

WILIAM MEHEULA

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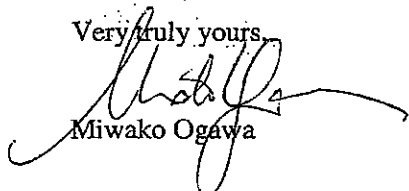
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I am an attorney with Bear Stearns (Japan), Limited, Tokyo Branch. Several years ago, I had the opportunity to work with Mr. Hamasaki in Hawaii. Based upon my experience in working with Mr. Hamasaki, I believe that he would serve well on the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation and would like to offer my support for his nomination to the commission.

Very truly yours,

  
Miwako Ogawa



March 6, 2008



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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of the nomination of Peter  
Hamasaki for reappointment to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation.

He has done an outstanding job in his first term, and his experience ought to be an  
important consideration in his reappointment.

Further, Peter is one of Hawaii's premier legal practitioners in the art of crafting  
legislation. He understands the technical aspects of legislation, and has an  
encyclopedic knowledge of state laws throughout the United States.

Having worked in the legislative arena myself for over forty years, I can say  
without equivocation that I have worked with hundreds of experts in crafting  
quality legislation and that Peter Hamasaki has no peer. He is thorough, super-  
competent, and I can think of no better person to serve on this important  
Commission.

Sincerely,

John H. Radcliffe  
President

**Testimony of Ken H. Takayama**  
**Member, Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation**  
**On GM 410, Confirmation of Peter J. Hamasaki to**  
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Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of the confirmation of Peter J. Hamasaki to another term on the State Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation (CPUL).

It has been a genuine pleasure to serve with Peter on the State Commission during the past three years. Since his appointment in 2005, Peter has more than amply demonstrated his intelligence, and willingness to serve as an active participant in the work of the Commission.

The heart of the work of the CPUL commissioners is to participate in the workings of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Beyond participation in the proceedings at the annual meetings, members can also serve on drafting committees, study committees and standby committees. Since his appointment, Peter has served on the Drafting Committee on Registered Agents and Annual Filing Requirements, and has also served on the Standby Committee on the Model Registered Agents Act. He is presently serving on the Drafting Committee to Revise the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts. This is a distinctly higher level of involvement than is typical of new commissioners.

Of no lesser import, Peter has also been actively involved in the CPUL's efforts to enact uniform law proposals through the Hawaii state legislature. During the 2007 regular session, he was active in the passage of the Uniform Athlete Agents Act. This year, has taken the lead roll for the CPUL in advocating for the enactment of the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act.

In summary, Peter J. Hamasaki has proven himself to be an excellent addition to the State Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation. For the foregoing reasons, I strongly support his confirmation to a new term.

TESTIMONY OF ROBERT TOYOFUKU  
IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF PETER J. HAMASAKI  
TO THE COMMISSION TO PROMOTE UNIFORM LEGISLATION

March 7, 2008

To: Chairman Brian Taniguchi and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

My name is Bob Toyofuku and this testimony is being submitted in support of the nomination of Peter J. Hamasaki to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation.

I have been a Commission member for over 25 years and am currently a life member of the Uniform Law Commission (National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws). Mr. Hamasaki has served as a Hawaii Commissioner for the past three years and I can clearly state that he has been a valuable member of the Uniform Law Commission. Peter has been an active member of the Commission and currently serves on two drafting committees of the Commission. He also participates in the discussions and deliberations at each annual meeting and testifies at the state legislature on various uniform acts that are presented each year. I am confident that he will continue to contribute to the Hawaii Commission and the Conference during his next term as a commissioner.

I strongly support his nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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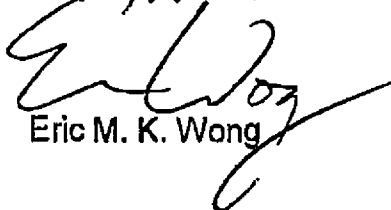
This letter is written in support of the nomination of Peter Hamasaki.

As a resident of East Honolulu and active member in numerous groups and associations in Kaimuki, I have had the pleasure of dealing with Mr. Hamasaki on both a professional and personal level. Mr. Hamasaki provides accurate, thoughtful and valuable input whenever called upon. In addition to having qualities that lead one to seek his opinion on important matters, I believe that the consistency in which Mr. Hamasaki exhibits such qualities and the breadth of his analysis of the issue are first-rate.

If past experience is to be any gauge of the future, your Committee can expect nothing less than Mr. Hamasaki's honest, competent and generous effort in accomplishing the purposes of the Commission.

For the reasons stated, I strongly urge you to act favorably on the nomination of Mr. Hamasaki to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation.

Very truly yours,

  
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Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

Having worked with Peter for the past 20 plus years, I would like to urge his confirmation to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation.

Peter is one of the most knowledgeable, thoughtful, and committed attorney's I know. His contribution to the commission to promote uniform legislation, I believe to be a credit to Hawaii. I've known Peter to look at issues from all sides and act without bias.

Mahalo for your consideration of these comments and his confirmation.

Respectfully Submitted,

G.A. "Red" Morris  
President



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March 5, 2008

Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Honorable Clayton Hee, Vice-Chair  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
The Senate  
State Capitol  
415 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 410 submitting for consideration and confirmation to the  
Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
Peter J. Hamasaki, for a term to expire 06-30-2012

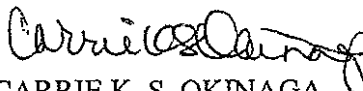
Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Hee and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of GM 410, submitting the nomination of Peter J. Hamasaki to serve on the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation, which will be heard by your Committee on Judiciary and Labor on March 7, 2008.

I have known Peter for decades, and fully support his nomination. He is exceptionally bright, extremely industrious, and a genuinely good person. After attending high school and law school together, we worked together at the McCorriston firm for over 12 years, and amongst very talented attorneys, he was always a "go-to" guy for everyone, someone you could rely on for quick, thorough, and "spot-on" research and analysis. As testament to my trust in Peter, I referred multiple clients to him for transactional work, and he was always willing and able to assist.

I am certain that Peter will continue to serve the Commission well, and I think that the Commission and the public are very lucky to have such a worthy volunteer.

Very truly yours,

  
CARRIE K. S. OKINAGA