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Testimony



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

CATHERINE H. REMIGIO
District Family Court Judge, First Circuit Court

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations
The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair

Hearing: Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 325
State Capitol

The Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Association appreciates the opportunity to comment on the qualifications of Catherine H. Remigio for the position of District Family Court Judge, First Circuit Court.

The HSBA Board has established criteria for determining the qualifications of judicial and executive appointments generally utilizing the American Bar Association Guidelines for Reviewing Qualifications of Candidates for State Judicial Office. The HSBA uses the following criteria, which are not exclusive: integrity and diligence, legal knowledge and ability, professional experience, judicial temperament, financial responsibility, public service, health, and responsibilities and duties required of the position for which the applicant has been nominated. The HSBA Board's rating system includes the categories of "qualified" and "not qualified."

As part of its procedures for evaluating and taking positions on judicial and executive appointments, the HSBA Board utilizes a subcommittee of the HSBA Board to review materials presented by the nominee and input from members. The subcommittee is also tasked with checking references and contacting others who have knowledge of the nominee's experience and qualifications. The full Board reviews the materials prepared by this subcommittee, the complete materials submitted by the nominee and members and conducts an interview of the nominee.

Taking into consideration all of the information presented by and about the nominee and an interview with the nominee, the Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Association finds Catherine H. Remigio to be qualified for the position of District Family Court Judge, First Circuit Court.

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By E-Mail to JDLTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senate, State of Hawaii

Re: Judicial Nominee Catherine H. Remigio

Dear Chair Hee and Vice Chair Shimabukuro:

I am writing to strongly support Catherine H. Remigio for the position of District Judge for the Family Court of the First Circuit.

I currently work with Ms. Remigio at Bryant & Remigio where I have been of counsel since July 2010. Prior to that, I worked with Ms. Remigio at the law firm of Stirling & Kleintop from April 2005 through October 2006. While Ms. Remigio and I worked together at Stirling & Kleintop, I had the opportunity to work as her second chair on a number of cases. As her second chair, I was impressed with her knowledge of the law, her understanding of her cases, and her ability to effectively present her client's position in Court. I learned a lot from her about how to prepare a case for Court and how to zealously advocate for a client in a competent and confident manner.

After Ms. Remigio left Stirling & Kleintop to form Bryant & Remigio, I continued to contact her for advice on my difficult cases. Mr. Remigio has a superior knowledge of the law and excellent judgment which I relied on to guide my work on difficult cases. I believe her superior knowledge of the law and excellent judgment make her well qualified to be a Judge in Family Court.

Ms. Remigio has impressed me with the calm and focused manner with which she approaches the difficult and often emotional cases she has handled in Family Court. Ms. Remigio is able to sympathize with her clients while at the same time maintaining a professional and poised demeanor necessary to effectively articulate her client's position to the Court. I believe this ability will be a great asset to her as a Judge in Family Court.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter in support of Ms. Remigio's nomination for District Judge for the Family Court of the First Circuit.

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April 18, 2011

Via Email: JDLEvidence@Capitol.hawaii.gov

Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol
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Re: JC5 Hearing: April 21, 2011 9:00 a.m.

Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of Catherine H. Remigio
For the Position of District Court Judge of the First Circuit

Dear Chairperson Hee and Fellow Committee Members:

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Ms. Catherine H. Remigio as a judge of the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Catherine since she first became a deputy public defender in 1993. Other than an approximately two-year period in which she was employed as an associate attorney for a law firm in San Diego, Ms. Remigio remained at the State of Hawaii Office of the Public Defender until 2004. She left to become an associate attorney at Stirling and Kleintop, and then a Partner at Bryant and Remigio, LLC. During the period of her practice in family law at these latter two law firms, I continued to be acquainted with Ms. Remigio. I am not familiar with her performance as a practitioner of family law, but I do know that she enjoyed a very positive reputation among her peers who practice in the Family Court.

As a deputy public defender, Ms. Remigio demonstrated excellent trial skills, and a very clear understanding of the rules of evidence and criminal law and procedure. She was acknowledged to be highly ethical and was universally respected among the Circuit Court judges before whom she appeared, as well as the deputy prosecutors who were involved in her cases. The years she spent as a deputy public defender enabled her to build a foundation of trial experience that will no doubt serve her well as a judge of the district court.

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Last year I appeared before Ms. Remigio in a civil matter over which she presided as a per diem district court judge. The matter reached a settlement that was satisfactory to both parties, due in large part to the mediation skills and judicial wisdom demonstrated by Judge Remigio. That experience served to further enhance my high regard for her legal abilities. I was then assured that she would be an excellent judge, and I knew that I would strongly support any opportunity for Ms. Remigio to gain a full-time judgeship in either the District or Circuit Court.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with these comments.

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HOWARD K. K. LUKE
Attorney at Law

From: [Mike Town](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Email Testimony in support of Catherine H. Remigio as District Family Court Judge. JC 5
Date: Monday, April 11, 2011 4:21:53 PM

On Thursday, April 21, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., at the State Capitol, Conference Room 325, the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor has scheduled a hearing for the following:

JC 5 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the District
Family Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii, Judicial
Nominee, CATHERINE H. REMIGIO, for a term of six years
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Aloha Chair Clayton Hee and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

This email is in support of the nomination of Catherine H. Remigio as District Family Court Judge. Unfortunately I am on a long planned, prepaid vacation from April 15, 2011 and returning May 2, 2011 and will not be at the hearing. I did want make my strong support known.

Ms. Remigio regularly appeared before me in both Family and Circuit Court during her career. She was always exceedingly professional, punctual, possessed impeccable manners and showed everyone great respect in representing her clients. She also got excellent results for her clients. My staff and the courthouse staff remarked how very effective she was given some tough cases. Juries really appreciated her practical and common sense approach which was a solid blend of careful preparation, compassion, credibility and advocacy.

It is my view she will be an exceptional judge and one who, as a team player, will fit right into our current family court. As you know, Hawai'i enjoys a unified family court where all family type cases come to one court and ideally to one judge. She has ample experience in dealing with Hawai'i's families in distress and will begin to make a contribution immediately. Should you have any questions, please email me as I will be checking my email during my vacation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michael A. Town
Circuit Court Judge (Retired)

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

April 21, 2011

JC5: Nomination of Catherine H. Remigio to the Family Court of the First Circuit

Chair Hee and Committee Members:

This is in support of the nomination of Catherine H. Remigio to the Family Court of the First Circuit. Catherine is a former public defender who subsequently developed a successful practice in the area of family law. Her trial experience as well as her skill in dealing with people will make her a very productive judge. For the past few years, Catherine has served as a per diem family court judge. She has proven herself as a good decision-maker during her term as a per diem judge. She has received many compliments from deputy public defenders who have appeared before her. She efficiently handles her caseload and does so with fairness to all who appear in her courtroom.

Catherine has a very high level of integrity. Her moral courage is also without question. She has taken on tough cases both as a deputy public defender and a practitioner of family law. She is very adept at taking tough issues head on while always maintaining her honesty and integrity. Catherine has always demonstrated compassion for people in her law practice. As a deputy public defender, she fought hard for the less fortunate in our community and always listened to their points of view and to their needs before formulating any strategy in a case.

I support the nominee without hesitation. Thank you for the opportunity to be heard on this matter.

From: [Mark Miyahira](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: JC5, Judicial Nominee, CATHERINE H. REMIGIO
Date: Thursday, April 14, 2011 4:33:59 PM

Re: JC5, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the District Family Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii , Judicial Nominee, CATHERINE H. REMIGIO
Hearing Date and Time: Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Dear Chair Hee and members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of Catherine H. Remegio, who has been nominated to fill a vacancy on the District Family Court of the First Circuit. I believe that Catherine Remegio is a highly qualified individual and that she would make an excellent addition to the Family District Court.

I have known Catherine Remegio since 1989 when we entered the William S. Richardson School of Law as first year students. After we graduated, Catherine joined the Office of the Public Defender and I joined the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui. I served as a deputy prosecuting attorney for 11 years in Maui County and as a deputy attorney general at the Department of the Attorney General for 7 years before joining the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu.

In our third year as law students, Catherine and I were selected to represent the Richardson school of Law, with two other classmates, in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moor Court Competition. During the many hours of extra work that we had to devote to the competition, I learned a lot about the character of my classmate. While Catherine clearly demonstrated herself to be very intelligent and dedicated to fairness and justice, what I found most compelling about her was her ability to bring the four members of the team together to work as one. If you can anything in general about law students, it's that they have very strong egos. Getting four diverse individuals, each with a strong ego, to work harmoniously together in order to succeed in the competition, was an early but clear sign of the achievements that Catherine would accomplish in her professional life. Catherine earned my respect and friendship for life.

After law school, we remained in contact although we chose different paths of public service. Catherine left the Office of the Public Defender after many years of public service and entered the private sector, specializing in family law. Catherine continued to grow as a person and an attorney and I was happy for her and proud when she was selected to be a per diem district court judge. I believe that her diverse legal experience will serve her well in a judicial capacity. Finally, I believe that Catherine's commitment to fairness and her strong capacity for compassion will be an asset to her and our community.

Yours truly,

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April 18, 2011

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
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RE: JC 5: Judicial Nominee Catherine H. Remigio

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Hee and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, I am writing in strong support of Judicial Nominee Catherin H. Remegio to the District Family Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Ms. Remegio for over 15 years. I worked along-side her when I was a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and she was a Deputy Public Defender. I had several motions and sentencing hearings with her and she proved herself to be highly skilled and effective. I was also fortunate to appear against her in a felony jury trial. She was extremely professional, courteous, and tirelessly advocated for her client. She has an impeccable reputation both in and out of the courtroom, and she is an excellent candidate for the District Family Court position.

Ms. Remegio carries out her job with extreme professionalism and exhibits patience and respect towards others. She is always prepared and very organized and has substantial knowledge of the Family Court procedures. She has vast trial experience, and is very comfortable in the courtroom. She has the ability to argue any legal issue at a moment's notice because she prides herself in knowing the most current rules, statutes and case law. Ms. Remegio performs her duties with fairness, integrity, and compassion. These traits would serve her well in the District Family Court.

For these reasons, I strongly support the appointment of Ms. Catherine H. Remegio to the District Family Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii. I thank you for the opportunity to provide these written comments. Should you have any questions, I can be contacted at the above numbers.

Very truly yours,

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April 18, 2011

Senator Clayton Hee
Judiciary and Labor Committee
State Capitol, Room 325
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Via Facsimile: (808) 586-6659
Committee: JDL Committee
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

**Re: Letter in SUPPORT of the Nomination of CATHERINE H. REMIGIO
to Serve as a Judge on the Family Court of the First Circuit**

Dear Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

I write this letter in strong support of Catherine H. Remigio's nomination to the Family Court of the First Circuit. I have known Cathy for over ten years, both as a colleague and as a personal friend. Through the years, I have had the pleasure of observing Cathy practice law in the District, Family and Circuit Courts. On each occasion, I have been impressed with her skill as a trial lawyer and her firm command of the law. More importantly, however, Cathy has always been honest, straightforward, and committed to ensuring justice.

Cathy is a consummate professional. She is unwavering in her commitment to the law, and possesses the even-keeled demeanor that characterizes all good judges. For the past several years, Cathy has gracefully handled a thriving civil litigation practice, a per diem district court judgeship, and numerous other community activities.

I believe that Cathy's knowledge as a trial lawyer, and her strong community involvement, would be a credit to the Judiciary. I urge the members of the JDL Committee to confirm her nomination.

Very truly yours,



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April 19, 2011

The Honorable Senator Clayton Hee
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State Capitol Building

Re: Confirmation of CATHERINE H. REMIGIO
District and Family Courts, First Circuit
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Dear Senator Hee and Members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee:

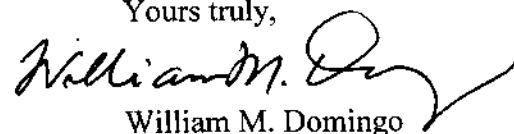
It is with great pleasure that I whole-heartedly give my support for Catherine Remigio's nomination as District/Family Court Judge. I have known Cathy since the early 90's when she clerked for the Circuit Court and later as state public defenders.

I was always impressed by her preparation, professionalism in her legal practice both public and private. But more importantly I was impressed with how she treated our clients with respect and empathy. I was very proud to call her a fellow PD.

With Cathy we won't have to guess what kind of judge she'll be. She has already proven that she is comfortable both intellectually and emotionally to wear the robes in District or Family Court. I have appeared before her numerous times while she sat as a per diem. Her demeanor and rulings are always spot on and leave the litigants with the feeling that they have been dealt with fairly and with respect. She deserves a permanent position on the bench. She unlike many other nominees has the experience in both criminal and family matters and should hit the ground running.

In closing, the appointment of Catherine H. Remigio to the District or Family Court will most certainly be a watershed event for the Judiciary and especially for ALL the people of the State of Hawaii. I thank you for the opportunity to share my opinions and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns. Mahalo and Aloha.

Yours truly,


William M. Domingo



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HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
IN SUPPORT OF JC-5**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the District Family Court
of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii, Judicial Nominee,
CATHERINE H. REMIGIO

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Thursday, April 21, 2011, 9:00 a.m.
Room 325, State Capitol

Good morning Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and members of the
Committee.

My name is Tom Farrell. I am an attorney and the chair of the Family Law
Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association, on whose behalf I testify this
morning.

The Family Law Section is comprised of over 125 attorneys who practice
primarily in Family Court. We handle divorce, paternity, domestic violence,
child protection and guardianship cases. As a Section, our testimony represents
the views of our members only; we do not speak on behalf of the entire Hawaii
State Bar Association.

The Family Law Section strongly supports the nomination of Catherine Remigio
to the Family Court bench.

Ms. Remigio is a member of the Section and is well known to the Family Court
bench and bar. We think it is a wonderful idea that someone who is actually an
experienced family law practitioner should become a Family Court judge.

I have handled several cases with Ms. Remigio as opposing counsel, and she is
smart, honest, reasonable, and compassionate. Among the family law bar, she
has a reputation for integrity and competence. She is an advocate who also
presses her clients to take reasonable positions and settle their often acrimonious
cases.

We are confident that she will be a strong addition to the Family Court bench
and we urge you to confirm her.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify this morning.

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April 19, 2011

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Senator:

I would like to urge the Senate Judiciary to confirm the Chief Justice's appointment of Judge Catherine Remigio as District Family Court Judge.

I served with Cathy as a per diem District Court Judge and I have worked with her as a Family Law attorney for 15 years. She is bright, capable, thoughtful, and knowledgeable.

Her integrity is beyond question. Cathy was appointed a per diem District Court Judge by Chief Justice Moon. We trained together and worked together. Cathy was diligent and decisive. She displayed courtesy and respect for every litigant that appeared in her courtroom.

Her calendar moved quickly and efficiently. She is skilled in encouraging litigants to mediate. She's a good listener and displays a calmness about her that settles down parties while commanding respect in her courtroom.

As you know, Cathy has extensive litigation experience acquired during her 9 year tenure as a Deputy Public Defender, in addition to extensive litigation experience in divorce and family law as an associate with Stirling and Kleintop and now as a partner at Bryant and Remigio.

I'm not exactly unbiased. I feel strongly that District Court Judge Cathy Remigio will be a tremendous asset to the Family Court. Her background, skill set and talent will be a tremendous asset to Judge Browning at Family Court.

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
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It is indeed a pleasure to write this recommendation and submit testimony to the Senate. Feel free to contact me on my cell at 255-3265 if I can provide any further information to you about this highly qualified Judge.

Sincerely,

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Richard J. Diehl

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April 19, 2011

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: Confirmation of Catherine H. Remigio
Hearing Date: April 21, 2011 at 9:00AM

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members,

I write in strong support of the nomination of Cathy Remigio to the District Family Court of the First Circuit and I urge this Committee to recommend to the full Senate that Ms. Remigio be confirmed.

I am especially interested in this judgeship because the vacancy was created when I stepped down from the Bench. But for being on Maui on Thursday, I certainly would have appeared in person to lend my support for Cathy. I am confident that she is an ideal choice to serve as a Judge in Family Court.

Cathy appeared before me in Family Court on numerous occasions and on multiple calendars, including paternity, divorce, and domestic violence cases. In every instance, she was extremely well prepared, forthright, reasonable, and articulate. Her demeanor was always appropriate. Cathy had an excellent understanding of court procedure, and an in-depth knowledge of the substantive law. Approximately nine (9) months ago, Ms. Remigio appeared before me on a complex and protracted paternity trial. At the conclusion of the trial, I remember sharing with a judicial colleague how impressed I was with her professional skills and personal attributes.

Ms. Remigio will be an outstanding Family Court Judge and she has my unequivocal support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Broderick
President & CEO

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Hello,

Please accept my testimony in strong support of Judicial Nominee Catherine H. Remegio. Thank you.

Rowena Somerville
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Comments:

Members of the Judiciary Committee; Senators.

Good Day! I write in support of Judicial nominee Catherine H. Remigio. As someone who has worked with Per Diem Judge Remigio I can attest to her dedication and hardwork for the State of Hawaii Judiciary and all those involved and have come before the courts here in our great state. She arrives to work early and does not leave until the job is done (very late). Per Diem Judge Remigio knows the various laws, rules, and court procedures very well. That's why her court room sessions are very efficient and understandable for all parties involved (all sides), including the courthouse staff. Judge Remigio is compassionate, fair, and decisive when applying these laws in each and every individual case she has been involved with. As such Per Diem Judge Remigio is the best qualified to become, and with your approvals, a full time District Family Court Judge of the First Circuit. Much Mahalo for your time and review.

Sincerely
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DATE: April 17, 2011

TO: Senate Chair Clayton Hee
Senate Vice Chair Maile S. L. Shimabukuro
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

FR: Joyce Matsumori-Hoshijo
Attorney at Law

RE: JC 5—Testimony in Support of the Nomination of Catherine H. Remigio
as judge of the District Family Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i
Hearing date and time: March 29, 2011 @ 9:30 a.m.

I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of Catherine H. Remigio as judge of the District Family Court of the First Circuit.

I am an attorney in private practice. The focus of my legal work for the past eighteen years, both with the Office of the Public Defender and in private practice, has been appellate litigation.

I have known Catherine Remigio since 1993 when she was hired by the Office of the Public Defender. Catherine and I worked together at this office for the better part of ten years and have remained in contact as friends and colleagues since we left the office.

Catherine has excellent decision-making skills. She is very adept at understanding the dynamics between litigants in a given case and decisive in presenting a fair method of dispute resolution. As both a litigator and per diem judge, Catherine has extensive experience in both civil and criminal trial and appellate work. From our numerous discussions, it is apparent that she feels competent in either the civil or criminal arena.

Catherine has a strong grasp of legal concepts and is able to quickly identify and articulate legal issues in a case. She always does her “homework” and is well-prepared for any task. Catherine approaches her work, both as an attorney and judge, with great enthusiasm. She has no qualms about working long hours and always completes her legal work in a timely and professional manner.

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Catherine is a very thoughtful and even-tempered person. In our many interactions over the years, I have never seen Catherine lose her composure. In her position as per diem judge, I believe that Catherine is consistently respectful and objective when dealing with attorneys, parties, witnesses and court staff.

I consider Catherine to be a person of genuine integrity and moral courage. She is not swayed by one's position or status. She has a strong sense of justice and fairness. Her life experience and broad world view give her the kind of wisdom that makes her very effective in adjudicating the legal problems of others.

Thank you for your time and attention to this letter of support. Should you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at 591-9597.

Yours truly,

/s/ Joyce K. Matsumori-Hoshijo
Attorney at Law