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April 23, 2012

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
And Members
Hawaii State Senate
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: JC 8: Judicial Nomination of Ms. Adrienne N. Heely to the District Family
Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawaii**

Dear Chair Hee and Committee Members:

Please accept this testimony in support of JC 8: Nominating Ms. Adrienne N. Heely to the District Family Court of the Second Circuit. I have known Ms. Heely for over 8 years and have had the opportunity to work with her while she was an attorney in the Department of the Corporation Counsel for the County of Maui. Ms. Heely was one of the attorneys assigned to advise the Department of Finance while I was the finance director for the County.

Ms. Heely has an engaging demeanor and a very open approach to clients that demonstrates her willingness to listen and consider all sides. I have always found Ms. Heely eager to understand as many aspects of a matter or issue regardless of complexity. She has been equally open to analyzing as many various options for solutions. I believe she is a good candidate for a judge because she does possess diverse professional experience as an attorney in various aspects of government operations and within the judiciary. She has also been an active participant in her local bar association and is a good advocate for the continued advancement of her profession in benefit to her community.

I encourage the Committee and your colleagues in the full Senate to support Ms. Adrienne N. Heely's confirmation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comment on Ms. Heely's nomination.

Aloha,

<Signed>

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Senate Judiciary Committee

Re: Adrienne Heely

I am writing to strongly recommend the confirmation of Adrienne Heely for Judge of the District Court. I had the pleasure of working with Ms. Heely at the Public Defender's office and can attest to her legal skills and temperament for this position. Adrienne has the intellect and patience needed for this very difficult and important job.

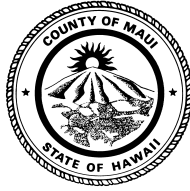
Adrienne attacks legal issues with zeal and open mindedness. She is not afraid to ask questions to problem solve. She loves brainstorming and creative ways to solve difficult issues. She is prepared in all aspects of the law to be a Judge.

District Court is a high volume "People's Court." Adriane is a patient and empathetic person who will never suffer from Black Robe Syndrome. She is a humble and caring and will be able to sit in fair judgment of the cases before her.

Adrienne Heely is going to be a great Judge and I encourage you all to vote for her confirmation. Thank You.

James R. Rouse
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22 April 2012

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimbukuro, Vice Chair
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol,
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: JC 8, Confirmation to the District Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawaii, ADRIANNE HEELY

Dear Chair Hee and Vice Chair Shimabukuro:

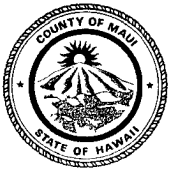
I write in favor of the confirmation of Ms Adrienne Heely to serve as a District Court Judge of the Second Circuit. I have known and worked with Ms. Heely since 2000; she is intelligent, thoughtful, and works hard. She is a valuable asset to the community of Maui County.

Ms. Heely is quick and smart. She is very kind and personable, and I believe is able to make the tough calls. Ms. Heely is also a excellent soccer coach, I say this to let you know she values team work and shared responsibility.

Sincerely,

/s/ **John D. Kim**

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April 18, 2012

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
And Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Hee and Members:

**RE: CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF DISTRICT FAMILY
COURT NOMINEE, MS. ADRIANNE N. HEELY**

My name is Clayton N.Y.W. Tom. I am currently the Deputy Chief of the Maui Police Department with over twenty nine years of service with the department and community. I have known judicial nominee, Ms. Adrienne N. Heely on a professional and personal basis for many years, and I humbly ask that she be confirmed for the vacancy at the District Family Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawai'i.

Ms. Heely's leadership skills, professionalism, dedication along with her willingness to serve the public have been a tremendous asset to our county government and community. She is tenacious in her pursuit of quality public service and has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues.

I truly believe Ms. Heely has the attributes of a fair, diligent and compassionate individual that would serve our community well. I again humbly encourage the Committee and your colleagues in the full Senate to support Ms. Heely's confirmation.

Sincerely,

CLAYTON N.Y.W. TOM
DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

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April 20, 2012

VIA EMAIL: JDLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Judicial Nominee, Adrienne N. Heely, Esq.
To District Family Court, Second Circuit (Maui)
Hearing: April 23, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

Dear Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

I SUBMIT THIS TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION OF
ADRIANNE N. HEELY TO THE DISTRICT FAMILY COURT, SECOND CIRCUIT.

This letter is to express my support for Adrienne N. Heely's appointment as a District Court Judge to the Second Circuit. I believe she will bring a sense of commitment and pride to the judiciary in her service on the District Court bench.

I have been a practicing attorney in the State of Hawai'i since 1978. Ms. Heely and I practiced at a 16-member law firm, in my role as a partner and her position as an associate attorney, during the 2003 to 2004 time frame. I was immediately impressed with both her legal skills and people skills. When I started my law firm, the Law Offices of Frank K. Goto, Jr., AAL, LLC in September 2004, I knew that I would need assistance in building and sustaining my law practice. I looked to hire an attorney that I could rely on for analysis of complex issues and interaction with clients and staff. When I became aware that Ms. Heely was interested in a new career opportunity, I approached her and offered her a position in my firm.

Ms. Heely and I worked together from September 2004 through November 2006. During that time frame, we practiced in a three person office, with Ms. Heely working as an associate attorney along with our paralegal/legal secretary. In our busy practice, primarily

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representing professionals in the architecture, engineering, accounting and legal fields, Ms. Heely had to efficiently and effectively handle a voluminous case load with a variety of civil procedural and legal issues. She accomplished these tasks not only with the skill of a competent practitioner but also with a temperament which displayed even-handedness and fairness towards our clients, opposing counsel and parties.

Ms. Heely's legal qualifications as a practicing attorney are exhibited by the results of our work. In our two years together, we represented in excess of a hundred clients through the legal process and, in many instances, complex legal and/or factual matters. I specifically recall two circuit court trials we worked on. One case involved a complex construction project where we represented an engineering firm in defense of a claim by the State Airports Division. The other case involved complex accounting issues where we represented a CPA in defense of claims of negligence. Aside from obtaining favorable results, Ms. Heely demonstrated the ability to analyze complex legal issues and to deal with a myriad of different personalities through the discovery and trial process. In addition, she is a student of the law in that she would always be current on the latest legal decisions and rationale for the areas of law we practiced. I found her to be meticulous in drafting, revising and finalizing any opinions she would convey to clients.

Although I did not have direct involvement in all her community activities, I do know that Ms. Heely's character is reflected in the activities and associations she developed. She served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Young Lawyer's Division of the Hawai'i State Bar Association, the chair of the Government Lawyers Section of the Hawai'i State Bar Association and is the vice-president of the Maui County Bar Association. She also sits on the Board of Examiners of the Hawai'i Supreme Court.

In our professional working relationship, I have always found Ms. Heely to practice and display the highest level of integrity, credibility and morals. I believe her character to be unassailable. Her character is also reflected in her enthusiasm for her work and her embracement of all things good in Hawai'i. She is a *keiki o ka aina*, with a strong sense of seeking to provide justice for all people, whether they are a professional person or an individual who cannot speak for his or her civil rights.

Since she may have more direct contact with litigants in a pro se capacity on the District Court bench, I believe Ms. Heely will be able to effectively reach out, understand and communicate with the broad range of people we have in our State. She is a problem solver not a problem creator. I believe she has the attitude to treat litigants and counsel with respect and courtesy; in other words, I believe she has the right temperament to sit as a State District Court Judge.

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Since starting her career as a Deputy Corporation Counsel for the County of Maui, I have stayed in contact with Ms. Heely. Although I have not been involved in any legal matters with her in her legal capacity as a County attorney, I have heard of high praise given to her by her colleagues on Maui.

For all the foregoing reasons, I give the highest recommendation I can to support Ms. Heely's appointment to the District Court bench.

I apologize for not being able to attend the hearing in person as I have a previously scheduled legal proceeding to attend. However, if you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'F' followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

FRANK K. GOTO, JR.

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

ADRIANNE N. HEELY
District Family Court Judge, Second Circuit Court

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

From: Carol K. Muranaka, President, Hawaii State Bar Association

Hearing: Monday, April 23, 2012 at 10:30 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 Adrienne N. Heely for the position of District Family Court Judge, Second Circuit Court.

The HSBA Board has established criteria for determining the qualifications of judicial appointments generally utilizing the American Bar Association Guidelines for Reviewing Qualifications of Candidates for State Judicial Office. The HSBA uses the following criteria in its deliberations: 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 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 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 Adrienne N. Heely to be qualified for the position of District Family Court Judge, Second Circuit Court.

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Comments:

I was on the Maui County Board of Ethics. Adrienne was our Corp Counsel. She is very smart. She did her homework and was always well prepared. Adrienne knew the law and she was able to explain it so that all of the Board members understood the legal ramifications and legal implications on every issue facing the Board. I found Adrienne to be self confident, she always speaks with authority. I think she will be an excellent judge and I support her nomination with no reservations.

From: [Chriss Fuentes](#)
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THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

[COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR](#)

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, April 23, 2012
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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Aloha Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

My name is Christina Fuentes and I am writing in support of Adrienne N. Heely. Her appointment as a Judge in the District Family Court of the Second Circuit is well deserved. We have been friends for more than 25 years and in that time, I have seen first hand her respect for the law and her treatment of others in the legal advice she gives.

Adri leads by example, she serves. She has served in various capacities as an attorney and has done well in each particular office she has held. Others respect her for her fair and impartial advice with respect to the law.

Fairness and a good temperament are important in performing the duties of a Judge. I believe that she would be an excellent choice to succeed the Honorable Geronimo Valdiz. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2012

Monday, April 23, 2012
10:30 a.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TESTIMONY ON JUDICIARY COMMUNICATION NO. 8 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the District Family Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawai'i, Judicial Nominee, ADRIANNE N. HEELY, for a term to expire in 6 years.

TO THE HONORABLE CLAYTON HEE, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Colin Hayashida and I am testifying in support of the Adrienne N. Heely, Judicial Nominee, to the District Family Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawai'i.

I have known Ms. Heely for over fifteen (15) years as a friend, and have been able to witness her progression in both her career and her community involvement. Her tireless dedication to her work has always been visible to me by the amount of time she dedicated to each of her establishments throughout her career.

As a person, I have found her personable, highly intelligent, and fair regardless of circumstance. More importantly, what has always resonated with me is her ability to still volunteer in the community and help others. It is seldom you find a young professional who is dedicated to their work and contributes to the community as Ms. Heely has done. I have no doubt that she will be able to serve well in the District Family Court of the Second Circuit.

For the reasons previously stated, and being a former resident of Maui, I kindly ask this Committee to strongly support Adrienne N. Heely, Judicial Nominee, for the District Family Court of the Second Circuit.

I thank this Committee for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter and ask for your favorable consideration.

April 19, 2012

Esteemed Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I write in support of Maui District Court Judicial Nominee Adrienne Heely.

I have known Ms. Heely for approximately seven (7) years and my contact with her has been entirely in the professional context.

I first came to know Ms. Heely in the first few years that I began working for the Department of the Corporation Counsel with the City and County of Honolulu. At that time, Ms. Heely was working for the Law Offices of Frank Goto, a private law firm. Ms. Heely represented another party in a premises liability case involving several defendants—one of these defendants was my client, the City. Given the extensive discovery and motion proceedings that took place in that case, I was able to develop an informed opinion of Ms. Heely's character and abilities. Ms. Heely was, and is, an adept advocate. She always appeared prepared and knowledgeable with regard to the particular legal or factual issue at hand. This was not the only case in which I had the opportunity to observe Ms. Heely's legal prowess, and over the years, I have never witnessed anything to undermine my original opinion of her.

I later became more familiar with Ms. Heely near the end of 2010 when I began serving as Treasurer in Government Lawyers' Section of the Bar. During this time, Ms. Heely was the GLS Chair and I regularly communicated with, and worked alongside, her. In this context, Ms. Heely again demonstrated her preparedness, intelligence and work ethic. However, I also witnessed other attributes of her character. Ms. Heely is a good speaker and very much a people person. I can recall a particular CLE seminar (dealing with changes to the Court rules) in which she served as moderator. The seminar involved several prominent members of the bar and was attended by one hundred or more attorneys. As moderator, Ms. Heely was responsible for ensuring that all important facets of the rule changes were covered, ensuring that all panel members were given ample opportunity to provide meaningful commentary and for bringing the whole event to a conclusion within the time constraints. Ms. Heely performed beautifully.

As chair of the GLS Section, Ms. Heely also conducted board meetings and dealt with various issues confronting the section. Ms. Heely was always very thorough, giving time to examine each issue from all sides, while being as expedient as possible. I felt that she was very fair and came to wise decisions.

Needless to say, I whole-heartedly recommend Adrienne Heely for the position of District Court Judge. Please give her your full consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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April 19, 2012

SENATOR CLAYTON HEE
Members of Senate Committee
on Judiciary and Labor

Re: Nomination of Adrienne Heely;
Second Circuit District Court Judge

Dear Senator Hee and Members of the
Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

This letter is being sent in support of the nomination of Adrienne Heely to be a District Court Judge for the Second Circuit on Maui.

I've known Adrienne for many years, from right around the time she first moved to Maui to practice law. We both played soccer in the Co-ed League I ran on Maui and, both being lawyers, we got to know each other very well. She is a very conscientious, thoughtful and responsible person who has only the best interests of Maui and Hawai'i at heart.

I have always been extremely impressed with her legal abilities and I believe she has the perfect judicial temperament to become a fine judge. I am confident Adrienne will devote her time and attention to becoming the best judge she can be and she is to be commended for her willingness to serve as a Judge here on Maui.

I have the utmost respect and Aloha for Adrienne, I believe her to have the highest level of integrity, and I have no hesitation in whole-heartedly requesting your favorable consideration and support of her nomination to become the next District Court Judge for the Second Circuit Court.

Please let me know if you would like any additional information.

Sincerely,


DAVID M. JORGENSEN

Dean Kimo Frampton
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April 19, 2012

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui, Senate President
Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair, Committee on Judiciary & Labor
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu Hi 96813

Subject: JC 8 – Chief Justice's Appointment Order No. 2012-3

Aloha,

I am honored to submit written testimony in support of Adrienne N. Heely's confirmation to the District Family Court of the Second Circuit.

I enjoyed the pleasure of working with Adrienne during my four years of service as Chairman of the County of Maui-Real Property Tax-Board of Review (2008-2011). Adrienne always provided the Board with sound legal advice. She was extremely reliable in her service to the Board and I confidently say we were a better ruling body because of her consistently fair judgment.

Also, I have become a familiar with the functions of the Family Court in my service as a Board Member with the Friends of the Children's Justice Center on here on Maui. In this capacity, I have become aware of serious challenges we face as a community as the cohesiveness of our family units and our family values continue to be stressed. I have known Adrienne in her capacity as legal counsel, as a friend, and as a mother. The Family Court will truly benefit from Adrienne's compassion, competency and professionalism.

I hope and trust that you will favorably confirm Adrienne N. Heely's appointment t. Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to reach me at dean@fwmaui.com.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.



Dean K. Frampton

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March 20, 2012

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The Hon. Clayton Hee, Chair
The Hon. Maile Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Senators Hee and Shimabukuro:

RE: Nomination of Adrienne N. Heely as District Family Court
Judge for the Second Circuit
Measure JC-8
Hearing date: April 23, 2012

I am writing to urge the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor to confirm the nomination of Adrienne N. Heely for appointment to the District Family Court bench for the Second Circuit.

I have known Ms. Heely for a number of years, but know her best as my supervising attorney and mentor in the Department of the Corporation Counsel for the County of Maui. Among her colleagues in the Maui bar, Ms. Heely enjoys a good reputation for diligence, hard work and legal skill. Ms. Heely is also well-liked and respected by her co-workers and the county agencies she advises.

As a former family court and district court practitioner of over 20 years, I understand the qualities a judge in those courts should have. Many litigants appear pro se and for some, that is their first contact with the judicial system. I have no doubt Ms. Heely will treat all who appear before her fairly and with dignity. Ms. Heely has the moral courage to make hard decisions, without regard to whether they are popular decisions. I also know Ms. Heely to be efficient and organized, and that she will manage her calendar well.

I also know Ms. Heely's family and have observed her in social settings. I can assure you that Ms. Heely possesses impeccable moral character and has a fine family. I can assure you that Ms. Heely will do nothing to embarrass the Judiciary or cause you to regret confirming her appointment to the bench.

Hon. Clayton Hee
Hon. Maile Shimabukuro
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Again, please confirm Adrienne N. Heely for appointment to the District Family Court bench for the Second Circuit

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary Murai

Gary Y. Murai

April 19, 2012

Re: JC8 (Adrienne H. Heely, Nominee for District Court of the Second Circuit)

I am very happy that my colleague, Adrienne Heely has been appointed by the Chief Justice to the District Court of the Second Circuit, subject to Senate confirmation. I support her confirmation wholeheartedly.

I have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Heely at the Department of the Corporation Counsel in Maui for the past several years. I am personally familiar with her work for the County of Maui. I also have direct personal knowledge of some of her pro bono activities, including her service on the board of the Maui County Bar Association and her elected position as President of the Hawaii State Bar Association's Government Lawyers' Section for a term that ended in December of last year.

Ms. Heely has many unique qualifications for a position on the District Court bench. She has significant trial experience, largely as a result of her work for the public defender's office, but also as an insurance defense attorney. As a public defender, she appeared frequently in District Court and Family Court, and is intimately acquainted with the procedures and rules that govern those tribunals. She has a solid grasp of the rules of evidence and understands the burdens of persuasion and proof.

On a personal level, Ms. Heely is fair and open-minded, decisive, and able to make tough decisions. She is diligent and incredibly energetic. Despite having a demanding position in the Department of the Corporation Counsel and three young children, Ms. Heely has worked tirelessly to make her community a better place through pro bono activities ranging from serving on the Board of Bar Examiners to coaching soccer at her alma mater, Kamehameha Schools. Ms. Heely is well-organized and utterly reliable. She remains calm in a crisis, and her innate good humor makes her a joy to work with.

Given her extensive trial experience, criminal law, family law, civil law, and government law experience, not to mention her countless hours of pro bono service, Ms. Heely is the ideal candidate for the position.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Heely's confirmation.

Respectfully submitted by
Jane E. Lovell
525 Akolea Place
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

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

April 23, 2012

JC8: Nomination of Adrienne N. Heely to the District Family Court of the Second Circuit

Chair Hee and Committee Members:

This is in support of the nomination of Adrienne N. Heely to the District Family Court of the Second Circuit. Adrienne is a former Deputy Public Defender who is currently serving as a Deputy Corporation Counsel on Maui. While working with her in our office, I became familiar with her excellent work ethic as a lawyer. She was always a very motivated individual who put the time and effort into being the best attorney she could possibly be.

She is a very bright and approaches the profession with a great deal of energy and enthusiasm. As the daughter of one of our former esteemed circuit judges, Daniel Heely, I believe that she knows the type of dedication to justice and fairness which is required to make a good judge. I most recently dealt with Adrienne and her capacity as chair of the Government Lawyers Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association. Her leadership skills were most impressive.

I recommend Adrienne Heely for this judicial position without hesitation. Thank you for the opportunity to be heard on this matter.

From: [Jeremy Hopkins](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
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JC 8 - Testimony in SUPPORT for Adrienne N. Heely

Aloha Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

My name is Kama Hopkins and I am writing in support of Adrienne N. Heely and her appointment as a Judge in the District Family Court of the Second Circuit. I have known Adrienne for the last 26 years. Her clear respect for the law and adherence to it was evident in her childhood and has been carried on today in her career in law.

It is no secret that she was raised in a household where the Honorable Judge Heely was her father. His respect for the law was instilled in his children and others because of the example he set. Adrienne is no different. She sets a good example. Her openness and fairness in her legal advice has garnered respect from others.

As it is her fairness in her interpretation of the law and her temperament that is important, I believe that she would be an excellent choice to succeed the Honorable Geronimo Valdiz. Again, I give my support for Adrienne N. Heely and appreciate this opportunity to testify.

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April 20, 2012

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol – 415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: In Support of Ms. Adrienne Heely – District Court Judge (2nd Circuit) Appointee

Dear Chairman Hee, Vice-chair Shimabukuro and Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I submit this letter in support of Ms. Adrienne Heely's appointment as Judge of the District Court of the Second Circuit.

I have known Ms. Heely for over 25 years and had the pleasure of attending intermediate school and high school with her at Kamehameha Schools. I was also fortunate to attend law school with her at the University of Hawaii's William S. Richardson School of Law. For as long as I have known Ms. Heely, she has always exhibited professionalism and civility when dealing with others. I, along with others in the business and legal community, know Ms. Heely to be of the highest integrity.

Professionally, Ms. Heely has always been well-prepared, courteous and patient with clients and colleagues alike. Based on my observations, I would describe her work as complete and extremely thorough. On occasions where I required her objective professional guidance, she has always been open-minded, fair and unbiased when providing such guidance. By the nature of their positions, judges have a significant impact in the lives of many of our citizens. I believe Ms. Heely would be able to successfully fulfill the many responsibilities required of a judge including managing the court docket, working effectively with participants in the judicial process, maintaining control over judicial proceedings and applying substantive, procedural and evidentiary law. Ms. Heely clearly has the skills required of such a significant position.

I realize that an extremely small percentage of attorneys have the opportunity to serve the people of Hawaii as a judge. I firmly believe that Ms. Heely should be among this very small percentage due to the reasons stated above. Accordingly, I humbly ask that you confirm Ms. Heely's appointment as District Court Judge of the Second Circuit.

Should you have any questions or require additional comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 628-7472 or email me at ktodd1@yahoo.com.

Very truly yours,



Kimo B. Todd, JD, CPA

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Submitted on: 4/20/2012

Comments:

Dear Senator Hee and the members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

On behalf of the nine members of the Maui County Police Commission, I would like to respectfully request your support of the appointment of Ms. Adrienne N. Heely to the position of Family Court Judge to the Wailuku District Court of the Second Circuit.

Ms. Heely was assigned to advise the Police Commission as Deputy Corporation Counsel for the County of Maui and in that time, we observed her conscientiousness and integrity.

We also believe that she possesses the temperament to be a fine judge.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony. Should you or your committee have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very Truly Yours,

Kirk T. Tanaka
Chairman, Maui Police Commission

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April 18, 2012

Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawaii State Senate

SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of Judicial Nominee Adrienne N. Heely, District
Family Court of the Second Circuit (JC8)

Dear Senator Hee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the appointment of Adrienne Heely as Judge of the District Family Court of the Second Circuit. I met Ms. Heely while we were both attending the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law. We have been friends ever since. I also worked side-by-side with Ms. Heely as Deputies in the Maui Office of the Public Defender. I currently work with the County of Maui Office of Council Services as a Legislative Attorney. Because Ms. Heely is a Deputy with the County of Maui Department of Corporation Counsel, we often work closely on matters pending before the Council and its Committees.

Having known Ms. Heely for 17 years, personally and professionally, I have no doubt about her ability to fulfill the responsibilities of the position. Her broad legal experience, including both civil and criminal law, provides a strong foundation for her to make sound and just legal decisions. As a Deputy Corporation Counsel, Ms. Heely represents many County departments and boards, including the County Council, in a political environment where there is often controversy and discord. Under pressure, Ms. Heely handles herself with integrity, diligence, and intelligence.

Not only is Ms. Heely a hard-working successful lawyer, she is a dedicated mother of three. She manages, seemingly effortlessly, to balance work demands with the responsibilities of being a parent. I am always amazed at how well she does it all. In addition, she finds time to volunteer in the community. She has served with the Government Lawyers Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association, the Maui County Bar Association, and the Hawaii Supreme Court Board of Bar Examiners.

Ms. Heely is a leader and a role model. I am proud to call her my friend. Please support her appointment as Judge of the District Family Court of the Second Circuit.

Sincerely,



April 19, 2012

To: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair,
The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Hearing

Date: April 23, 2012
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 325, State Capitol

From: Lily O.C. Ling,
Executive Officer to the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board;
Ad Hoc Director, Government Lawyers Section of the Hawaii State Bar
Association

**RE: JC 8 IN SUPPORT OF JUDICIAL NOMINEE, ADRIANNE N. HEELY,
to the District Family Court of the Second Circuit**

As the Executive Officer to the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board and a board member of the Government Lawyers Section ("GLS") of the Hawaii State Bar Association, I have had the privilege of working and serving with Ms. Heely on the Board of Directors of the GLS for the past three years.

In my assessment, Ms. Heely has been an effective Vice-Chair and Board Chair whose leadership and diligence contributed to the successes of the GLS. Under Ms. Heely's leadership, the GLS has been able to provide free mandatory continuing professional education to GLS members and pro bono opportunities for GLS attorneys.

I believe Ms. Heely will serve the judiciary with honor, integrity, and distinction as a district family court judge.

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April 19, 2012

Honorable Clayton Hee
Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawai'i State Legislature
415 S. Beretania St., Conference Room 325
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chairman Hee and Committee Members:

RE: Adrienne H. Heely

I am honored to submit this letter in support of Adrienne H. Heely, a nominee for District Family Judge of the Second Circuit. I have known Adrienne since she began employment with the Department of the Corporation Counsel in 2006, and have interacted with her both professionally and socially.

Adrienne is analytical and deliberate. As part of a cooperative agreement with the Maui Corporation Counsel, Adrienne would often come to Hilo to represent our Board of Ethics in cases where there was a conflict of interest in our office providing representation (unfortunately many of these cases were politically volatile). Adrienne was always prepared, and provided our Board of Ethics excellent counsel and service.

Adrienne is an excellent communicator. Adrienne was also part of our faculty at the Statewide Municipal Attorneys Training Conference held each year on the Big Island. Her presentation on ethics and law was always well received by our conference attendees, and consistently received favorable reviews.

Adrienne believes in service. As the president of the Government Lawyer's Section of the HSBA, Adrienne assisted and led government attorneys in many areas ranging from continuing legal education to advocating pro bono legal service.

Adrienne treats everyone with respect. She is one of the most humble and personable persons you could meet. She greets everyone with a smile, and is always willing to give her time to discuss any matter.

Based on the above reasons, I would respectfully and unqualifiedly urge the Committee to confirm the nomination of Adrienne H. Heely as District Family Judge of the Second Circuit. Adrienne possesses all of the professional and social qualities most admired in judges in our legal profession.

Very truly yours,

Lincoln S. T. Ashida

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Comments:

April 19, 2012

Senate Judiciary Labor Committee

Aloha Senate Judiciary Labor Committee:

I am a paralegal with Maui Corporation Counsel and I have had the pleasure of working with Adrienne Heely since she began working for Maui Corporation Counsel in 2006.

Not only is Adrienne a highly-skilled and excellent attorney, she is personable, a team player, and willingly to go the extra mile in all her endeavors. Although Adrienne shines in the public spotlight and is an accomplished public speaker, she does so in a gracious and welcoming manner.

Adrienne is thoughtful, analytical, friendly and honest. Adrienne will make an excellent addition to Maui's judiciary.

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Re: JC 8/Adrienne N. Heely

Aloha Kakou,

I am supporting Adrienne N. Heely's nomination for the vacancy of Judge for the District Family Court of the Second Circuit (County of Maui).

I began working with Adrienne in July 2007 when I joined the County of Maui Department of the Corporation Counsel. Adrienne is a very hard worker and strives to do her best in balancing her assignments, various board and committee meetings, as well as departmental meetings.

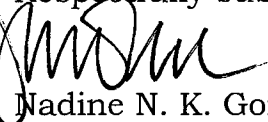
I've also witnessed her as a coach to youth of all ages. For example, last November, Adrienne took a soccer team of young girls (ages 9-12) from last to second place. At the ending of the season, you would have never known that it was the first time that most of the girls played soccer together. Coach Adrienne encouraged them to communicate and to work together as a team. As a parent of one of the girls, I believe that Coach Adrienne made the all the difference in the last soccer season.

Adrienne is a well educated Hawaiian woman who is a great example for all regarding the balance of work and family life. She is experienced in both the government and private sectors of the judicial system. As a mother of three (3) young children and a soccer coach to many, she is compassionate and can be stern in difficult times. Adrienne encourages teamwork and communication on and off the field. She is also capable as a team captain or team member when needed. Adrienne strives to be the best in all she does.

I believe that Adrienne Heely will be a great choice for District Family Court Judge.

Mahalo for your time.

Respectfully submitted,



Nadine N. K. Gomes

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April 19, 2012

VIA E-MAIL: JDLTestimony@Capital.hawaii.gov

Senior Clayton Hee
Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawaii State Capital, Room 407
415 South Beretania Street
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RE: **Testimony in Support of JC8 - Adrienne N. Heely**

Dear Senator Hee:

I write wholeheartedly in support of Adrienne N. Heely, whom I understand is being considered for District Court Judge for the Second Circuit, State of Hawai'i. I have known Ms. Heely for over 25 years, having been a fellow honors student and classmate of hers since the 7th grade at Kamehameha Schools, Kapalama. I have known Ms. Heely both personally and professionally.

I have observed Ms. Heely's legal abilities since we were in law school together at The William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. She excelled academically, and exhibited exceptional legal writing skills that garnered her recognition by the law school and publication in the Vermont Law School's Environmental Law Journal. She remained actively involved in student organizations, and at the same time, seized every opportunity to learn first hand about the law through her volunteer work at the Attorney General's office, the First Circuit Court, State of Hawaii, and the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii.

I further observed Ms. Heely's professional growth as an attorney, first when she was with the Public Defender's office on Maui, then as a civil litigation associate with Hisaka Goto Yoshida Cosgrove & Ching and the Law Offices of Frank K. Goto, Jr., and finally as a deputy corporation counsel for the County of Maui.

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Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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I have experienced and reviewed Ms. Heely's written work on cases that we have had together, and against one another. Her ability to analyze the issues and effectively communicate her position make her a good candidate to be a judge. She is a conscientious decision-maker, gathering as much information as possible, and then making a decisive, educated, and informed decision. Her broad based experience both in private and public practice, especially as a litigator, makes her an exceptional candidate for the bench. She will be able to draw upon her experiences as an attorney to make sound and fair decisions.

She also possesses the necessary leadership and organization skills having been intimately involved with the Hawaii State and Maui County Bar Associations and various community service work. As a student athlete since high school, I knew Ms. Heely continued to give freely of her time as a soccer coach and mentor to Hawai'i's youth. Even with the demands of being a mother of three young children, Ms. Heely has made it a commitment to give back to both her profession and to her community.

Ms. Heely possesses the integrity and moral courage to be a judge. She is intelligent, experienced, and has displayed compassion and fairness in all cases. Having had the experience of representing a variety clients on both sides of a case, as a public defender and as a private civil litigator, Ms. Heely is well equipped to address the issues she would face as a judge with the necessary judicial temperament, integrity, and diligence that such a position demands. With her strong work ethic and commitment to serve her profession and her community, Ms. Heely would be an excellent addition to the Maui judiciary.

For all of these reasons, I fully recommend and support Ms. Heely for the position as Judge.

Should you wish to discuss Ms. Heely any further, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raina P.B. Gushiken", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Raina P.B. Gushiken

RICHARD K. MINATOYA
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF JC8

CONFIRMATION OF

ADRIANNE N. HEELY
JUDGE, DISTRICT FAMILY COURT OF THE SECOND CIRCUIT

The Honorable Clayton Hee
Chair
The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro
Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

I wholeheartedly support JC 8, conformation of the appointment of ADRIANNE N. HEELY as Judge of the District Family Court of the Second Circuit.

I have known Ms. Heely for nearly 20 years. Ms. Heely is a former deputy public defender, and in my dealings with her, she was always professional, fair and courteous, both in and out of court. She is currently a deputy corporation counsel for the County of Maui, a position in which she occasionally represents and advises the department where I am employed. I found her to be very competent. I believe, given her criminal and civil law experience, that she will be able to serve our community effectively as a district family court judge.

For these reasons, I STRONGLY SUPPORT JC 8, and ask that the Committee RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION to the full Senate.

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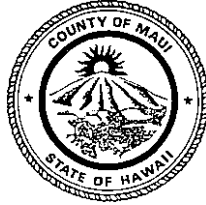
Dear Chair Hee,

I strongly support Adrienne Heely's appointment to the Second Circuit District Court. Ms. Heely is a fellow deputy with the County of Maui's Department of Corporation Counsel. She is knowledgeable, professional, and has been a supportive and generous mentor to me and other attorneys within our department and within the Maui bar. She is active and involved in many worthwhile organizations that benefit the Maui community. She has a loving and supportive family.

I have absolute confidence that Ms. Heely will be an exemplary member of the judiciary, and I strongly support her confirmation.

Sincerely,
Richelle Thomson
Deputy Corporation Counsel
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April 19, 2012

Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
State of Hawai'i
405 S. Beretania Street
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**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE NOMINATION OF ADRIANNE N. HEELY
TO THE DISTRICT FAMILY COURT OF THE SECOND CIRCUIT**

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members:

It is my honor to submit to you this letter commenting on the qualifications and character of Adrienne N. Heely. As you may be aware, Ms. Heely is currently a deputy corporation counsel for the County of Maui. Her current assignments include legal assistance to the Budget Office of the Mayor and the Department of Finance. As the budget director I have the opportunity so work closely with her over the past year. During the County Council deliberation on the Mayor's proposed budget, I and Ms. Heely are required to participate in the Budget and Finance committee meetings as they review the proposal and make decisions for the Council adopted budget. These meetings are daily from 9:00 am until late in the evening for approximately six weeks. During this assignment, I was able to get first-hand knowledge of Ms. Heely's abilities and character.

Ms. Heely has always conducted herself in a professional and judicious manner. When asked to provide interpretation of county code or charter, state statute or other laws, she does so without prejudice to the party asking for the determination. Her knowledge of state and county law, combined with her quick thinking skills and ability to find and read relevant background information has proved to be very beneficial during these long meetings. She has also assisted my office in developing proposed legislation and amendments to the Maui County Code.

Her personal character in a professional role is also outstanding. I interacted with Ms. Heely for 10 to 12 hours per day for six weeks and at various other times throughout the year. She has always conducted herself in a professional manner, not

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allowing a Council Member, no matter how persistent with their desire to make a point, to fluster her.

I know that if given the opportunity, she will be an asset to the Hawaii courts as a judge. I have also worked professionally with Judge Valdriz in my previous role as the Chief Executive Officer of Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. and feel that Ms. Heely is a capable replacement upon his retirement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandy K. Baz', with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

SANDY K. BAZ
Budget Director

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Submitted on: 4/19/2012

Comments:

I fully support the nomination and confirmation of Adrienne Heely as the next second Circuit Court Judge. Her record and experience speaks for itself. She is committed to serving the community. She will be an even greater asset to the Maui community as a whole in her new role as Judge.

Thank you,

Scott K. Hanano

**HAWAII STATE SENATE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
NOMINATION OF ADRIANNE N. HEELY
APRIL 20, 2012**

Good morning Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the committee,

My name is Stephen Teves and I submit this testimony in wholehearted **support** of JC 8 and the nomination of Adrienne N. Heely for Judge of District Family Court of the Second Circuit. I have been a licensed attorney in the State of Hawaii for over 20 years, and I have known Adrienne for over 10 years and seen her legal work, along with her community service and her interaction with people.

I believe that all the qualities that make up a fine judge (intelligence, humility, strong work ethic, decisive) are qualities that Adrienne possesses and I have seen these qualities first hand. I know in my heart that Adrienne will make a fine judge, as she will treat all those who appear in front of her with respect and compassion. I predict that Adrienne will be one of our finest Family Court judges and she will make her legal colleagues proud, the Judiciary proud, and most of all, the people of the State of Hawaii proud.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify,

Stephen M. Teves, Esq.

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Comments:

To Whom it may concern:

I would like to voice my support for Adrienne Heely as Maui's next district court judge. I currently work with her at the department of corporation counsel. She is an incredibly bright and capable attorney and a kind and generous person. Deputies in our department are unable to participate in CAAP or to serve as per diem judges, so I have not seen her as fact-finder. However, I have seen her interact with our clients (our department officers, etc). She has a zen-like ability to set people at ease while instilling confidence in them that she can answer their questions or address their legal problems. As a judge, I think Adrienne would be fair and impartial. She certainly has an appropriate "judicial temperament". Adrienne's breadth of understanding of civil and criminal law makes her qualified for either a district or circuit court position. Adrienne is well loved and well respected in our office. If you confirm her, we will be sorry to see her go. However, I can't think of a better person to fill the bench.

To:

[COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR](#)

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

From: Wendy A. Hudson- individual

RE: JC8 – Adrienne Heely for Wailuku District Court Judge

Date: 4/23/12

I am writing to enthusiastically support the confirmation of Adrienne Heely for Wailuku District Court Judge. Ms. Heely worked in the Maui Office of the Public Defender from 2000 to 2002. She assisted our clients extremely effectively. She genuinely cared for her clients and was compassionate to their plight. Even when a client was “difficult” she was able to deal with them calmly and in a caring manner. I believe she will be the same way on the bench and will be able to treat all defendants who come before her fairly and compassionately.

I think she'd be an excellent addition to the bench as she's one of the brightest people I know and I've experienced and seen her legal ability in action. She is also punctual, conscientious, and hard working. She's not just book smart, but is wonderful with people as well. Ms. Heely is very pleasant to be around and has a great sense of humor.

Her work ethic is sound, she's a “go-getter,” a self-starter and can be relied upon to do very good and thorough work. She is also a team player and helped to improve group morale. She will get along well with the court clerks and court staff as she's fun to be around.

Ms. Heely is the sort of person who I can foresee ending up at the ICA or the Supreme court - She's that intelligent. She has a great judicial temperament- I've seen here with all of her kids- and she's calm as can be amidst chaos. She is also a straight shooter and would definitely be able to make decisions that are fair, equitable and that follow the law. In sum, she is well suited for the position and I sincerely hope she is confirmed.

Mahalo.

Wendy Hudson

Supervising Attorney of the Maui Public Defender's Office
and friend of Adrienne Heely