

**GM240**



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2010**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

G.M. NO. 0241, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS AS ASSOCIATE JUDGE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LISA M. GINOZA, FOR A TERM OF TEN YEARS.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**DATE:** Friday, February 19, 2010 **TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 016

**TESTIFIER(S):** Mark J. Bennett, Attorney General

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Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

I submit this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Lisa Ginoza for the position of Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

I have known Ms. Ginoza for more than twenty years, and have worked with Ms. Ginoza for approximately eighteen years. In private practice, I was a partner while Ms. Ginoza was an associate at the same law firm, and for a number of years we were partners together at that same firm. For the past five years, Ms. Ginoza has been Hawaii's First Deputy Attorney General.

I believe I am as familiar with Ms. Ginoza's work and legal skills as anyone, and have had many opportunities to review Ms. Ginoza's work and to observe her in handling difficult and complex legal matters. Ms. Ginoza has had experience dealing with virtually every type of issue that can confront an appellate judge in Hawaii, including civil, criminal, and family law issues.

I can say without any hesitation that Ms. Ginoza's legal work is superb, and that she possesses a keen ability to understand, analyze, and sort through the most complex legal

issues. She is also an excellent writer and possesses what I believe to be a perfect judicial temperament. And, Ms. Ginoza has an exceptional work ethic, and works long and hard, seven days a week, to make certain that all of her duties and responsibilities are fulfilled. She would certainly bring that laudable work ethic to the bench.

In addition, Ms. Ginoza's legal and personal ethics are at the highest possible level.

In short, Ms. Ginoza possesses all the skills necessary to be a superb appellate judge, and I cannot think of anyone more qualified or deserving than Ms. Ginoza for this appointment. I respectfully urge the Committee to recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Ms. Ginoza's nomination.

**Testimony of John M. Tonaki,  
State Public Defender to the Senate Committee on Judiciary  
and Government Operations**

February 19, 2010

GM240: Nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals

Chair Taniguchi and Committee Members:

This is in support of the nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals. During her tenure as the Chief Deputy Attorney General, I have had the opportunity to work with Lisa on an American Judicature Society Special Committee on the ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct which submitted recommendations to the Hawaii Supreme Court for the adoption of the ABA's Model Code. Lisa served as one of the co-chairs of the committee and I was very much impressed by the depth of her legal knowledge as well as the ability to bring together many different legal views among the committee members to produce an outstanding report to the supreme court. She showed firm leadership while still taking the time to listen to and understand the divergent positions and views among the committee members.

I also worked with Lisa on a number of legal issues in her capacity as Chief Deputy Attorney General. She is always thoughtful, fair-minded and pleasant to deal with. I believe she will be a superb judge on the Intermediate Court of Appeals. I strongly support her nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard on this matter.

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY  
RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF  
LISA M. GINOZA  
TO THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS

PRESENTATION TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT G. F. LEE  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

February 19, 2010

Good Morning, Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine and Committee Members:

I am Major General Robert G. F. Lee, State Adjutant General. I am testifying in strong support of Ms. Lisa M. Ginoza, a gubernatorial nominee to the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

I have known Ms. Ginoza for a number of years and can personally attest to her character, outstanding work ethic, selfless service, her sense of fairness and respect, and her integrity.

Ms. Ginoza graduated with distinction from Oregon State University with a B.S. degree in Political Science and a minor in Economics. After receiving her law degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii, she received an appointment as Law Clerk to the Honorable Samuel P. King, Senior Judge, United States District Court for the District of Hawaii.

Following her clerkship, Ms. Ginoza joined the law firm of McCorrison, Miller, Mukai, and MacKinnon, LLP, where her practice focused on civil litigation, personal injury litigation, commercial and contract disputes, employment related litigation, and products liability cases. Ms. Ginoza's practice involved work at all court levels, including the Hawaii Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court, as well as cases handled through alternative dispute resolution such as arbitration and mediation, and has served as court-appointed arbitrator in a variety of matters. She has also served as an Adjunct Professor of Appellate Advocacy at the William S. Richardson School of Law.

Ms. Lisa M. Ginoza's experience and service in the private and public sectors are a testament to her dedication and personal work ethic; therefore, I respectfully request your favorable consideration and her confirmation as an Associate Judge in the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY  
RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF  
LISA M. GINOZA  
TO THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS

PRESENTATION TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

BY

BRIGADIER GENERAL (RETIRED) GARY M. ISHIKAWA  
DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL

February 19, 2010

Good Morning, Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine and Committee Members:

I am Brigadier General Gary M. Ishikawa, Deputy Adjutant General. I am testifying in strong support of Ms. Lisa M. Ginoza, a gubernatorial nominee to the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

I have known Ms. Ginoza, First Deputy Attorney General, for a number of years and can personally attest to her character, professionalism, and integrity.

Ms. Ginoza received her law degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii. After law school, she received an appointment as Law Clerk to the Honorable Samuel P. King, Senior Judge, United States District Court for the District of Hawaii.

Following her clerkship, Ms. Ginoza joined the law firm of McCorriston, Miller, Mukai, and MacKinnon, LLP, where her practice focused on civil litigation, personal injury litigation, commercial and contract disputes, employment related

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February 17, 2010

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
For Hearing on Friday, February 19, 2010  
9:30 a.m., Conference Room 016

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF  
LISA M. GINOZA  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE  
INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS

BY

MARIE C. LADERTA, DIRECTOR

Governor's Message No. 240  
(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)

TO CHAIR TANIGUCHI, VICE-CHAIR TAKAMINE AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMITTEE:

I am writing in unequivocal support of the confirmation of Lisa Ginoza as Associate Judge for the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

In her capacity as 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy for the Department of the Attorney General, Lisa has always provided invaluable assistance to me and my Deputy. She is a dedicated public servant with a strong legal background, excellent leadership skills, and possesses the ability to break down complex issues and facilitate meaningful discussions with affected parties which usually resulted in effective solutions or action plans.

Lisa is intelligent, articulate, and decisive with good common sense and pragmatic judgment which makes her well-equipped to perform as an Associate Judge. I am confident that she will do an excellent job and therefore strongly urge this committee to confirm Lisa Ginoza as Associate Judge for the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Lisa Ginoza.

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR



DARWIN L.D. CHING  
DIRECTOR

COLLEEN Y. LaCLAIR  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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February 17, 2010

To: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

Date: February 19, 2010  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

From: Darwin L.D. Ching, Director  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

**GM 240 – LISA M. GINOZA  
Intermediate Court of Appeals / Associate Judge**

I strongly support the nomination of Ms. LISA M. GINZO to serve as an Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

I have known Ms. Ginoza for many years and she has always shown a true sense of professionalism and integrity. In addition to her outstanding education and background in public service, Ms. Ginoza is a hard working, humble individual who has an impressive work ethic.

Ms. Ginoza is conscientious, dedicated and fair, and would continue to efficiently serve the people of Hawaii on the Intermediate Court of Appeals. She is well qualified, and has demonstrated her commitment to public service with her sense of fairness, sound judgment and respect.

LINDA LINGLE  
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February 18, 2010

To: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

Date: February 19, 2010

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

From: Colleen Y. LaClair  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

**GM 240 – LISA M. GINOZA**

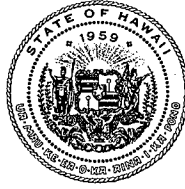
**Intermediate Court of Appeals / Associate Judge**

I am submitting testimony in strong support of the nomination of Ms. LISA M. GINOZA as an Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Ms. Ginoza for several years and greatly respect and admire her. In my dealings with Ms. Ginoza, I have been highly impressed with her professionalism, intelligence, and deep sense of commitment to fairness and justice.

Ms. Ginoza is an excellent communicator and can take the most complex issues and matters and explain them in such a way that anyone would be able to understand. She is a dedicated, highly respectful, hardworking, resilient, and steadfast individual who truly deserves this nomination.

I know she will make an exceptional judge and will serve the people of Hawaii well in this capacity. I humbly ask the committee to confirm her nomination.



STATE OF HAWAII  
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February 19, 2010

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 240,  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE INTERMEDIATE  
COURT OF APPEALS AS ASSOCIATE JUDGE,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LISA M. GINOZA, FOR A TERM OF 10 YEARS

The Department of Transportation strongly supports the nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza to serve as associate judge on the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Previously, Mrs. Ginoza worked in private practice as a partner with the law firm, McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon for 15 years. She was also an adjunct professor in appellate advocacy at the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law and a law clerk for U.S. District Judge Samuel P. King.

For the past five years, Mrs. Ginoza has served as first deputy attorney general for the State of Hawaii, playing a lead role in complex and high-profile cases on behalf of the state and the public. Not only does she excel in litigation by and against the State, but her advice and counsel to agencies such as ours has been invaluable in assisting us sift through the complex maze of rules and statutes. She has always provided a very fair and objective approach in understanding and discussing complex issues and has always exhibited a calm exterior, even during some of the most stressful of circumstances.

Mrs. Ginoza would be a tremendous addition to the Intermediate Court of Appeals. We ask for your favorable consideration of her nomination.

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
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February 19, 2010

**TESTIMONY OF BRIAN SEKIGUCHI**  
**DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AIRPORTS DIVISION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 240**

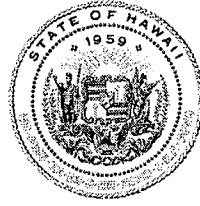
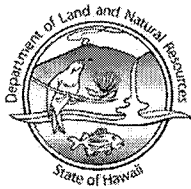
The Airports Division, Department of Transportation (DOT-A) strongly supports the nomination of First Deputy Attorney General Lisa M. Ginoza for the position of Associate Judge, Intermediate Court of Appeals.

The DOT-A has had the opportunity since 2005 to work with Ms. Ginoza as the First Deputy Attorney General, Department of the Attorney General, on airport related issues. She has provided us outstanding legal guidance with her wealth of knowledge of the law and experience with various cases. Ms. Ginoza was especially invaluable in assisting us with the Aloha Airlines bankruptcy case.

Additionally, she has extensive experience from her previous employment as a law clerk to The Honorable Samuel P. King, Senior Judge, United States District Court, Hawaii District, and as a partner with McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP. Her past experiences included preparing numerous appellate briefs to Hawaii's appellate courts, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Thank you for considering our testimony.

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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**Testimony of  
LAURA H. THIELEN  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**Friday, February 19, 2010  
9:30 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 240  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE  
INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS AS ASSOCIATE JUDGE, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, LISA M. GINOZA, FOR A TERM OF TEN YEARS**

I am writing to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Lisa Ginoza as a judge on the State Intermediate Court of Appeals (ICA).

Frankly, for my own sake, I'd prefer Ms. Ginoza's appointment to occur after I complete my tenure at the Department of Land and Natural Resources. She has been absolutely phenomenal as the First Deputy of the Department of the Attorney General. However, for the sake of the State of Hawaii, I wholeheartedly (albeit sadly), believe she should be placed on the bench of the ICA as quickly as possible.

The State is very fortunate to have an attorney of Lisa Ginoza's caliber devote her career to public service. I have worked closely with her as First Deputy in a variety of matters these past three years. In some cases on matters we both inherited based upon prior events; in some cases on matters I reached out to her for assistance on behalf of the department. In all cases, she has been extremely responsive, professional, knowledgeable and completely reliable in providing excellent legal service and following through to the conclusion.

Ms. Ginoza is also a rare lawyer in she appears to have no ego. She is all about service, professionalism and getting the job done, and done well. Her demeanor and ability to explain the law and manage complicated cases will serve the ICA and State well.

I cannot speak highly enough of my experience with her from the perspective of a client and as a Director of a State agency. Lisa Ginoza will make an excellent appellate judge and I hope you confirm her appointment.

LAURA H. THIELEN  
CHAIRPERSON  
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

February 18, 2010

The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Taniguchi:

This is a letter in support of Lisa M. Ginoza's appointment as Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

As an Administrator with the Department of Budget and Finance, I have worked with Lisa in her capacity as First Deputy Attorney General on a number of occasions. Lisa has shown herself to be intelligent, capable, hardworking and fair. She brings an open mind when presented with complex policy/legal problems and can rapidly drill down and focus on the core issues of those problems.

Even though she had no previous governmental law experience, she quickly came up to speed on budgetary and administrative laws and is now well versed on these matters. Her versatility, competence and administrative ability have been a steadying force in the Department of the Attorney General during these past seven plus years.

I believe that Lisa possesses the experience and necessary skills - integrity, sound judgment and temperament - to make an excellent Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeal. I urge the Senate to confirm her appointment.

Sincerely,

NEAL MIYAHIRA  
Administrator, Budget, Program Planning and  
Management Division  
Department of Budget and Finance

LINDA LINGLE  
Governor



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Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

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Deputy to the Chairperson

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF SANDRA LEE KUNIMOTO  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2010  
9:30 A.M.  
ROOM 016**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 240  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE  
INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS AS ASSOCIATE JUDGE, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, LISA M. GINOZA, FOR A TERM OF TEN YEARS**

Chairperson Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Ms. Lisa M. Ginoza's appointment as an Associate Judge on the Hawaii Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Ms. Ginoza has been with the Department of the Attorney General for five years, serving as the First Deputy of the department. During that time, Ms. Ginoza worked on three major cases in which the Department of Agriculture was involved; Ka Loko dam and reservoir, Molokai water and wastewater utilities, and the Superferry case (Sierra Club v. Department of Transportation). I was extremely impressed by her quick grasp of the agricultural issues important to my department as well as her calm and reassuring demeanor in stressful situations.

I have no doubt that Lisa Ginoza is fully capable of meeting the professional and intellectual requirements of serving as an Associate Judge on the Intermediate Court of Appeals. Ms. Ginoza's accomplishments at the Department of the Attorney General have been impressive. She has worked alongside of the Attorney General to lead a department of over 700 employees with 21 service divisions and serves as the Attorney



General's designee on the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative, Juvenile Justice Information Committee, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Executive Board, and as the Chairperson of the Child Support Enforcement Agency Advisory Council and on the Appellate Opinion Review Committee.

Prior to joining the Department of the Attorney General, Ms. Ginoza spent over 14 years at one of the most successful law firms in the state where she rose to Partner. While there, she appeared before the Hawaii Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

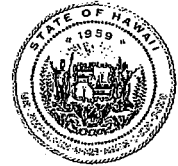
Ms. Ginoza has an equally impressive academic record. She received her BS degree with highest distinction from Oregon State University and then entered the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii where she was on the Law Review serving as Casenote Editor and Casenote Author. After graduating from law school she clerked for a federal judge.

In addition to her professional and intellectual qualities, Ms. Ginoza has a pleasant personality and is a genuinely warm and sincere person. She is a strong advocate for her clients but there is no question in my mind that she is also an objective and fair person. I think that these are qualities that a person sitting in a decision making position should have and for these reasons I believe she will be an excellent Associate Judge. I strongly support her appointment and urge you to do so as well.

CALVIN K.Y. SAY  
SPEAKER

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813



February 16, 2010

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair, and Members  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Room 219, State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Committee Members:

This testimony is in support of the confirmation of Lisa M. Ginoza as Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

I have come to know and respect Ms. Ginoza through interactions with her on various legislative matters in her capacity as First Deputy Attorney General. Ms. Ginoza has always been knowledgeable and helpful on these issues. More importantly, she has given objective, nonpartisan legal counsel, properly balancing in a professional manner her role as legal advisor to both the executive and legislative branches. For these reasons, I believe that Ms. Ginoza has the integrity and capability to be a worthy member of the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Sincerely,

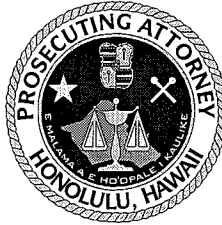
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Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker

c: Ms. Lisa M. Ginoza

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**THE HONORABLE BRIAN TANIGUCHI, CHAIR**  
**SENATE JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**Twenty-fifth State Legislature**  
**Regular Session of 2010**  
**State of Hawai'i**

February 19, 2010

**RE: GM 240; APPOINTMENT OF LISA M. GINOZA**

Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney submits the following testimony in support of the appointment of Lisa M. Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Although we have not had extensive contact with Ms. Ginoza, the contact that we have had has impressed us with her scholarship, legal ability and her expertise in dealing with diverse and complex areas of the law. As the First Deputy Attorney General, Ms. Ginoza is responsible for supervising and directing litigation and investigations in administrative, civil and criminal matters. She is also responsible for overseeing the advice provided to a myriad of state departments which cover a multitude of state functions ranging from transportation to tax collection. Clearly to be successful at such a position, she has to demonstrate good judgment, exceptional legal skills and a strong ability to communicate. As she has commendably fulfilled her responsibilities as First Deputy Attorney General, we feel she has the potential to be an exemplary Associate Judge.

For this reason, we strongly support the confirmation of Ms. Ginoza and thank you for this opportunity to testify.

John T. Komeiji  
32 Kepola Place  
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February 15, 2010

Via fax 586-6659

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

Re: Lisa M. Ginoza  
Hearing Date: February 19, 2010  
Hearing Time: 9:30 a.m.

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

Please let me express my strong support for the confirmation of Lisa Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals, State of Hawaii.

I have worked with Lisa in many capacities. We have been co-counsel, adversaries as well as a client and attorney. She is highly intelligent and able to quickly analyze and grasp complex issues. Her writing and communications skills are excellent. Finally, her life's experiences and common sense leads to real life, reasonable and practical approaches to problems. Without question, Lisa is highly qualified to sit as a Judge on the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Thank you for allowing me to express my wholehearted support for Lisa Ginoza's confirmation.

Sincerely,

  
John T. Komeiji

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TESTIMONY FOR THE FEBRUARY 19, 2010 HEARING OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY  
COMMITTEE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION OF LISA M. GINOZA TO THE  
INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS.

Dear Senator Taniguchi, and members of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

Please allow me to express my strong support of the nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza to an Associate Judge position on the Hawaii State Intermediate Court of Appeals ("ICA").

I have known Ms. Ginoza for the past 20 years, since she graduated from the University of Hawaii's William S. Richardson School of Law in 1989. I served on the School of Law's Alumni Board with Lisa from 1991-1997 and have been her flag football coach for the past 19 years.

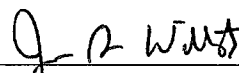
Lisa has the breadth of experience, intellect, and judicial temperament necessary to serve as a judge on the intermediate court of appeals. She graduated from Kailua High School as her class valedictorian and from Oregon State University, which she attended as a Presidential Scholar. Lisa also excelled on both the Surfriders' and Beavers' varsity softball teams. At the Law School, she excelled academically, serving as a Casenote Editor on the University of Hawaii Law Review. Lisa was a litigation partner with the prestigious law firm currently known as McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon for approximately 15 years, handling a broad spectrum of complex civil cases. Finally, as the committee is aware, for the past five years, she has served ably as the Chief Deputy Attorney General, second in command for the State's largest and most diverse law firm, the Department of the Attorney General.

Lisa also taught Appellate Advocacy at the Richardson Law School for a number of years, giving her insight into the role of the appellate courts in our state's system of jurisprudence.

Having served with Lisa on a nonprofit board for seven years, and as her flag football coach for the past 20 years, I have come to know Lisa as a strong team player, one who is easy to work with and cool "under fire," but who is not afraid to speak up when she perceives the need to. She is one who can see all the details of a complex situation, but can look beyond them to see the broader landscape. In short, Lisa would make an excellent ICA judge.

For all of these reasons I strongly urge the committee's support of the confirmation of Lisa M. Ginoza as an Associate Judge of the ICA.

Very truly yours,

  
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February 16, 2010

TO: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice-Chair  
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

FROM: Dyan M. Medeiros, Esq.

HEARING DATE: February 19, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

RE: Testimony in Support of GM 240 (Nominating Lisa M. Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals as an Associate Judge)

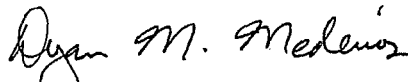
Good morning Senator Taniguchi, Senator Takamine, and members of the Committee. My name is Dyan Medeiros. I am a partner in the law firm of Kleintop, Luria & Medeiros, LLP.

I am writing to support the nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Although I have not had the opportunity to work with Ms. Ginoza in a legal capacity, I have known her socially for almost 10 years. She is intelligent, straightforward, serious-minded, and honest. I have no doubt that she will be an asset to the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Ginoza and GM 240.

Very truly yours,



DYAN M. MEDEIROS

DMM:ck

February 15, 2010

To whom it may concern:

It is indeed a privilege for me to have the opportunity to write this letter of testimony for Ms. Lisa M. Ginoza. I have known Ms. Ginoza for over thirty years. Our association has been one as her high school softball coach and now as a long time friend to her and her family.

I coached Lisa at Kailua High School during the late 70's and early 80's and you could see at that time that she was destined to succeed. She was an athlete that had exceptional softball abilities. As a young teenager on our team she was mature, responsible, conscientious, and had a commitment to excellence. Her outstanding leadership attributes was always appreciated by her coaches and teammates.

I have continued to follow Lisa through out her post high school days and I have seen the success she has attained in college. Her adult career as a lawyer and now as our State's First Deputy Attorney General is even more remarkable.

Being the women's softball coach at Hawaii Pacific University for over 20 years, I always use Ms. Ginoza's success story when I talk to the young female athletes of our community. I tell them how Lisa came through our public school system, was a high school/college student-athlete softball player, and even more important on how she maintained her excellent grades. Her success continues in all her adult endeavors she has undertaken. I tell them that no matter where they come from, what back ground they have, to always strive for the highest, nothing in this world is unobtainable. Just look what Ms.Ginoza has accomplished.

Lisa's career has truly been a success story that hopefully our youngsters in Hawaii will strive to achieve. She will be successful in whatever she undertakes.

Ms. Lisa M. Ginoza is truly an outstanding young lady and an outstanding role model to the youth of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Howard A. Okita  
Assistant Softball Coach  
Hawaii Pacific University

February 17, 2010

TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL D. FORMBY

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 240  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE  
INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS AS ASSOCIATE JUDGE,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LISA M. GINOZA, FOR A TERM OF TEN YEARS

Honorable Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the nomination of Lisa Ginoza as Judge, Intermediate Court of Appeals. I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Ginoza for the past 2 ½ years and I hold her in the highest esteem. Ms. Ginoza is smart, reasoned and fair. She will bring integrity and respect to the bench.

Thank you for your consideration and support.



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February 12, 2010

Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair

**RE: GM 240; Lisa M. Ginoza for consideration and confirmation to the Intermediate Court of Appeals as Associate Judge**

**Hearing; Friday February 19, 2010, 9:30 a.m.; Conference Room 016; State Capitol; 415 South Beretania Street**

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

I write this letter in strong support for the confirmation of Lisa M. Ginoza as Associate Judge to the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

I am a Deputy Attorney General, Department of the Attorney General, State of Hawaii, assigned to the Employment Law Division. I have worked with Ms. Ginoza since she started with the Department of the Attorney General in January 2005.

Ms. Ginoza has always provided outstanding guidance and leadership, she has the ability to analyze complex issues, ask the right questions, and make the tough decisions. I have no doubt that she will make an outstanding Associate Judge to the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

I would be happy to appear before the committee if you would like any additional information.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey A. Keating". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jeffrey A. Keating

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February 16, 2010

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Senator Brian Taniguchi  
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Hawaii State Senate  
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**RE: Testimony in Support of the Appointment of Lisa M. Ginoza  
to the Intermediate Court of Appeals of Hawai'i**

Dear Senator Taniguchi:

I am writing in support of the Senate's confirmation of Lisa M. Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals of the State of Hawai'i.

I have known Lisa M. Ginoza for approximately 20 years. Her past experience, including as a private attorney as well as First Deputy Attorney General have soundly demonstrated that her competence and abilities are exemplary. I have litigated cases both with and against her and I am confident that she has all the qualities required to be an exemplary member of Hawai'i's judiciary. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this in support of her confirmation.

Very truly yours,



Geoffrey K. S. Komeya

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**Testimony of**

**Sandra L. Yahiro**

**TO**

**The Committee on Judiciary and Government Affairs**

**Friday, February 19, 2010**

**9:30 a.m.**

**GM 240**

**Relating to the Nomination of Lisa Ginoza for Associate Judge, Intermediate Court of Appeals**

Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to testify.

I am submitting this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT of Lisa Ginoza** as Associate Judge for the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

I have known Lisa for approximately six years, both as her subordinate and, for the past five years, as her colleague. Lisa would be an excellent Intermediate Court of Appeals judge – she is extremely intelligent, is fair and open minded, is passionate about her work and is an outstanding attorney. Before making decisions, Lisa gathers all the facts, conducts any necessary research, and consistently makes sound and quality decisions.

Lisa's fifteen year private practice experience at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP, as well as her five years as First Deputy Attorney General, provide her with both a strong litigation background as well as administrative.

Lisa's strong sense of work ethic and dedication are above reproach and for all of the reasons stated **I strongly urge you to confirm Lisa as our next Associate Judge for the Intermediate Court of Appeals.**

Lori H.D. Wada  
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February 16, 2010

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi  
Senate Chair of Judiciary Committee  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Via email

Re: Lisa M. Ginoza  
Judicial Nominee – Intermediate Court of Appeals

Hearing: GM 240  
February 19, 2010, 9:30 a.m.  
State Capitol Conference Room 016

Dear Senate Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

This letter is written in strong support of Lisa M. Ginoza to fill the judicial vacancy in the Intermediate Court of Appeals. All of the nominees are bright, professional and accomplished people; in fact, I know four of them quite well. However, that very special combination of integrity and diligence, strength and compassion, judicial temperament, knowledge of and love for the law, professionalism as well as professional experience, and leadership by sterling example – I believe is best embodied in the person of Lisa M. Ginoza.

As in all professions, lawyers want to see the best and the brightest elevated to those few positions of honor and trust. A judge, we hope, is a person who has risen to the top because he or she is more experienced in court, is more knowledgeable in the law, conducts him or herself with more dignity and honor, and is more temperamentally suited to the position than any other. Without any reservation, I believe Lisa M. Ginoza satisfies each of those distinctions.

Ms. Ginoza started her legal career as summer associates for well respected civil firms and then worked as a law clerk for Senior Judge Samuel P. King in federal district court. Ms. Ginoza then went on to a long and respected career achieving partnership with the distinguished civil firm of McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon, LLP. Her remarkable career then became notable when it became one of giving back to the community by serving as First Deputy Attorney General for the Honorable Mark J. Bennett at the Office of the Attorney General, State of Hawaii, for the past five years. This extraordinary career of Ms. Ginoza illustrates her being exceptionally qualified to be

an appellate judge given her background in civil and criminal law and its procedures as well as her administrative background.

I have known Ms. Ginoza in excess of thirty years. I first met her while we were students at Kailua High School. We were both class officers in student government and her dedication to public service and care for her community was apparent even then. It is also noteworthy to include Ms. Ginoza's background in sports as she played for the school softball and basketball teams. Ms. Ginoza was also a scholar athlete in high school and it continued throughout law school. We are law school classmates from William S. Richardson School of Law and it was at her urging that I stepped out of my comfort zone and joined the law school women's football team. I was pleasantly surprised at how much I enjoyed the sport: the sense of camaraderie and sportsmanlike conduct and developed a love for the game until today. While in law school, Ms. Ginoza won awards in many of our classes and was an esteemed member of Law Review in our second and third years in law school. She then was further elevated to the coveted position of Editor of Law Review in our third year in law school. Even with these extra-curricular activities, Ms. Ginoza remained humble and helpful to everyone she encountered. This is the type of person Ms. Ginoza is: an all-inclusive and caring individual. She has always been and continues to be very well rounded and extraordinary person.

I also want to share pertinent information about Ms. Ginoza's personal life. At a very young age, Lisa lost her mother. Even with a step-mother, Lisa and her younger sister, Laura, consequentially grew very close as they developed into adults. This bond is still strong. Today, despite Laura living on the mainland, they have maintained daily contact either by email or telephone. Ms. Ginoza's value of family is further striking in her relationship with her paternal grandmother, Grace Ginoza. Grandma Ginoza was instrumental and integral in Lisa's life from the moment of the tragedy of the death of her mother until today. Grandma Ginoza is well into her eighties and Lisa has continued to ensure that she spends every Friday night with her to take her out to dinner and/or a movie. Grandma Ginoza has often told me that without Lisa, she would have no life. Lisa even chose a home close to Grandma Ginoza to be able to nurture her into well into her golden years. This speaks volumes as to Ms. Ginoza's character.

The most compelling attribute of Ms. Ginoza, and that which sets her apart in the crowd, is her remarkable personality; her *joie de vivre*. She is an old soul and a good person. I have never seen her lose her temper; I have never known her to be unkind; I have never seen her allow emotion or injustice to override her unwavering professionalism. The black robe would not change her personality; it would not cause her to be arrogant, condescending or overbearing. She would consider the wearing of it to be an honor and would treat it with respect. Her intrinsic character, the influence of her family, and her experiences over the many years of her career would simply not allow her to do otherwise.

Without reservation or qualification, I humbly ask you to deem Lisa M. Ginoza exceptionally qualified as the next appellate judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals. She will make us all proud.

With kindest regards,

LORI H.D. WADA

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February 19, 2010

Chair, Senator Brian T. Taniguchi  
Vice-Chair, Senator Dwight Y. Takamine  
Members of the Senate Committee Judiciary and Government Operations

**Re: GM 240: Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Intermediate Court of Appeals as Associate Judge, Gubernatorial Nominee, LISA M. GINOZA, for a Term of Ten Years.**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing in support of attorney Lisa Ginoza's nomination to the state of Hawaii Intermediate Court of Appeals.

My name is Melissa Pavlicek and I am an attorney and business owner who has known Ms. Ginoza for more than ten years in both a personal and professional capacity. She has served as the deputy attorney general regarding a matter relating to a state agency and has been extremely diligent, competent and thoughtful in her duties in all of her dealings with me. Her reputation as an attorney of great care and intellect has, in my opinion, been well deserved. As a fellow alumnae of the Wm. S. Richardson School of Law, I have had the opportunity to observe her interactions with community members and aspiring attorneys from time to time. She is an inspiration to others and would be an asset to the state as a member of the judiciary.

I have served as the president of Hawaii Women Lawyers and as the chair of the Hawaii State Bar Association's Diversity Committee. Seeing strong, qualified women attorneys appointed to the judiciary is very important to me, not only for the "role model" aspect, but because I truly believe that a diverse judiciary, reflective our island community will bring about greater understanding of viewpoints. Ms. Ginoza exemplifies all of the positive attributes necessary for trusting her with this appointment.

Please support Ms. Ginoza's nomination.

February 19, 2010

To: Chair, Senator Brian T. Taniguchi  
Vice-Chair, Senator Dwight Y. Takamine  
Members of the Senate Committee Judiciary and Government Operations

Re: GM 240: Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Intermediate Court of Appeals as Associate Judge, Gubernatorial Nominee, LISA M. GINOZA, for a Term of Ten Years.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

My name is Stephen Teves and I am writing to support the nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals (ICA).

I have known Lisa for over 20 years as she was in the class ahead of me at the University of Hawaii Law School. Lisa possesses all the qualities that the legal community and the citizens of Hawaii expect from our judges. She is thorough in her research and legal writing. She has a diligent work ethic. She is not afraid to make the tough or unpopular call. Most of all, she is fair.

I know and firmly believe that Lisa is extremely qualified to be our next ICA judge. Lisa is an outstanding person that makes her friends grateful and proud to call her a friend. She is an excellent attorney with many accomplishments, whether as a federal law clerk or in private practice or as a law professor or as a humble civil servant attorney. These accomplishments bring honor to the legal profession. I know Lisa will be of Hawaii's finest jurists.

Please confirm Lisa's nomination to the ICA and reward the people of Hawaii with her excellence.

Stephen Teves ♦ c/o 841 Bishop Street, Suite 2100 ♦ Honolulu Hawaii ♦ 96813



COMMETTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF  
LISA M. GINOZA  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE AS ASSOCIATE JUDGE FOR THE  
INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS

DATE: Friday, February 19, 2010

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 016

Chair Tanighchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee:

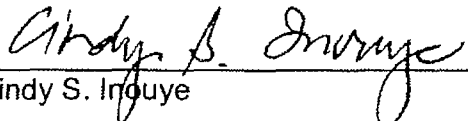
I am the deputy director of the Department of Human Resources Development, State of Hawaii. I am writing in **strong support** of Lisa Ginoza's confirmation as Associate Judge, Intermediate Court of Appeals.

I have known Lisa for approximately five years, in her capacity as First Deputy Attorney General. I initially met her when I was a supervising deputy attorney general at the Attorney General's Office, and then got to know her very well when she provided legal advice and assistance to our department on a variety of personnel-related issues.

Lisa has consistently impressed me as an intelligent person and a very competent attorney. She is able to quickly identify legal issues and has superior analytical skills. She is articulate, fair-minded and makes sound judgments. In all of my dealings with her, Lisa has conducted herself in a professional manner, with the highest ethical standards. In terms of her demeanor, I have always known Lisa to be even-tempered and civil in her interactions with others.

Based upon my personal observations, I have absolutely no reluctance in supporting Lisa Ginoza's confirmation as Associate Judge, Intermediate Court of Appeals. She has the background, experience and personal qualities that make her an excellent choice. I am confident that she will do an outstanding job.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

  
Cindy S. Inouye

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February 17, 2010

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi and Members  
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Confirmation of Lisa M. Ginoza as Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals  
Hearing: February 19, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members:

I write to fully support the confirmation of Lisa Ginoza to the ICA. She is uniquely qualified for a number of reasons.

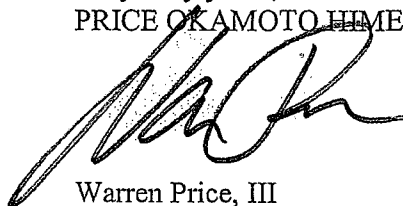
First and foremost, Lisa is an exceptionally bright and talented lawyer with whom I have dealt on a myriad of legal matters over the last twenty plus years. Her experience in legal matters, including appellate matters, is wide and varied, and her success is a matter of record.

Second, Lisa will be a wonderful representative of the judiciary. She is pleasant, friendly, courteous, and cool under pressure. She has the ideal judicial temperament.

Finally, I am confident that as an ICA Associate Judge Lisa's opinions will not only be well reasoned from a legal stand point, but written with dignity and common sense so as to be clear to the public and the bar. Lisa's demonstrated skill in this regard is more important today then ever given that the ICA is now the 'front line' of the Hawaii judiciary.

If you have any further questions about Lisa, please feel free to call me.

Very truly yours,  
PRICE OKAMOTO HIMENO & LUM



Warren Price, III

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TO: Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Takamine, Vice-Chair  
Committee Members

FROM: Jill L. Nunokawa

RE: Strong Letter of Support for Lisa M. Ginoza's confirmation to the Intermediate Court of Appeals (ICA) as Associate Judge

I write this letter of strong support for Lisa M. Ginoza's confirmation to the ICA based on my personal and professional knowledge. I have known Ms. Ginoza for 30 years. We both were the beneficiaries of the passage and implementation of Title IX in Hawaii. We played against each other and with each other on athletic teams that continue to span over 30 years. Ms. Ginoza is the consummate team player. She is reliable, trustworthy, honest, hard working, dedicated and talented. These traits personify her true character. Ms. Ginoza and I also attended the William S. Richardson School of Law together where I had the opportunity to witness her scholarship and academic success. Whether through athletics or academics, Lisa has always given her best and truly cares about the impact her behavior has on others around her and the community she serves. We have shared many conversations about making a difference in our community and various methods of contributing towards this mutual goal. Lisa left a profitable and successful career in private practice and shifted her talent and abilities towards public service and benefit. Our community continues to receive the rewards of her efforts in public service at the Attorney General's office.

It is heartwarming to know that her hard work and enduring character is being recognized and considered in this nomination to the ICA. Ms. Ginoza will bring a wealth of knowledge and competency, deep devotion and dedication, motivation and hard work, sincere humanism and empathy, an even and well tempered disposition, exceptional communication skills, and a continued commitment to public service and judicial justice to the ICA.

It is without reservation and with the deepest of respect that I urge this committee to vote in favor of Lisa M. Ginoza's confirmation to the Intermediate Court of Appeals as Associate Judge.

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February 17, 2010

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi  
Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 219  
415 South Beretania Street  
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The Honorable Dwight Y. Takamine  
Vice Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204  
415 South Beretania Street  
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Re: Nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals

Dear Senators Taniguchi and Takamine:

I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals as an Associate Judge.

I am a partner in the law firm of McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP ("M4"), and have known Ms. Ginoza since 1990, when we were both associate attorneys at M4. In addition to starting our early careers in law practice together, we both became partners at M4 in 1996.

During Ms. Ginoza's 15-years with M4, she established an outstanding litigation practice and made meaningful contributions to the firm by serving on the hiring, associate development and compensation committees. It was always a pleasure to work on cases with Ms. Ginoza, as she was diligent, extremely efficient and very hard-working. She took the time and effort to understand the detailed facts of each case, and to fully appreciate and understand the applicable law. Her thoughtful, fair-minded and reasonable approach to resolving disputes quickly gained her the respect of clients, opposing counsel and many members of the Hawaii bar in general.

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi  
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The Honorable Dwight Y. Takamine  
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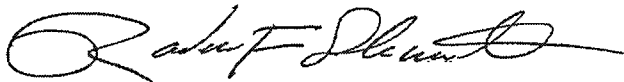
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I firmly believe that Ms. Ginoza is well-suited to the task of sitting on the Intermediate Court of Appeals, and respectfully ask that you support her nomination.

Very truly yours,

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Randall F. Sakumoto

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February 17, 2010

Senate Judiciary Committee  
State of Hawaii

Re: GM240 – Lisa Ginoza

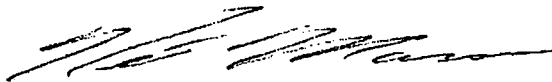
Dear Senators:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Lisa Ginoza, Esq. for appointment to the Intermediate Court of Appeals. I have known Ms. Ginoza for 20 years – from the time that she joined my then-firm, as a partner and more recently as a productive member of the Attorney General's office – and I can personally attest to the strength of her skills.

I speak not only to her legal skills, which are considerable and will do great credit to our State judiciary, but to her personal skills as well. She is an even-tempered, good-hearted person who is likely to bring to the bench a sensitivity to the lives of the peoples of Hawaii that will inform her decisions and create a well-balanced body of law for us all to live by.

I hope that you will speedily confirm her appointment as she will be a strong contributor to the ICA.

With warmest aloha,



Kenneth Marcus

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**From:** Walter Kirimitsu [wkirimitsu@saintlouishawaii.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2010 1:48 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Cc:** 'Gayle Burgher'  
**Subject:** RECOMMENDATION AND SUPPORT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF LISA GINOZA TO THE STATE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS

Dear Senator Brian Taniguchi and Honorable members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

This is written in strong support of and recommending LISA GINOZA for appointment as an Associate Judge of the State Intermediate Court of Appeals. I have known Lisa for the last 15 plus years. She has exhibited all of the necessary qualities of an outstanding appellate court judge, sound judicial temperament, no fear for making difficult and complex decisions, excellent skills in both verbal and written legal arguments.

I highly recommend Lisa Ginoza for expeditious approval.

If you have any specific questions, I would be honored to appear before you.

Respectfully,

Walter S. Kirimitsu  
President, Saint Louis School  
And former Associate Judge of the State Intermediate Court of Appeals

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**February 17, 2010**

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi  
Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Conference Room 016, State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 (via: JGOTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)

RE: Support for Gubernatorial Nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza  
To the Hawaii Intermediate Court of Appeals;  
Governor's Message No. 240  
February 19, 2010, 9:30 a.m.; Conf. Rm. No. 016

Dear Senator Taniguchi and other Committee Members:

I am writing this in support of the nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza, the First Deputy Attorney General, to the Hawaii Intermediate Court of Appeals. Since 1988, I have had the privilege of serving as a deputy attorney general for the State of Hawaii. As you can imagine during my career here, I have served under several Attorney Generals and First Deputies, all of whom were exemplary in their dedication and service to the State.

Lisa Ginoza is no exception and, I might add, has raised the bar in terms of the standard of excellence for the First Deputy Attorney General. She has been remarkable in her dedication, loyalty and diligence to the Department as well as to the entire State in making us all strive for excellence and correctness in our daily responsibility of providing legal services to the State. Her legal knowledge, skills and demeanor are impeccable and are second to none (except for the Attorney General himself). The amount of uncompensated hours both she and the Attorney General put in are truly remarkable and is a testament to her dedication to public service. There should be no question that she will have the same commitment of her talents if appointed to the Court.

She will make an excellent Associate Judge not only because of her legal knowledge and skills, but for the simple fact that she is just a good person. In my mind, you cannot succeed at anything unless you have basic 'goodness' in your character: patience, friendliness, loyalty, charity, perseverance – Lisa has all of these qualities and more. All of us will miss her presence here, and it has indeed been our privilege to have worked with her these past years.

I respectfully request that the Committee approve her nomination.

Mahalo, Me ke ha'aha'a

/s/ John C. Wong



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### VIA E-MAIL

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 219  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Lisa M. Ginoza, Esq.

Dear Chairman Taniguchi:

I submit this written testimony on behalf of Lisa M. Ginoza, Esq.'s appointment to the Intermediate Court of Appeals. I submit this testimony as an active member of our bar for 40 years and a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i State Bar Association.

As the lead attorney on behalf of the state of Hawai'i in the Ka Loko Dam case, I worked very closely with Ms. Ginoza, who was appointed by Attorney General Mark J. Bennett, Esq., to oversee the civil litigation, while Mr. Bennett oversaw, and continues to oversee, the criminal side of the case. I have worked with Ms. Ginoza in a number of other matters as well. I have had almost daily contact with Ms. Ginoza during the last three years. My contacts with her have included participating in strategy sessions, seeking authority from her for a variety of reasons, reporting to her, attending court hearings with her in Lihue, participating in the many settlement conferences it took for the parties to reach settlement, meeting with Governor Lingle and Ms. Ginoza among others.

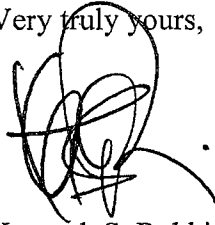
As a result of my very close workings with Ms. Ginoza, I can state unequivocally that Ms. Ginoza is a person of the highest integrity. In addition, she is an excellent "people person." She never loses her temper, no matter how frustrating the circumstances. She is extremely intelligent. In a word, she is an excellent example of how a person in our profession should conduct herself. Further, she has an excellent judicial temperament. It has been clear that the many attorneys with whom Ms. Ginoza and I have worked together have the highest respect for her.

During my 40 years of practice in Hawai'i, I have met only a few members of our profession who I hold in the high esteem in which I hold Ms. Ginoza. She has served the state

Senator Brin T. Taniguchi  
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brilliantly as First Deputy Attorney General and, in my opinion, she will be an excellent addition to the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "K. Robbins", written over a circular scribble.

Kenneth S. Robbins

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 240 AND THE NOMINATION OF LISA M.  
GINOZA TO THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS**

I strongly support the nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals and give her my highest recommendation. I have known Ms. Ginoza for 19 years, first as a fellow law student, and then as a lawyer in private practice and as the first deputy attorney general for the State of Hawai'i. I hold Ms. Ginoza in the highest respect. She is extremely intelligent, yet humble. She has the highest professional integrity, and has an excellent judicial temperament -- she remains calm, patient, and good humored, even in the most trying of circumstances.

I apologize that I will not be able to attend the hearing on Ms. Ginoza's nomination in person. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of such an outstanding judicial candidate.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lea Hong". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lea Hong

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**From:** Robert G. Klein [RKlein@m4law.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2010 3:10 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** GM 240--Nomination of Lisa Ginoza to the State Intermediate Court of Appeals

DATE: Friday, February 19, 2010  
TIME: 9:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 016  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Dear Chairperson Taniguchi and Vice-Chairperson Takamine, Committee Members:

My name is Robert G. Klein, a partner in the Honolulu law firm of McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon and former Associate Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court. I write in strong support of the nomination of LISA GINOZA to the Intermediate Court of Appeals, State of Hawaii. Having joined the M4 firm in the year 2000, I had many opportunities to work closely with Ms. Ginoza on several important litigation cases. One of her most striking attributes, and one that will serve her well on the bench, is her coolness under pressure. This attribute, coupled with her even-handedness and dedication to the many tasks involved in complex civil litigation, will make her a superb judge of the ICA. Ms. Ginoza has also distinguished herself as an extremely competent First Deputy Attorney General in the present administration. She made the transition from private practice to government service seamlessly and has proven a valuable public servant. Though she is youthful, compared to most of us, she is very wise and knowledgeable such that keeping up with the rigors of judicial office should not be a problem for her.

Mr. Chairperson, the appellate bench is sometimes criticized for being the bastion of the inexperienced—it has been a while since one of our trial judges has ascended to the appellate bench. Nevertheless, competent appellate experience can be gained in many ways, not the least of which is practicing civil law at a very high level. This Ms. Ginoza has done and done well. She ought not be penalized for lack of trial level service. In Ms. Ginoza you will see in the coming years what her former partners already have witnessed: a very competent, clear-thinking, dedicated individual who will serve with great distinction. Please vote to confirm Ms. Ginoza to the high and honorable position of Intermediate Court of Appeals Judge for the State of Hawaii. Mahalo.

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Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
State Capitol, Room 219  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Senate Confirmation of Lisa M. Ginoza  
for Associate Judge, Intermediate Court of Appeals

Dear Chairperson Taniguchi and Members of the  
Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee:

I am writing this letter in support of Governor Linda Lingle's nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza to serve as an Associate Judge on the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

I became acquainted with Ms. Ginoza when she was working with the law firm of McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP. We were both in a case together representing different defendants in that action. She provided excellent representation to her client. She was aggressive in the defense of her client while at the same time exhibiting civility throughout the discovery process as well as Court appearances. In my opinion, she exhibited dedication, commitment and excellence in her representation of her client.

I continue to have interaction with her. There were a few other cases where we were involved together and she continued with the same commitment in providing the best representation for her respective clients.

After departing from the McCorrison law firm, I continued to have occasional interactions with her in her position as First Deputy Attorney General. On the occasions where I dealt with her, she was always diligent and prompt in providing responses to my

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inquiries. My impression of her was that she always did her best in providing a timely response to requests made of her.

I have also spoken to others who have had prior dealings with her. They share the same comments I have of her.

I know the community is always looking for a well-rounded individual to serve on the appellate level. In my opinion, Ms. Ginoza exhibits that quality. Her resume supports the fact that she does have the experience to serve at the appellate level.

We are always mindful of having a jurist whose ethics and integrity are beyond reproach. From my personal acquaintance of Ms. Ginoza as well as from speaking with other members of the legal community who have known her, we all conclude that her ethics and integrity are beyond reproach.

The legal community will certainly benefit from having someone with the skills, training, and background like Ms. Ginoza. She possesses the requisite traits which we are looking for in someone to serve on the Intermediate Court of Appeals. She is an outstanding individual and the community will benefit with her serving on the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Without any reservations, I strongly recommend Ms. Ginoza's confirmation to serve as an Associate Judge on the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I thank you for allowing me to present this letter in support of Ms. Ginoza.

Very truly yours,



Sidney K. Ayabe

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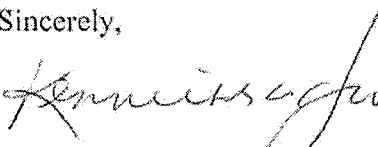
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RE: Gov. Msg. No. 240  
Nomination of LISA M. GINOZA for Associate Judge  
Intermediate Court of Appeals, State of Hawaii

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine and Committee Members:

This letter is in support of the nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals. I have had the opportunity to practice law for many years with Ms. Ginoza while she was an associate and then partner in our law firm, and worked with her on a number of litigation matters. I can attest that she has the judicial temperament, intelligence and character to be a fine addition to the Court. I support her nomination without reservation.

Sincerely,



Kenneth G. K. Hoo

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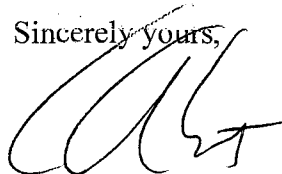
Re: Lisa Ginoza

Dear Senator Taniguchi:

It is my privilege to write to you and your committee members in support of the nomination of Lisa Ginoza to serve as a Judge on the Hawaii Intermediate Court of Appeals. I have known and worked with Ms. Ginoza for many years, in several capacities, and am constantly impressed with her base of knowledge, hard work, common sense, and integrity – all very important qualifications for the position to which she has been nominated. I am confident that Ms. Ginoza will serve with great distinction if confirmed.

I will be happy to elaborate upon my recommendation and provide any further information that may assist you in evaluating and acting upon Ms. Ginoza's nomination.

Sincerely yours,



Eric A. Seitz



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**From:** Narimatsu, Alvin S [alvin.s.narimatsu@smithbarney.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2010 4:10 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** RE; NOMINATION OF LISA GINOZA FOR STATE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS

To Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chairman;

We'd like to express our support for the nomination of Lisa Ginoza, as an Associate Judge. Lisa is an exceptional individual and will serve the people of Hawaii fairly and with the highest level of professional integrity.

Lisa Ginoza is also a fantastic athlete!

Thank you and Aloha,

Al @ Sharon Narimatsu

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The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi  
Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 219  
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The Honorable Dwight Y. Takamine  
Vice Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
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Re: Nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals

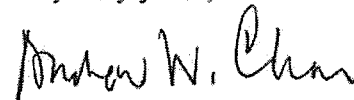
Dear Senators Taniguchi and Takamine:

I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals as an Associate Judge.

I am currently a partner in the law firm of Chun Kerr Dodd Beaman & Wong, but from 1991 through July 2003 was first an associate, and later a partner, with Ms. Ginoza at the law firm of McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon. I have known Ms. Ginoza since 1991, and have had the pleasure of working with her on several cases. I know Ms. Ginoza to be bright, hard-working, ethical and honest. She is thoughtful and compassionate. I have never known her to engage in "sharp-elbowed" tactics, and have always been impressed by her insistence on taking the "high road."

I strongly believe that Ms. Ginoza is eminently qualified to sit on the Intermediate Court of Appeals, and respectfully ask that you support her nomination.

Very truly yours,



Andrew W. Char

February 18, 2010

Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair

Testimony by:

Ronelle Sato

JGO GM240, Confirmation to the Intermediate Court of Appeals as Associate Judge,  
Gubernatorial Nominee LISA M. GINOZA

Hearing: February 19, 2010

Conference Room 016 9:30 a.m.

Position: Support

Dear Senator Taniguchi,

I am writing you to register my support for Ms. Lisa Ginoza who has been nominated as Associate Judge in the Intermediate Court of Appeals. I have known Lisa personally for the past fifteen years and believe I can attest to her character and commitment to public service.

Over the years I have observed the integrity and dedication Lisa devotes to her profession, but perhaps more importantly I have witnessed firsthand the honorable fiber of her character. Lisa possesses a sound moral compass by which she demonstrates fairness, leadership and compassion in every aspect of her life. The respect and value she holds for people is constant, whether in ongoing relationships or in momentary contact. Her integrity guides her decisions be it in inconsequential or grand circumstances. Her commitment to exemplifying her morals is what I believe to be her most admirable attribute.

Over the years I have witnessed some of the challenges Lisa has faced in public service. The willingness to take on responsibility in times of hardship requires devotion and fortitude which she demonstrates daily. In the face of such challenges Lisa has remained dedicated to her work and unwavering in her commitment to the responsibility entrusted to her.

It is my hope that this letter conveys a personal account of Lisa's character. I believe she embodies the qualities that would make her a competent and dedicated judge. Please accept this testimony as wholehearted support for her confirmation.

Sincerely,

Ronelle Sato

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**From:** Denise Antolini [antolini@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2010 9:16 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** GM240 - In Support of Nomination of Lisa Ginoza

Dear Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee:

I am writing in strong support of Lisa Ginoza for confirmation as Associate Justice to the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Lisa is an outstanding choice. She is an excellent attorney and has demonstrated the important qualities that Hawaii values in its judges: intelligence, empathy, experience, and balance.

Her appointment would make a positive contribution to the bench and I hope that you will favorably consider her nomination.

Sincerely,

Denise Antolini  
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**From:** George.B.Apter@kp.org  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2010 7:50 AM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** GM 240 ? Nomination of LISA M. GINOZA for ICA  
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Re: GM 240 – Nomination of LISA M. GINOZA for Associate Justice to Intermediate Court of Appeals

**DATE:** Friday, February 19, 2010  
**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.  
**PLACE:** Conf. Rm. 016, State Capital

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to strongly support the nomination of Lisa Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals. I have known Lisa for over 20 years, during which time we have both practiced law in this community, and I can personally attest to the fact that she is smart, hard-working, ethical, tough, well grounded and deeply committed to the people of Hawaii. I can also say, without any hesitation, that she enjoys an excellent reputation among her peers. In fact, I don't think I've really ever heard a negative comment about Lisa, which is truly remarkable, given her involvement in many high profile and hotly contested matters, both as a litigator in private practice and in her role as First Deputy Attorney General. She would make an excellent jurist on our ICA. Lisa's combination of skills and talents has served her well in both private practice and government service and her ability to examine a legal matter with great analytical skills, practicality and a sense of fairness will be a great asset to our appellate courts and our judiciary.

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The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi  
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee  
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Dear Chair Taniguchi and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

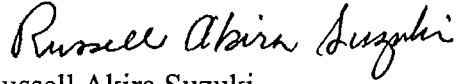
I support the confirmation of Lisa Ginoza to the Hawaii Intermediate Court of Appeals.

As a deputy attorney general I have had the opportunity and pleasure of working with Lisa Ginoza on a wide range of important and challenging issues affecting the State. On these matters Lisa Ginoza exhibited intelligence, a keen ability to identify issues, knowledge of the law, and common sense. These qualities, I believe, make her an excellent appellate judge.

Lisa Ginoza is respected among her peers and has developed an excellent professional reputation as a lawyer. I have great respect for her abilities as a lawyer and her commitment to the State of Hawai'i. Lisa Ginoza is homegrown, has wisdom far beyond her age, is willing to work hard, and is respectful of the courts as an institution.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to tell you about Lisa Ginoza.

Very truly yours,

  
Russell Akira Suzuki

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The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi  
Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary  
and Government Operations  
State Capitol, Room 219  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

Re: GM 240 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Intermediate Court of Appeals as Associate Judge, gubernatorial nominee, LISA M. GINOZA, for a term of ten years (Hearing Date: Friday, February 19, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.)

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

I am writing in strong support of the confirmation of Lisa M. Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals as an Associate Judge.

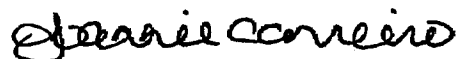
I have known Lisa M. Ginoza for over 20 years. First when she was an associate, then a partner at the law firm of McCarriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon. I currently work with Lisa on a daily basis as she serves as the First Deputy Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. I have always found Lisa to be very hardworking and dedicated. She has been a great mentor and teacher throughout the years.

Lisa has been a person of great character, integrity and intelligence. She is very fair, caring and just a good person. I admire her leadership ability and would serve under her again.

I am confident that if selected as an Intermediate Court of Appeals Associate Judge she will make a significant, positive contribution and a great asset to the State of Hawaii.

I sincerely hope you will confirm her. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Very truly yours,



Joannie Carreiro

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February 19, 2010

TO: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Organization

FROM: Martha Torney, MA

SUBJECT: GM 240, INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS NOMINEE LISA M.  
GINOZA

Hearing: Friday, February 19, 2010; 9:30 AM  
State Capitol, Room 016

I am submitting this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals. Over the past three years I have worked very closely with Ms. Ginoza in my former position as the Executive Director of the Office of Youth Services and found her to be a strong and supportive ally.

Since 2006, the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF) has been operating under a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the US Department of Justice (DOJ) concerning conditions of confinement. After being in an adversarial position prior to the signing of the MOA, Ms. Ginoza forged a collaborative relationship with DOJ attorneys based on mutual trust while not abandoning her responsibility to represent the State's interests. Potential conflicts were identified as they emerged and immediately dealt with before they became impediments to achieving compliance with the MOA provisions. This relationship was certainly tested at times, but with Ms. Ginoza seemed to always resolve any disputes in a fair and cooperative manner.

Working towards compliance with the MOA involved many State agencies beyond OYS, such as the Departments of Human Resource Development, Budget and Finance, and Accounting and General Services. She would make herself available to accompany me in meetings with leadership as we asked for their cooperation and assistance in addressing the myriad of bureaucratic problems that would sometimes impede progress at HYCF, identifying solutions that were acceptable to all.

Such solutions would not be feasible without the legal knowledge, understanding and diligence she exhibited in her actions on OYS's behalf. Clearly, Ms. Ginoza was well acquainted with the constitutional issues that resulted in the DOJ lawsuit and represented the State of Hawaii well. But what struck me was her ability to grasp how those issues impacted the daily operations of the HYCF and understanding what was required by all involved to resolve them. Well respected by facility staff, she aptly conveyed how complying with the terms of the MOA would not only benefit the



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incarcerated youth but also improve working conditions. This tact helped win over staff and garner their willingness to be part of the solution, not the problem.

Perhaps her best attribute is Ms. Ginoza's even temper and ability to maintain calm under tremendous pressure. She listens carefully to what is being said, logically and intelligently presents the State's position and works towards an outcome that satisfies all involved. Solutions are realistic and achievable, addressing the needs of both parties.

I cannot express what Ms. Ginoza's support has meant to me personally. I am, though, confident that she is the best candidate for the position of Associate Judge with the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

February 16, 2010

**To:** Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chairman  
Senate Judiciary Committee

**From:** Leilani Y. Okuda

**Subject:** Testimony in Support of:

**Ms. Lisa M. Ginoza**

**For: Associate Judge, Intermediate Court of Appeals**

**Date of Hearing:** Friday, February 19, 2010  
State Capitol @ 9:30 am  
Conference Rm. 016  
GM 240

I am writing this testimony in support of the appointment of Lisa M. Ginoza as an Associate Judge in the Intermediate Court of Appeals for the State of Hawaii.

My friendship with Ms. Ginoza stems back more than thirty years. We played against each other in competitive fast pitch leagues and eventually worked together as softball umpires.

Early on, a quality I admired in Ms. Ginoza was her work ethics. As an athlete, she was always passionate about what she did. She continuously worked hard, remained humble and eventually made her mark in Hawaii as one of the top female scholar athlete in the early 1980s (*five sport letterman, class president and valedictorian – Kailua High School class of 1982*). Those same work ethics and qualities continued throughout her athletic, academic, and professional career.

As mentioned, Ms. Ginoza and I worked together as umpires in various Bobby Sox and Women's Fastpitch Softball Leagues in Hawaii. During this time, I appreciated her ability to work under pressure, her knowledge and application of rules, fairness to all, and more importantly, her ability to maintain composure and game control.

What set Ms. Ginoza apart from other umpires I worked with was her ability to teach athletes to honor the game – not once did we ever get into a controversial situation which could not be resolved or become unmanageable. Her calls and decisions were consistent, and made with objectivity. If there was a moment that her decision was questioned, Ms. Ginoza always honored the process and conferred with other game officials if needed to, to make the best decision possible. Because of this, Ms. Ginoza gained the respect and trust of the participants -- no matter the outcome of the contest, the game was judged fairly. These very qualities which made her a role model for athletes continue to shine through her.

My experience and observations of Ms. Ginoza's past are important. In recent years I have seen her in community meetings, press conferences, and heard about her in low and high profile cases. Ms. Ginoza continues to be a person who does her homework, is well prepared, honest, genuine

and sincere in everything she does. Over thirty years have passed, and it assuring to know that her essence and character has never wavered.

Mr. Chairman, I humbly ask that Ms. Lisa M. Ginoza be granted appointment as an Associate Judge in the Intermediate Court of Appeals in the State of Hawaii. I am confident her record will show that she is deserving of this honor. I believe if appointed, she will continue to serve the people of Hawaii with fairness, honor and integrity.

Sincerely,

Leilani Y. Okuda, Teacher  
Department of Education, State of Hawaii  
President William McKinley High School

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chairman  
The Honorable Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice-Chairman  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
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**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
AS AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LISA M. GINOZA**

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine, and members of the Committee:

I fully support the nomination and confirmation of Lisa M. Ginoza, as an Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals for the State of Hawaii.

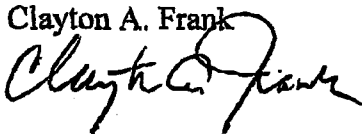
I have known and worked with Ms. Ginoza for a number of years on many cases and complex issues that have involved the Public Safety Department. In my working relationship with Lisa, I have found her to exhibit a high degree of professionalism, is, articulate, well organized, a good listener and has demonstrated her ability to be fair and firm when addressing the concerns that were brought before her.

Coupled with the aforementioned information, Ms. Ginoza has the legal experience both in the private and government sector, which provides her the background to serve well as an Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

It is for these reasons; I strongly support and urge the confirmation of Ms. Lisa M. Ginoza as an Associate Judge for the Intermediate Court of Appeals, State of Hawaii.

Mahalo

Clayton A. Frank



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February 18, 2010

VIA E-MAIL: JGOTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair

Re: **GM 240**  
Friday, February 19, 2010  
9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 016

Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of LISA M. GINOZA to the Intermediate Court of Appeals as Associate Judge

Dear Honorable Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations:

It is my honor to submit this letter of highest recommendation in support of the nomination of Ms. Lisa M. Ginoza for Associate Judge, Intermediate Court of Appeals of the State of Hawai'i.

I have known Ms. Ginoza since she interviewed for a summer law clerk position at Case & Lynch in 1986. She was a student at the Richardson School of Law and I was on the Case & Lynch hiring committee. The firm quickly identified her as a "must get" recruit. Although Case & Lynch lost the recruiting battle for Ms. Ginoza (she ended up clerking for the Goodsill law firm), I had the good fortune and privilege to work with her at McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP from 1990 through the beginning of 2005.

Ms. Ginoza is one of the brightest attorneys that I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. She has been successful at every level of practice, and has excellent legal skills and experience. During her time at the McCorrison firm, Ms. Ginoza served as lead counsel on several complex litigation matters. In particular, her work on complex first-party insurance cases was outstanding, and she was known to provide the "mental horsepower" that drove our firm's first-party insurance practice.

Of course, being smart and experienced is not enough to qualify someone to serve as a member of the Intermediate Court of Appeals. That person must also have impeccable character. Ms. Ginoza has that quality of character. She has always demonstrated an

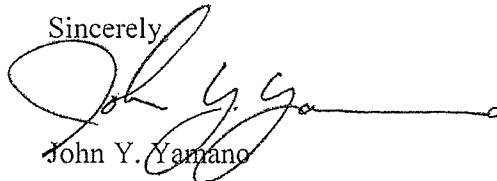
unwavering sense of justice and fair play, and her character is the model for our entire legal community. Many people “talk the talk” of fairness and compassion for others. Ms. Ginoza lives it every day.

I respectfully submit that recent selections to our Judiciary have been outstanding. Each and every appointment that has been confirmed by this Honorable Committee has been a person who shares two fundamental characteristics: tremendous intelligence AND outstanding character. People such as the Hon. Mark Recktenwald, the Hon. Katherine Leonard, the Hon. Rom Trader, and most recently, the Hon. Lawrence M. Reifurth, are wonderful examples of brilliant minds wrapped inside people with the absolute highest character. I respectfully submit that Ms. Ginoza is the best example of that rare breed of person. If she is given the opportunity, she will be a star in our Judiciary.

I am proud to have worked with Ms. Ginoza in private practice, and I am thankful for her recent contributions as a public servant. As a citizen of this wonderful State, I strongly support her nomination to be our next Associate Judge on the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely

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John Y. Yamano

Testimony on GM 240  
Friday, February 19, 2010, 9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 016

VIA EMAIL JGOTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi  
Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary  
& Government Operations  
25<sup>th</sup> State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 219  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Relating to the Gubernatorial Nominee, Lisa M. Ginoza, to the  
Intermediate Court of Appeals as Associate Judge

Honorable Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine and committee members:

I would like to express my strong support for Lisa M. Ginoza as nominee for Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

I first met Lisa when we entered the William S. Richardson School of Law together about twenty-three years ago. I had the privilege of being in Lisa's law school study group and had the opportunity to witness first hand her exceptional analytical and writing skills, her clarity of thought, her willingness to help others with less clarity, and her calm and reasoned approach to every situation. More recently, I have had professional contact with Lisa in my current position as Acting Director of the Office of Information Practices. This contact leaves me no doubt as to her administrative skills as well as her focus and commitment to whatever task is before her.

Perhaps more importantly, I have over the years been impressed with the basic respect with which Lisa treats everyone with whom she has contact. Given this trait in addition to her exceptional legal skills and inherent judicial temperament, I believe that Lisa would be a great asset to the court and our judicial system.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support.

Very truly yours,



Cathy L. Takase

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February 18, 2010

VIA E-MAIL: JGOTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair

Re: **GM 240**  
Friday, February 19, 2010  
9:30 a.m.  
Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of LISA M. GINOZA to the Intermediate Court of Appeals as Associate Judge

Dear Honorable Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations:

I submit this letter of recommendation with the intention of conveying my wholehearted and enthusiastic support of Ms. Lisa M. Ginoza as a candidate for the position of Associate Judge, Intermediate Court of Appeals of the State of Hawaii.

I have known Ms. Ginoza since 1986, when we were students at the William S. Richardson School of Law (WSRSL). Since then, I have had the honor and pleasure of interacting with her both as a fellow associate and partner at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP (M4) and also as a fellow member of the WSRSL alumni football team.

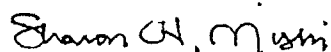
My interactions with Ms. Ginoza have exposed me to her as a teammate in both a sports and a professional context, and have caused me to respect, trust and admire her in every respect.

As a law student, associate attorney and law partner, Ms. Ginoza impressed me with her superior intellect, solid rationality and exemplary work ethic. Those who have worked with her have the utmost confidence in her capabilities and judgment. Ms. Ginoza also served with me on the M4 hiring committee, where her input on hiring decisions was always sought because she was known to be well-informed, fair and reasonable.

As with evaluations of children, I believe that one can tell a lot about an adult by the way he/she plays with others. Ms. Ginoza is an outstanding and talented athlete. But what has won her the respect and trust of her teammates is her commitment to teamwork, her sense of fair play and her desire to participate. Although Ms. Ginoza is such an outstanding athlete that she could get away with acting like an all-star and passing on mundane team practice sessions, she has always been the person who shows up to practice on time and plays any open position to help round out the team. She has been an incredible inspiration to and role model for countless athletes and attorneys, young and old, both on and off the playing field.

I sincerely believe that the people of the State of Hawaii have benefited greatly from Ms. Ginoza's departure from the private practice of law to work in the government sector, and I am certain that we all would be so fortunate to have her serve us in the State judicial system.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.



Sharon H. Nishi



February 18, 2010

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice-Chair  
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Friday, February 19, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 240  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF LISA GINOZA  
TO THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS

Senator Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine, and Members,

I am writing to strongly urge confirmation of Lisa Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals. As you well know, a judge must be intelligent, fair, decisive, and diligent. Ms. Ginoza not only possesses these qualities in abundance, she also has the ideal temperament befitting a judge.

I have known Ms. Ginoza for approximately seven years and have observed her to have the utmost integrity. She treats all individuals with dignity and respect. She did not favor or disfavor any one person. Based on my observations of Ms. Ginoza, it is abundantly clear that she has the integrity, fairness, and decisiveness required of a judge.

I strongly recommend confirmation of Ms. Ginoza.

Sincerely,

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Sonja P. McCullen, Esq.

### Letter of Testimony - Lisa Ginoza

My name is Gail Cosgrove. I am an attorney and have been in private practice for the last 28 years. My practice consists mostly of complex litigation, the defense of hospitals and healthcare providers in medical malpractice litigation, and product liability litigation. During the course of my career, I have also represented the City and County of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii on various matters in litigation. I am presently a member of the Judicial Arbitration Commission which oversees the Court Annexed Arbitration Program. I am also a member of the Rule 19 Committee on Judicial Performance. I am the past President of the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation (2008-2009), which is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of women and children in need.

I have known Ms. Ginoza professionally for many years while she was employed in private practice at the law firm now known as McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon. Ms. Ginoza was always well prepared, courteous and professional.

After Ms. Ginoza joined the Attorney General's Office, I have had occasions to discuss matters in litigation with her, both as counsel for the State of Hawaii and as an adverse party. Ms. Ginoza is extremely conscientious and a very hard worker; I was impressed that she was able to handle her administrative and legal services for the State of Hawaii so well.

As the past President of the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation, I am very happy to see that an extremely qualified woman attorney with civil litigation trial experience has been nominated to the appellate court. I believe it is absolutely crucial for the appellate courts to have outstanding trial attorneys and trial judges as part of the

panel. Ms. Ginoza not only has the legal acumen to be a fine jurist, she also has the depth and breadth of litigation experience which she will need to draw on as an appellate court judge. I know she will work very hard to continue to serve the people of Hawaii. We are very fortunate that she has applied for the position on the Intermediate Court of Appeals. I hope that you agree with me that she is an outstanding candidate for the position, and I strongly recommend that her nomination for the position be confirmed by the Senate.

TESTIMONY ON GM 240  
CONFIRMATION OF LISA M. GINOZA

By  
Thomas L. Read

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government  
Operations  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair

Friday, February 19, 2010; 9:30 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Senator Taniguchi, Senator Takamine, and Members of the Committee:

I urge this committee to confirm Lisa M. Ginoza, as an Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals for the State of Hawaii. I have known Lisa for a number of years, and have worked with her on different occasions on issues dealing with the Hawaii Department of Public Safety. I have always found Lisa to be very professional, intelligent, honest, and of the highest moral fiber. She always exhibits a very calm and intuitive demeanor when working on even the most difficult issues, which would serve her well as an Associate Judge.

Lisa has served this state in an exemplary manner during her career as First Assistant Attorney General. Lisa has legal experience both in the private sector and in the government sector, which provides her with an excellent background to be an outstanding judge.

Lisa would be a true asset to Judiciary in the State of Hawaii, and she is very deserving to be considered for this position. I strongly urge this committee to confirm Lisa M. Ginoza as an Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals for the State of Hawaii.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF HOLLY T. SHIKADA ON:

GM 240, Submitting or consideration and confirmation to the Intermediate Court of Appeals as Associate Judge, Gubernatorial Nominee, Lisa M. Ginoza, for a term of ten years.

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

DATE: Friday, February 19, 2010

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 016

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Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

I submit this testimony in support of the confirmation of Lisa M. Ginoza for appointment to the Intermediate Court of Appeals as an Associate Judge.

I have had the honor of being a Deputy Attorney General for the last 20 years. While I have worked with and under a number of First Deputy Attorneys General, I have worked most closely with Ms. Ginoza and can speak based on my experience in working with her. Ms. Ginoza is highly intelligent, an extremely quick study, and very detail oriented. I have been awed on a number of occasions at how quickly Ms. Ginoza is able to become familiar with different areas of the law. Ms. Ginoza has been able to quickly and accurately assess matters and identify the core issues in areas that are extremely specialized and I know she has not had prior experience in.

Based on my experience working with Ms. Ginoza, I believe she will be an excellent addition to the Intermediate Court of Appeals and fully support her confirmation.

**Carrie K. S. Okinaga, Esq.**  
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**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

February 18, 2010

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary  
and Government Operations  
State Capitol, Room 219  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

This letter is written in unequivocal support of confirmation of Lisa Ginoza's nomination as Associate Judge, Intermediate Court of Appeals, State of Hawaii. I have known Ms. Ginoza for 17 years, both professionally and personally. She was my former law partner at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon, LLP, is a respected advocate for the State of Hawai'i, and will always be a dear friend, and I respectfully submit that you will not find a more worthy candidate.

Ms. Ginoza epitomizes everything I think a judge should be; she is fair, both intelligent and wise, humble, hardworking, respectful, principled, and devoted to serving and capable of discerning the larger public interest. Her brilliance is in her ability to synthesize very complex matters and disputes into relatively simple concepts and issues, easily understandable to a broader lay community. And while she has the patience to thoroughly research and analyze complicated issues, she also has the confidence and the judgment to quickly assess a situation and respond (or not) and/or make decisions (or not) appropriately. Her integrity and moral courage are beyond reproach, and although she is an extremely nice person, she never lets that quality get in the way of her being a tough opponent and a staunch advocate for her clients and for what she believes is "right." She is also one of the most even-tempered, level-headed people you will ever know, and her legal abilities and performance are just as consistent.

As the City and County of Honolulu's Corporation Counsel for the last 5 years, I have had opportunity to witness firsthand Ms. Ginoza's tireless devotion to the people of our State, in her role as the First Deputy Attorney General. There are many times when the City and the State do not share identical interests or perspectives, but she and I have always been able to find common ground and I am very appreciative of her willingness to dialogue on any and all issues of consequence to the City taxpayer, even when our respective roles are adversarial. My respect for her has only grown, and as a taxpayer, I am very grateful for her dedication and service to our community.

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Thank you for your consideration. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

  
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February 18, 2010

Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi  
Honorable Dwight Y. Takamine  
The Senate  
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
State Capitol  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 240 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Intermediate Court of Appeals as Associate Judge, Gubernatorial Nominee, LISA M. GINOZA, for a term of ten years.

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

I would like to express my strong support for the nomination of Lisa Ginoza to be an Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Based upon my work with Lisa as a former colleague in private practice, I know that she has great legal acumen, a very hard work ethic and strong personal integrity. I believe that she would make a valuable addition to the ICA, and hope that you will favorably consider her nomination.

Very truly yours,



Peter J. Hamasaki



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February 18, 2010

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi  
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 219  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Written Testimony in Support of the  
Nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza  
for Associate Judge of the  
Intermediate Court of Appeals  
Confirmation Hearing at 9:30 a.m., Friday, February 19, 2010

Dear Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

I write to express my sincere and strong support for the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations' confirmation of Ms. Lisa Ginoza as an Associate Judge on the Intermediate Court of Appeals. I am the Chairman of the law firm of Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher and have been practicing law for over 35 years. My contacts with Lisa have all been professional as opposed to being a personal acquaintance. I have met and worked with Lisa both when she was in private practice and since she became the First Deputy Attorney General for the State of Hawaii. Lisa is a dedicated, hardworking, responsible and thoughtful individual with great integrity, all qualities which would make her an outstanding Associate Judge on the Intermediate Court of Appeals. She would do an exceptional job serving the people of the State of Hawaii in this capacity.

In my opinion, all of us in the State of Hawaii have been fortunate to have had the benefit of Lisa's service as first deputy attorney general for the State of Hawaii over the last five years. In her capacity as First Deputy Attorney General for the State of Hawaii, Lisa has handled and supervised various litigation matters by and against the State of Hawaii, has advised various Hawaii public officials, including those in Governor Lingle's administration, and has taken part in the review of various administrative and criminal investigations, as well as legislative matters.

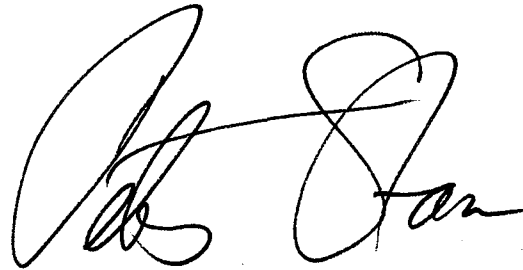
In addition to her current position as first deputy attorney general for the State of Hawaii over the last five years, Lisa's legal experience includes her (1) being a former partner with the law firm of McCorrison Miller Mukai Mackinnon where she handled complex litigation, including insurance litigation, personal injury and commercial and contract disputes, (2) serving as an adjunct professor in appellate advocacy at the William S. Richardson School of Law, and (3) clerking with U.S. District Judge Samuel P. King. Her legal work experience makes her an outstanding choice for

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Associate Judge on the Intermediate Court of Appeals because she will bring to the judiciary not only her private sector legal experience but also her public sector legal experience from working in the State Attorney General's office.

I urge your Committee's confirmation of Lisa as an Associate Judge on the Intermediate Court of Appeals. Should you have questions or desire any further input from me, I would be happy to speak with you.

Respectfully yours,

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Peter Starn

February 18, 2010

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi  
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM240 Nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of  
Appeals as Associate Judge

Dear Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am writing this letter in my individual capacity in support of the nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

I have known Lisa since elementary school and have interacted with her as an attorney. Lisa will be an objective, clear-minded, and diligent judge. She will respect precedent and the prudential doctrines that guide appellate analysis and decisionmaking. Above all, Lisa will not forget the significant role that the law and courts play in advancing human dignity in our State.

Thank you for considering my thoughts in support of Lisa's nomination.

Sincerely,

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Scott K. Saiki

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February 18, 2010

Via Electronic Delivery (JGOTestimony@capital.hawaii.gov)

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 016  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Consideration and Confirmation of Lisa M. Ginoza, as  
Associate Justice to the Intermediate Court of Appeals

Honorable Chair Taniguchi, and members of the committee:

This testimony is presented in **support** of Lisa M. Ginoza's nomination as Associate Justice to the Intermediate Court of Appeals. I am the current Director of the City's Department of Planning & Permitting, however, am submitting this testimony in my personal capacity.

I first became acquainted with Lisa while attending the William S. Richardson School of Law over twenty years ago. Since then, I have maintained a relationship with Lisa and consider her a personal friend. As a personal friend, I can attest to her high moral character and integrity. Lisa is intelligent, considerate and displays compassion towards people.

As a professional, her many years as a private litigation attorney have given her a wealth of experience. Moreover, as the State's Deputy Attorney General she clearly demonstrates her expertise of the law, is able to display her proficiency as a leader and manager, and highlight her ability to communicate with others. Lastly, but probably more important, Lisa has common sense, which combined with her experience and professional background, develops the wisdom and resolve that every justice should possess.

Based upon my personal and professional relationship with Lisa, she is definitely the "right person for the job" and I support her nomination without reservation.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to offer testimony in support.

Aloha,



David K. Tanoue

## Testimony

**Measure:** GM 240  
**Hearing:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Intermediate Court of Appeals as Associate Judge, Gubernatorial Nominee, LISA M. GINOZA, for a term of ten years.  
**Committee:** Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
**Date:** Friday, February 19, 2010  
**Time:** 9:30 am  
**Place:** Conference Room 016  
**Testifier:** Bridget Holthus

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Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine, and Committee Members:

I strongly support the confirmation of Lisa Ginoza as Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

I have known Ms. Ginoza for five years, and have worked very closely with her in my job as the Special Assistant to the Attorney General. (I am testifying in my individual capacity.) During this time, I have had the opportunity not only to form my own opinion of Ms. Ginoza, but also to hear the frank comments of many others. In the course my work, many of Hawai'i's most respected attorneys and community leaders – even those who disagreed with Ms. Ginoza's positions on legal and policy matters – have praised her brilliance and diligence as a lawyer and her unimpeachable integrity and fairness. She has earned the respect and trust of those who have worked with her throughout the state.

Ms. Ginoza is decisive and determined, but she listens carefully to the views of others. She has a sharp ability to grasp complex legal issues and their practical implications, and she writes with clarity and precision. As an administrator, she has been creative and resourceful in finding ways to maximize her department's limited resources. With her straightforward leadership and sound judgment, she has fostered excellence among her colleagues in the department, and has earned their respect and aloha.

In my work, I have been privileged to see facets of Ms. Ginoza's character that may not have been in public view: Her inexhaustible work ethic, her grace and composure in stressful circumstances, her compassion for the less fortunate, her good humor and down-to-earth approachability. Despite the authority of her position, she consistently treats citizens from every walk of life with dignity. Those who work closely with Ms. Ginoza know that her only concern is to do the right thing and get the right result for the people of Hawai'i – no matter who gets the credit.

In my opinion, no one could be better qualified to serve as a judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals. I respectfully urge the Committee to recommend Ms. Ginoza's confirmation.

Testimony in Support of the Nomination of  
Lisa M. Ginoza  
To the Intermediate Court of Appeals  
Submitted by Diane K. Taira

Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Hearing on February 19, 2010  
9:30 am

Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

There could be no finer choice to fill a seat on the Intermediate Court of Appeals than First Deputy Attorney General Lisa M. Ginoza. Ms. Ginoza is a dedicated and diligent public servant who is intelligent, easy to approach, able to understand and communicate at all levels, a quick read, handles difficult situations well, is adept as a mediator as well as an advocate. She is of the highest integrity, meticulous in her scrutiny of issues and arguments, invites and considers the input of others. In short, First Deputy AG Lisa Ginoza possesses all of the characteristics that would make for an honorable addition to the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

I make these statements as a Deputy Attorney General who has worked with Ms. Ginoza on a number of issues during her tenure at the Department of the Attorney General. She is experienced in a broad range of legal issues, is a practiced litigator both in the private sector as well as the public sector. She has performed her job well, cool under pressure and pragmatic when the occasion dictates. Attorney General Mark J. Bennett has been fortunate to have had the assistance of Ms. Ginoza as his First Deputy. She has served him and the Department well. I have been proud to serve under and alongside her.

I support the nomination of First Deputy Attorney General Lisa M. Ginoza and hope that she will receive your endorsement as well.

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**From:** Dana M.O. Viola [dviola@moriharagroup.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2010 4:45 PM  
**To:** JGO Testimony  
**Subject:** GM 240 - Gubernatorial Nominee Lisa M. Ginoza

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Members of the Judiciary and Government Operations Committee:

I am writing in strong support of Lisa M. Ginoza for confirmation to the Intermediate Court of Appeals as Associate Judge. From 2006-2008, when I was the Special Assistant to the Attorney General, I worked with Ms. Ginoza while she served as First Deputy for the Department. I observed first hand Ms. Ginoza's tireless and dedicated work as an administrator for the Department, her one-on-one relations with deputies, staff, outside parties, the public, and the media --all of whom she handled with respect and fairness, and her exceptional legal skills - her intelligence, her attention to detail, her willingness to put in the long hours of preparation, and her composure under pressure. Ms. Ginoza has been a truly outstanding First Deputy, and I believe she will be an equally outstanding Associate Judge.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that you confirm Ms. Ginoza's nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my input.

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 240  
Consideration and Confirmation of Lisa M. Ginoza  
to the Intermediate Court of Appeals as Associate Judge

By Tommy Johnson

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair

Friday, February 19, 2010; 9:30am  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Senator Taniguchi, Senator Takamine, and Members of the Committee:

I am providing testimony in strong support of the nomination and confirmation of Ms. Lisa M. Ginoza to the Intermediate Court of Appeals as Associate Judge.

As the current Deputy Director for Corrections for the Department of Public Safety (PSD) and as former Administrator of the Hawaii Paroling Authority, I have worked with Lisa on several critically important issues of concern to the Department of Public Safety and the State of Hawaii.

In each instance, Lisa has consistently displayed unwavering integrity, diligence, fairness, and an uncanny ability to bring parties together on extremely divisive issues for the betterment of the State. She clearly possesses an in-depth knowledge of the judicial system, unwavering dedication of selfless service, compassion, and a true commitment to honesty, fairness, and equality for all. This is in addition to her exceptional judicial temperament and truly positive and inspiring work ethic that will make her an excellent Associate Judge on the Intermediate Court of Appeals. Lisa's well-honed experience as a Private Practice Attorney, and as First Deputy Attorney General also make her uniquely qualified for appointment to the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

She has been involved in many complex arbitrations, mediations, regulatory, and administrative proceedings. Lisa also has experience in administrative and criminal investigations, including litigation by and against the State. In particular, Lisa has been extremely instrumental in the State's efforts to address concerns of the Department of Justice as they relate to PSD. As a direct result of her efforts, PSD



has recently reached several milestones that would not have been possible without her expert advice, guidance, counsel, and hands on approach to problem solving.

Further, her courtroom experience has been honed over many years and she is committed to ensure justice for the people of Hawaii, and is dedicated to public service. Lisa's courtroom experience encompasses both, jury and non-jury trials. She also has appellate experience and have worked on numerous appellate briefs, some to Hawaii's Appellate Court, some to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and a few to the U.S. Supreme Court. She has presented oral arguments before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and has assisted in an oral argument before the Hawaii Supreme Court.

While serving as First Deputy Attorney General, she has consistently provided skillful direction through tactful leadership and possesses the ability to motivate and lead others, which has assisted the Attorney General in moving the Department forward and guided the development and implementation of several key initiatives that have improved the efficiency and effectiveness Department. Lisa possesses the innate ability to get to the heart of complex issues and bring parties together to effectively and efficiently resolve their differences. She would be an asset to the bench, the Judiciary and the people of Hawaii if she were allowed the privilege to serve on the bench.

In reviewing her record of service, you will find that Lisa has consistently proven to be fair and firm, and that she possesses the integrity, skills, and wisdom required of the bench. I have no doubt that she will serve with distinction and honor. It is therefore, without reservation that I fully support her nomination and confirmation as an Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Comments:

I wish to strongly and with no reservations support the nomination of Lisa Ginoza as Associate Justice of the Intermediate Court of Appeals of the State of Hawaii. Lisa is a person of high integrity, honesty, intelligence, fairness, and open-mindedness. She has an amazing demeanor in being able to hear a person out without any prejudicial emotion and then to reason with the person to find a fair and just resolution. I strongly believe that she will be a great asset to the Court. I respectfully submit my strongest support for her nomination as Associate Justice of the Intermediate Court of Appeals.