

Testimony of Susan L. Arnett
to the Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor

February 23, 2017

RE: GM 508. NOMINATION OF CATHERINE REMIGIO TO THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT, STATE OF HAWAII

Senator Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

I write in support of the nomination of Catherine Remigio to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Cathy since she first came to the Public Defender's Office in 1993. I have respected her work and her work ethic since that time. As a public defender, she handled difficult cases with skill and a real caring for her clients. She had a particular talent for writing and we took full advantage of that for the time she was in our appellate section. She was respected by her opponents and the judges before whom she appeared.

After she left for civil practice, I referred a number of people to her for assistance in the area of family law. I do not freely recommend lawyers but I had no hesitancy in doing so with Cathy. I know her to be someone who demands the highest level of preparedness from herself. If she is not sufficiently informed on a subject, she will become so. I have received resounding thanks from those folks that retained Cathy to assist them.

I know Cathy has continued to work hard as a Family Court judge. I believe she will bring the same strong work ethic and determination to do the best job possible to the Circuit bench. It is a pleasure to recommend her.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this nomination.



TOMMY WATERS

ATTORNEY AT LAW

LATE TESTIMONY

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
Senate District 5
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 221

RE: Catherine Remigio, Nominee First Circuit Court
GM508
2/23/17 Hearing at 9:30 a.m.

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and JDL Members:

I am writing to support the confirmation of Catherine Remigio for Judge First Circuit Court

I have known and worked with Judge Remigio as a colleague at the Public Defender's office in the 1990s. Catherine was and is a very experience, hard working, compassionate, dedicated public servant, attorney and Judge. While at the Public Defender's Office I personally observe her handle appellate, District Court, Family Court and Circuit Court matters. While on the bench at Family Court I have appeared before Judge Remigio many times. She was always well prepared, courteous, and well reasoned.

Please feel free to call upon me if you have any questions or concerns.

Aloha,

Tommy Waters Esq.

LATE TESTIMONY

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Cc:
Subject: *Submitted testimony for GM508 on Feb 23, 2017 09:30AM*
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 5:54:30 PM

GM508

Submitted on: 2/22/2017

Testimony for JDL on Feb 23, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marci Lopes	Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

LATE TESTIMONY

February 22, 2017

Re: Letter in support of the nomination of the Honorable Catherine H. Remigio
as Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit

Dear Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran and Members of the Senate Committee:

This letter is in support of the nomination of the Honorable CATHERINE H. REMIGIO as Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit. I submit this letter in strong support of her confirmation. Judge Remigio possesses the character, intellect, and professional experience to excel as a Circuit Court Judge.

I first met Judge Remigio while working at the Office of the Public Defender. As a new attorney, she was the experienced felony attorney that I sought out for help with my cases. She was always full of answers and guidance. She is well respected amongst her peers and her dedication to her career and clients was apparent while working at the Public Defender's Office.

While practicing in Family Court, I also had a few opportunities to appear before Judge Remigio. Her dedication to the Judiciary is also very evident. She was always prepared and knowledgeable of the facts, issues, and laws pertaining to each case. She treated the parties with respect and made reasonable and fair decisions.

Additionally, she has the legal experience and knowledge to manage the high volumes of cases, facilitate plea negotiations and/or competently run a criminal and civil trial. Her proficiency as a trial and family court attorney and judge gives her the experience necessary to continue to be a great judge at Circuit Court.

Judge Remigio also possesses the integrity, intellect and judicial temperament necessary for a judge. This coupled with her intellect and vast litigation experience as an attorney and judge can only lead to continued success with the Judiciary. I recommend her to you enthusiastically and without any hesitation. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine Gutierrez", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Catherine Gutierrez