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I respectfully ask for your support and vote at her upcoming confirmation hearing.

Aloha,  
Ben Lee, FAIA

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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
HEARING SCHEDULED April 5, 2017 @ 9:30 am

Testimony in support of JC6: Nomination of DAROLYN LENDIO  
HEIM to the District Court of the First Circuit

Testimony submitted by: Amy Agbayani, chair

FILIPINO-AMERICAN ADVOCACY NETWORK (FAN)

Chair Gil Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads and members

Filipino-American Advocacy Network (FAN) is committed to equal access, non-discrimination and social justice for Filipinos and other groups. As a woman and as a Filipino, I am very proud of Darolyn Lenio Heim's accomplishment as a lawyer and community leader. She has excellent academic credentials and legal experience to be a district judge.

I would like to present one very important dimension for you to consider regarding nominees to the judiciary. I do not have current specific information of the ethnic/race or gender background among judges or applicants but it is obvious that Filipinos and women are severely under-represented among lawyers and judges. Appointing a very competent Filipino woman will add to the diversity of judges. Ms. Lendio Heim meets and exceeds the qualifications for this vacancy. Her appointment will be of great benefit to the judiciary and our

state. There is good evidence and ethical reasons to support diversity. Programs, decisions and processes are better where there is a diversity of backgrounds, opinions and experiences. Diversity and inclusion should be a compelling and critical beneficial dimension for the judiciary and all public decision-making institutions. The US census shows Filipinos are the second largest ethnic/race group in Hawai'i: Filipinos (15% single race and 25% more than one). Although 21% of public school children are Filipino, they are underrepresented in higher education: University of Hawaii @ Manoa, Filipinos are 10% of undergraduates and 4% graduate students. At Richardson School of Law, women are adequately represented but Filipinos are only 4%. Our courts should strive to have gender parity and representative of our multicultural and multi-ethnic state.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my positive assessment of Ms. Darolyn Lendio Heim. She is independent, intelligent and fair. Please support her nomination to the District Court.

Amy Agbayani

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Date: April 4, 2017

To: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
Committee on Judicial and Labor

Re: Testimony on J.C. 6 – Confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit,  
Judicial Nominee, Darolyn Lendio Heim

April 5, 2017, 9:30 a.m., Hawai'i State Capitol Room 016

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Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Filipino Lawyers Association in SUPPORT of the confirmation of Darolyn Lendio Heim as a District Court judge of the First Circuit.

The HFLA Board believes that Darolyn's appointment should be, without question, confirmed by the State Senate. We believe Darolyn has the necessary skills and expertise to make her an outstanding judge. She has had a variety of experience in her thirty plus years as an attorney, as a department head with the City and County of Honolulu, and as general counsel with the University of Hawaii. And she has the heart and passion to help her make informed and fair decisions in district court--the people's court.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Very truly yours,

Rozelle Agag  
President

HAWAII FILIPINO LAWYERS ASSOCIATION



HEARING SCHEDULED April 5, 2017 @ 9:30 am

To: Chair Gil Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and members

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Faye Kennedy, co-chair

Subject: JC6: Nomination of DAROLYN LENDIO HEIM to the District Court of the First Circuit

Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights (HF CR) seeks to promote the values of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for equality and social justice. We support the rights of individuals to receive equal treatment and fairness. HF CR support the appointment of Darolyn Lendio Heim to the District Court because she understands and values equal access to justice. She has a proven track record of competence in many areas of law in public service and as a private practice.

We are confident she will be fair and a hard working judge who will listen carefully and make decisions that are based on the law and the facts. She is intelligent, has integrity and appreciates the history of our state and issues facing families and communities. We respectfully ask you to support this very qualified nominee.



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

**Darolyn Lendio Heim**  
**District Court Judge, First Circuit (JC 6)**

TO: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

FROM: Nadine Y. Ando  
President, Hawaii State Bar Association

Hearing: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 016  
State Capitol

The Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Association (HSBA) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments in **SUPPORT** of the nomination of Darolyn Lendio Heim for the position of District Court Judge, First Circuit.

The HSBA Board of Directors followed its multi-step process to inform the confirming authority of its findings.

- Notification to the nominee of the HSBA appointment review process, which includes a questionnaire requesting educational credentials, legal and other professional work experiences, personal references; a resume; a copy of the JSC application; a form authorizing disclosure from the Office of Disciplinary Counsel of any disciplinary action; and an interview with the HSBA Board of Directors.
- Notification via electronic transmission to the HSBA membership of the appointment and a request for comments on the nominee.
- Appointment of a three-person review Subcommittee of HSBA Board members by the President, which serves as a neutral fact-finding body to review documentation submitted by the nominee, contact references submitted by the nominee, review comments received from the HSBA membership, and conduct follow-up member contact for clarification, if necessary, for presentation to the HSBA Board.
- Submittal of a report by the three-person review subcommittee to the President, and subsequently to the entire Board.

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- Meeting of the President, the Executive Director, and the nominee prior to the scheduled interview of the nominee by the Board.
- Interview of the nominee by the HSBA Board.
- Deliberation of the HSBA Board.
- Submittal of the HSBA Board's recommendation to the confirming authority.

The HSBA President and the Executive Director met with Ms. Lendio Heim on March 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Subcommittee's findings. On March 30<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Lendio Heim was interviewed by the HSBA Board of Directors in executive session.

Documentation submitted by Ms. Lendio Heim was reviewed and the references listed were contacted for their personal opinions and observations. The comments and letters received from HSBA members reflected an affirmation of Ms. Lendio Heim in all categories of the HSBA criteria which include:

- Integrity
- Diligence
- Legal knowledge and ability
- Professional experience
- Temperament
- Financial responsibility
- Public service
- Health
- Ability to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of the position

The interview of Ms. Lendio Heim included a discourse on her background, varied professional experiences and rationale for pursuing the position of District Court Judge of the First Circuit. Ms. Lendio Heim is an experienced litigator whose caseload included complex cases and issues which has provided the nominee with experience in understanding of factual patterns and the application of the appropriate legal principles and law. And her service as the Corporation Counsel for the City and County of Honolulu, and an Interim Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents and subsequent elevation as Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel for the University of Hawaii, has provided her with high level administrative skills and a knowledge of several legal disciplines.

The Board of the Hawaii State Bar Association finds that Darolyn Lendio Heim is **QUALIFIED** to serve as a District Judge of the First Circuit.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments for consideration during the deliberations and decision making of this Committee.



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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF MS. DAROLYN LENDIO HEIM**  
**TO THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT**  
**JC6**

Before the Judiciary and Labor Committee  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:30 am

By Michael A. Dahilig

Honorable Members of the Senate:

I provide this testimony in **SUPPORT** of Darolyn Lendio Heim's appointment to serve as a judge on the bench of the District Court of the First Circuit. I have known Ms. Lendio Heim in many capacities – a mentor, a fellow member of the bar and a colleague while at the University of Hawai'i System. I am blessed to also consider her a friend.

Darolyn's upbringing in the plantation red dirt of Waialua shapes and humbles what otherwise would be considered a hot shot legal career given her resume. Her experience both in the public and private sectors exhibit her passion for the greater good through public service, and this bench post would be a natural progression.

She has never forgotten where she comes from, and places empathy as high on her list of self-expectations, but also what she clearly asks from others. Her integrity, demeanor and skill have gained the respect among the legal community and the community at large. She demands fairness in group situations, and lends her ear to those needing advice or just to be listened to. She values the views of others and always takes time to listen before passing judgment. Her exhibition of such temperament in group and individual situations should give the Senate confidence in the manner she would conduct herself as a judge.

Ms. Lendio Heim possesses the requisite qualifications to be appointed to this judicial post. I humbly ask the Committee to forward a recommendation to the full Senate to advise and consent to his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

April 4, 2017

Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee

Re: Support for Darolyn Lendio's nomination for District Court Judge

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate:

I am writing in support of Darolyn Lendio's nomination for a District Court judgeship.

Ms. Lendio is a highly competent attorney with outstanding credentials and lengthy legal experience in both the private and public sectors. Being a faithful servant of the public often places a person in the middle of controversial issues and subject to personal attacks, but Ms. Lendio has remained a fair and strong advocate of the public interest, and she has the moral courage tempered by compassion to make tough decisions.

As District Court judges are sometimes called upon to substitute in Circuit Court cases, Ms. Lendio's extensive litigation background would allow her to immediately step into any case. Her expertise with the state's Sunshine Law and Uniform Information Practices Act would be particularly helpful since the law requires those cases to be expedited.

The Judiciary needs more proven and capable women like Ms. Lendio to be judges and role models. Consequently, I hope that you will select Darolyn Lendio as your nominee to the District Court.

Sincerely,

  
CHERYL KAKAZU PARK  
Honolulu, Hawaii

March 30, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

As the President and Director of Pacific Islands Athletic Alliance (PIAA), a 501c3 non-profit organization, I am writing to express my strong support for Judicial Nominee Darolyn Lendio for consideration and confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit.

Ms. Lendio is beyond reproach. She has proven herself to have unselfish dedication to the children of Hawaii. I believe her calm and measured demeanor is particularly well suited for a Judgeship. She is patient, fair, respectful and conscientious.

Pacific Islands Athletic Alliance is not a political organization. Our goal is provide economically disadvantaged athletes from the Polynesian Islands of Hawaii and American Samoa students with educational opportunities beyond high school. We carry out this mission by providing tutoring resources, college test prep workshops, financial aid and scholarship search, education, marketing athletes to college coaches and community service opportunities. PIAA believes every child as the right to a good education no matter their race or income, which will ultimately improve the quality of lives in our communities.

In the capacity as President of PIAA, I had the opportunity to work with Ms. Lendio while she was counsel for University of Hawaii in a case regarding student athletes. I believe Ms. Lendio is committed to maintaining the high standard of ethics that are expected from judges. I believe she will continue to practice with the highest levels of trust, honesty and professionalism in the courtroom as well.

Most importantly, Ms. Lendio is a good person and her heart is with the people of Hawaii and she will show herself to be honest, trustworthy and professional in and outside of the courtroom. I am honored to be able to provide this letter of support. Aloha.

Regards,

*Doris Sullivan*

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April 4, 2017

State of Hawai'i Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

RE: Testimony in Support of the Confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit,  
Judicial Nominee DAROLYN LENDIO HEIM

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

I heartily endorse Chief Justice Recktenwald's appointment of Darolyn Lendio Heim to serve as a Judge on the District Court of the First Circuit (Island of Oahu).

I have known Ms. Lendio Heim since 2006, when upon my recommendation she was appointed Vice-President for Legal Affairs and University General Counsel of the University of Hawai'i System by the UH Board of Regents. She and I worked very closely together for the next three years, until I concluded my service as UH President in the summer of 2009. We have stayed in touch since, and Darolyn has from time to time been a guest speaker in my Executive MBA Leadership classes at the UH Shidler College of Business.

Ms. Lendio Heim is a brilliant and hard-working individual, with strong connections to our community and a deep knowledge of, and respect for, the law. As the UH General Counsel, she was called upon to address a wide spectrum of issues, and -- because of her intelligence, superb legal training, and breadth of experience in the private and public sectors -- handled each one with aplomb, representing the University to its many constituencies in exemplary fashion. She also proved to be an excellent leader and manager, increasing the efficiency, responsiveness and morale of the team of attorneys she supervised at UH. I found her to be a person of dedication and integrity, with an extraordinary sense of fairness and devotion to public service.

These talents, values and beliefs make Darolyn Lendio Heim particularly well-qualified to serve as a Judge on the District Court of the First Circuit. I enthusiastically and unreservedly support her appointment, and encourage her speedy confirmation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David McClain".

David McClain  
President Emeritus  
University of Hawai'i

**LAW OFFICES OF ALFREDO EVANGELISTA**

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April 3, 2017

Via electronic mail to

The Hon. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Darolyn Lendio Heim

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Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing in support of the Senate's confirmation of the appointment of Darolyn Lendio Heim to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Darolyn since we were on opposite sides of a wrongful death action in the mid-1980's when I was an associate at Schutter Cayetano Playdon and she was an associate at Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel. That case taught me a lot about Darolyn's abilities, hard work and ethics, which exceed the highest standards. Over the years I've had the pleasure of working with her on a number of other legal matters as well as community projects. Simply said, she is dependable, respectful, and trustworthy.

Darolyn has a wide range of experience in the private, public, and non-profit sectors. Despite her many accomplishments, Darolyn retains her small-town upbringing and most importantly, her humility. Her willingness to serve at the District Court level, where she plans to help teach younger attorneys, is evidence of Darolyn's commitment to the future of Hawaii's legal system.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF  
DAROLYN LENDION HEIM  
For District Court of the First Circuit Judicial Nominee

(JC 6)

Before the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
9:30 a.m., Conference Room 016

Testimony of Ardis L. Arakaki:

I support the confirmation of Ms. Lendio Heim as the judicial nominee to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Ms. Lendio for almost 30 years. Darolyn is honest and sincere. The same characteristics that make Darolyn a successful lawyer also make her an invaluable friend to me. She is extremely trustworthy and loyal.

There is no question that Ms. Lendio could continue to work in the private sector; her skills and expertise are easily transferrable. Instead, Ms. Lendio has chosen to continue to serve the people of the State. As a State taxpayer, I feel very grateful for Ms. Lendio's willingness to serve this community.

I respectfully ask you to make a favorable recommendation on Ms. Lendio's nomination to the Judiciary. Thank you for your consideration.

**From:** [Ng, Audrey E. J.](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** JC-6 Darolyn Lendio Heim  
**Date:** Friday, March 31, 2017 10:13:21 AM

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Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in favor of your consideration and confirmation of Darolyn Lendio Heim to the District Court of the First Circuit. I have known the nominee for 32 years. She is smart, ethical, principled, and community-minded, and has a wealth of experience in all aspects of the law. Ms. Heim has the “spine” necessary to be a successful judge. Chief Justice Recktenwald made an excellent nomination, and Ms. Heim will be a credit to the Judiciary and the State.

Very truly yours,  
Audrey E. J. Ng

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**Subject:** Re: Darolyn H. Lendio  
**Date:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 3:25:12 PM

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I write to offer my support for Darolyn H. Lendio. I have worked with her at M4 and find her to be an excellent attorney who cares for her clients. I believe that she will be an outstanding candidate to serve as a District Court Judge of the First Circuit. I give her the highest recommendation.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 016  
by Brandon Marc Higa (as current law student)

Senator Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Karl Rhoads, and esteemed members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to **testify in strong support for JC6** regarding Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald's appointment of Ms. Darolyn Lendio Heim to fill a judicial vacancy in the District Court of the First Circuit. I am writing in my capacity as a current law student at the William S. Richardson School of Law who considers Ms. Lendio as a role model and mentor. I believe Ms. Lendio's bright spirit and background in Hawaii's communities will make her a sound choice as a judge in the District Court of the First Circuit.

Ms. Lendio's impressive record in the legal field prove her legal abilities to perform the expected role of a First Circuit Court judge. In particular, Ms. Lendio's diverse experience as a senior attorney in contrasting fields - ranging from private practice, to General Counsel at the University of Hawaii – speak to her abilities to understand and apply the law in complex and dynamic situations. Ms. Lendio brings a strong record of community involvement outside of the legal field which will provide an important context for presiding over an array of future legal issues. I believe Ms. Lendio would be capable of reaching concise decisions that are clearly accessible to the general public and will reflect a sound application of the law.

Although we may generally not think of judges as coaches, I believe Ms. Lendio will serve as an important moral compass for our society in her role as a judge. Ms. Lendio embodies the desirable qualities of a judge who would diligently uphold the moral ideals and values of Hawaii's society. Through my interactions with Ms. Lendio, I feel she has the patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, compassion, humility, and courage that make for a champion in the courtroom.

The legal community and general public will look to the First Circuit Court judge for clearly written opinions about the law. Ms. Lendio's prior experience in journalism in Los Angeles, which includes working for The Wall Street Journal as a staff reporter, as well as a student reporter for the University of Southern California's student newspaper (cir. 21,000+ students daily) – will also provide technical writing experience to ensure that her legal opinions are purposeful and accessible to the public.

Judges are also teachers. They share the same challenges with those faced in the classroom of maintaining order in the room and a positive rapport with those under their supervision, which includes attorneys, their clients, witnesses, experts, and members of the public. Ms. Lendio's prior teaching and lecturing experiences speak to her ability to teach those under her care, ranging from legal professionals to members of the general public.

Finally, I would like to reiterate the impact role models have on the advancement in the field of law, particularly for women and other minorities that are currently underrepresented in the Judiciary Branch. Ms. Lendio would inspire law students and other concerned citizens with her bright spirit and kindness. Thank you for the opportunity to share my strong support for Ms. Darolyn Lendio Heim's candidacy for the First Circuit Court vacancy.

s/Brandon Marc Higa  
President Emeritus, Student Bar Association  
William S. Richardson School of Law  
Entering Class of 2015

Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:30am

JC 6 –Submitting for Consideration And Confirmation To The District Court Of The First Circuit, Judicial Nominee, Darolyn Lendio-Heim, For A Term To Expire in 6 Years.

Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads and members of the committee:

My name is Caroll Takahashi. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on JC 6 in strong support of the confirmation of Ms. Darolyn Lendio-Heim to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Ms. Lendio for over 20 years both professionally and personally. We worked together at the City and County of Honolulu where Darolyn served as Corporation Counsel and the University of Hawai'i where she served as Vice President of Legal Affairs & University General Counsel. She is known to be a tireless seeker of fact and fair in dealing with people and issues. I worked with her on several of our construction projects one of which involved an endangered tree in the wildlife preserve in Kona. She encouraged us to obtain all the facts as this would affect the penalty. With her counsel we negotiated a settlement which was a win-win for all the parties. During the process, Ms. Lendio was instructive, reasonable, patient with a temperament that befits the court.

Ms. Lendio loves her family. She has a strong relationship with her parents and husband. She is a devoted mom to her two sons and teaches her children values in living her life with integrity and consideration for others. I also have heard her talking to them about honesty, thankfulness and empathy. I will never forget when her oldest son, age 7 at that time, decided on his own to use his savings (\$50.00) to contribute to the Food Bank Drive for "the children". He told his Mom that he has a good home and has plenty to eat and he wanted to share with the children who has less than he.

Ms. Lendio treats people with respect. She is kind and a decent human being. Whenever any one of her friends is in need she is right there. If there is good news she is cheering. If the news is bad she is supportive. She is a loyal friend.

Thank you for your consideration.

March 31, 2017

Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
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The Senate  
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Re: JC 6, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii, Judicial Nominee, DAROLYN LENDIO HEIM, for a term to expire in six years


Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of JC6, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii, Judicial Nominee, **DAROLYN LENDIO HEIM**, for a term to expire in six years, which will be heard by your Committee on Judiciary and Labor on April 5, 2017.

My name is Catherine A. Taschner, and I am an associate at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP. I have had the distinct pleasure of working with Darolyn on several matters over the past few years. Darolyn is an excellent supervisor, mentor, and role model. She has demonstrated a record of leadership and community service, and I believe that the State of Hawaii would benefit immensely from Darolyn's confirmation as a judge.

For these reasons, I would like to express my support for Darolyn's appointment to the District Court. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Regards,

  
Catherine A. Taschner

April 1, 2017

The Senate Committee On Judiciary And Labor  
State Capital  
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Re: Statement In Support Of Confirmation of Judicial Nominee Darolyn Lendio Heim

To The Senate Committee On Judiciary And Labor:

I respectfully submit this statement of strong support for Darolyn Lendio, a nominee for the judicial vacancy of State District Court Judge, District Court of the First Circuit. In 2006, I left private practice to work for Darolyn at the University of Hawaii, where she was the General Counsel for the entire system comprised of ten campuses - three four-year universities and seven community colleges. I worked with Darolyn for nine years as an Associate General Counsel under her direct supervision. Darolyn was extremely knowledgeable in a wide range of legal areas (including contracts, procurement, litigation, employment, labor, and land transactions), dedicated to serving the best interests of the institution, and supportive of her staff and employees. I found that Darolyn was a wonderful mentor who has always championed equality for women, a fair and respectful boss, and an individual with the highest integrity. Darolyn has the experience, demeanor, and impartiality to excel in a judicial role. I firmly believe she would be an asset to the legal community and the public as a State Court Judge. I am thrilled that she is returning to public service, and feel she can make a great contribution to the public and the judiciary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christine S.Y. Chun

April 4, 2017

Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

RE: JC 6

Dear Committee Members,

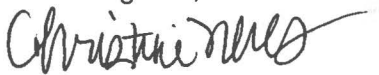
It is with great pleasure that I am allowed to give testimony on someone that I respect and will always hold dear to my heart. I worked with Darolyn H Lendio from 2006 – 2013 at the University of Hawaii while Darolyn was General Counsel for the University and advisor to the Regents. I hold the utmost respect for Darolyn's leadership and guidance. Darolyn always knew the rules going into the game and her ability to lead was exceptional. She lead with boisterous gentleness when needed and explained the reasons for her decisions which always made it easier for all of us to understand the process. She was up-and-up about everything from family fun time to the policies governing the university, and that alone was refreshing!

Darolyn's heart is a whole other story! She is most generous and kind. She truly cares about people and will go out of her way to assist whenever she's needed. Her maternal instinct is strong and she can very sternly put you in your place without breaking your spirit. Very few have this ability.

Darolyn, can be fiercely protective of her subordinates and even more so with whoever she works for. She is loyal. She is powerful. She is the most dedicated leader I know, to this day! Her work ethic and knowledge base is vast. To have Darolyn on your side is an assurance that the job will get done to perfection.

Darolyn would be a true asset to the District Court of the First Circuit and to the citizens of Hawaii.

Best regards,

  
Christine Neves

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March 30, 2017

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Re: JDL – JC6 -Darolyn H. Lendio Heim– in support of her selection as District Court Judge for the First Circuit –Hearing-April 5, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

I consider it an honor to write in support of the selection of Darolyn H. Lendio Heim as District Court Judge of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i. Darolyn is smart, dedicated, organized and competent with a breadth of experience in the public and private sector which exceeds that of the other worthy candidates for this position. Moreover, Darolyn is a person of unimpeachable good character.

My knowledge of Darolyn goes back 30 years when we were both associates at Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, working in the same department. I was a returning resident having spent several years practicing in California. Darolyn had already established herself as a stellar associate when I arrived. Despite being very busy, Darolyn took the time to help me assimilate and was one of my very first friends at the firm, and we have remained good friends ever since. I have therefore had an opportunity to observe first hand Darolyn's character and leadership on a professional and personal basis.

Darolyn's legal career can only be described as a positive trajectory, marked by distinctions as a founding partner at the McCorriston, Miller Mukai McKinnon firm, as an outstanding Corporation Counsel for the City and County of Honolulu (where she was named Outstanding City Administrator), as the Vice President for Legal Affairs and University General Counsel for the University of Hawai'i, and once again as a respected litigator in civil practice at the McCorriston firm. Her breadth of experience, her leadership ability, her skill in working with and managing people are all qualities that will make her an excellent judge.

As the District Court judges are often times the first and only experience our community has with the judicial system, it is imperative that the judges represent the diversity of our community. As of today, the number of full time women judges in the District Court of the First Circuit is 3 out of 11. It is therefore imperative that we add qualified women judges on the bench so that they can provide their perspective, input and judgment. The community must have confidence that the judges who are listening to and deciding their cases identify with them.

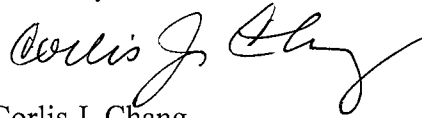


Honorable Mark E. Recktenwald  
March 30, 2017  
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Selecting Darolyn Lendio Heim will accomplish the goals of adding a highly qualified jurist who represents the diversity of our community.

If there is anything further I could provide that would assist you in ensuring that Darolyn is selected, I would be happy to do so. I can be contacted as follows effective April 3, 2017: email: [corlis@corlischanglaw.com](mailto:corlis@corlischanglaw.com) and phone: (808) 208-8840.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Corlis J. Chang".

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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
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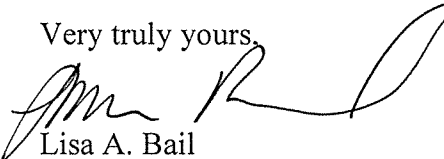
Re: JC 6 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to  
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DAROLYN LENDIO HEIM, for a term to expire in 6 years  
Hearing: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

This letter expresses my strong and enthusiastic support for judicial nominee Darolyn H. Lendio Heim. I first met Ms. Lendio in 2009 in her role as Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel for the University of Hawaii, and I represented the University of Hawaii in various legal matters. It was my observation that Ms. Lendio carefully attended to the details and strategy of the matters I was involved in, never losing sight of peripheral issues and the ultimate goals at hand.

Ms. Lendio's education and experience also amply qualify her to be a district court judge. A graduate of U.C. Berkeley Law School, she worked as an extern for Hawaii Supreme Court Associate Justice Yoshimi Hayashi, then for our firm Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, then as the director for the Department of the Corporation Counsel for the City and County of Honolulu, and then for McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon. Her list of pro bono activities is extensive and she is well networked in the community. This experience and these many qualities will serve the judiciary well, and I support Ms. Lendio's appointment to the District Court of the First Circuit.

Very truly yours,



Lisa A. Bail

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Honorable Chair Agaron and Vice Chair Rhoads  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

It is both a privilege and a pleasure to provide my support for Ms. Darolyn Lendio for a post in the District Court of the First Circuit on Oahu. I've known Ms. Lendio for five years after being appointed to the U.H. Board of Regents. I remember during our orientation how astute she was in explaining our role and responsibilities, the legal pitfalls, jurisdictional limitations and ethical considerations of the position. She was very careful to remind us especially of our duty to declare any and all potential conflicts of interests. During my short two year tenure with the Board of Regents, much time was occupied with the "Wonder Blunder" fiasco and the personnel issues involving settlements with a former A.D. and issues with the president. Through it all, the General Counsel's office, under her care, provided the sound legal opinions and recommendations that allowed the Board to resolve most of the issues we were challenged with. She remained stoic with her recommendations and did not waiver even during the most intense discussions regarding the multiple opinions and options offered by some of the regents. She understands controversy, is not afraid to accept any and all challenges but more impressively, knows how to address them with dignity and professionalism. Her resume details her professional experience in and out of government which, to me, enriches her value to the bench.

Although I'm not very familiar with the legal system, I have been exposed to and was involved in a couple of civil litigations and understand the importance of having judges who are firm yet compassionate, but also patient and tolerant. In my personal and professional opinion, judges need to have a third sense to decipher the cause and effect of litigations that are presented to them. Judges are human beings and often times rely on the values they acquire as children, in school and in their work experiences to make their decisions. I know Darolyn and I share a common thread in our upbringing having been raised in plantation towns. I have to believe that our exposure to the work ethic of our parents and appreciating the simple, yet pleasant memories of our youth create that inherent value system that defines us. Although laws are the basis on which decisions are decided, a judge's decision comes down to which side presents the more compelling justification and undoubtedly intangible evidence must factor in rulings.

I truly believe that Ms. Lendio possess all of the qualities that differentiates a great judge from a good one. She is diligent, thorough, intelligent and most importantly willing to serve the people of this great State. I know she will be an excellent choice for a seat in the First Circuit and ask that she be given an opportunity to prove herself. Thank you very much.

Tom H. Shigemoto  
Vice President  
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Dear Senator Gilbert S.C Keith-Agran Chair Committee on Judiciary and Labor and  
Senator Karl Rhoads Vice Chair Committee on Judiciary and Labor

I wish that could be present to provide testimony on behalf of attorney Darolyn Hatsuko Lendio Heim . I hope that you will accept my written statement in support of this outstanding candidate .

It is my honor to write a letter in support of the selection of Darolyn H. Lendio Heim as a District Court Judge for the State of Hawaii. I have known Attorney Lendio Heim for over 25 years. I had the privilege of working with her on projects while we were both in the Young Lawyers Division for the American Bar Association. I found her to be committed to the cause of equal rights and justice for all persons. Attorney Lendio Heim in my opinion has dedicated her professional and personal life to ensuring that opportunities for qualified minorities are available at all levels of the legal profession. Attorney Lendio Heim understands and embraces the concept that she is standing on the shoulders of those that came before her. She further, understands that she has an obligation to help all those that view her as a role model. If I had a daughter I would be proud to have Attorney Lendio as her role model. Any lawyer young or old would be lucky to have Attorney Lendio Heim as a friend or mentor.

I believe Attorney Lendio Heim is extremely qualified to sit as a judge for the District Court. I know that she has the intellect, judgment, temper, life experiences, professional experiences and overall common sense to be a great judge. Attorney Lendio Heim has the right mixture of toughness and compassion to make those difficult decisions that any judge often must make while on the bench. Attorney Lendio Heim is committed to making all of society better for all people. Attorney Lendio Heim wants to be a judge for the right reasons she wants to serve the people and she wants to make life better for all people!

Anyone that has achieved the type of success that attorney Lendio Heim has attained in her professional career will undoubtedly have detractors . However when you look at the way that attorney Lendio Heim has served her community and the profession it is clear that any negative comments about this candidate are clearly without merit. I doubt that anyone is more qualified than attorney Lendio Heim to be appointed to the District Court Bench .The citizens of Hawaii deserve a person such as attorney Lendio Heim on the bench . a person that will uphold the law and ensure that rights of all people are protected and that every person has an opportunity to present his or her case before the court. The appointment of attorney Lendio Heim to the bench will ensure that bias will be reduced in the court !

I served as a referee in Wayne County Juvenile Court for over 17 years before becoming a 36th District Court judge In the City of Detroit Michigan. As a judge I have seen many lawyers indicate that they wanted to become a judge. I have encountered few lawyers that are as qualified as Attorney Lendio is at this point in her career!! She is a natural leader that is highly respected in the legal community.

I truly believe that the judiciary and the entire legal profession would be enhanced by the

appointment of Attorney Lendio Heim to the Bench. It is so very important for the concept and appearance of justice that all courts in 2017 reflect the presence of women and minorities. The appointment of attorney Darolyn Lendio Heim brings us one step closer to truly achieving equal justice under the law for all persons

Again, it is truly my honor to write this letter in support of Attorney Darolyn H. Lendio Heim. Please call or contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter and my support for this outstanding candidate: cell 313-283-1117, email [dperks@mac.com](mailto:dperks@mac.com), work direct 313-965-8128.

Best regards

Hon. David A. Perkins  
Judge of the 36th District Court  
Detroit, Michigan



March 30, 2017

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

TESTIMONY OF DAWN N.S. CHANG, PRINCIPAL OF KUIWALU CONSULTING

**CHIEF JUSTICE'S APPOINTMENT ORDER NO. 2017-2**

JUDICIAL NOMINEE, **DAROLYN LENDIO HEIM**  
District Court of the First Circuit

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair and Members of the Committee:

I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** the nomination of Darolyn Lendio Heim for appointment to the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii. I have professionally and personally known Ms. Lendio for many years.

A strength that I believe she brings to the court is her compassion and fairness. For as long as I have known Darolyn, I continue to appreciate her sensitivity and compassion in how she treats those who come before her, whether it is an adversary, colleague, client, or member of the public. Those who have been disenfranchised with the judicial system especially in District Court cases, when given the opportunity to be heard, treated fairly and with dignity, it may make all the difference in whether they feel the judicial process was fair.

While Darolyn is compassionate she is also firm. In her numerous administrative and legal roles, she has made difficult but fair and objective decisions that are well reasoned. She has always been willing to take on hard issues to ensure that everyone gets a fair chance to be heard, and she's not afraid to make the hard decisions based upon all of the facts and the law.

Ms. Lendio is well respected by all sectors of the legal community and her integrity and character is above reproach. She has the temperament and disposition of calm but firmness to hear the legal issues and argument and render a fair decision.

It is with great confidence that I respectfully ask that Darolyn Lendio Heim's nomination receive the consent of your committee and be forwarded to the full Senate for confirmation. I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on this nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

DAWN N.S. CHANG, Esq.  
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April 3, 2017

Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor

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RE: JC-6 - Appointment of Darolyn Lendio Heim to District Court Judge of the First Circuit  
Chief Justice's Appointment Order No. 2017-2

Aloha,

I am writing to you in support of Darolyn Lendio Heim's appointment to District Court Judge of the First Circuit.

Darolyn exemplifies the Hawaiian value of *Kahiau* (to give without the expectation of return) - she has the ability to offer support and guidance with honest objectivity, set forth with a firm, yet gracious hand. Throughout the years, I have known Darolyn to be sensible, honest, hard-working, professional, committed, respectful, open-minded, compassionate and humble. All of these attributes as well as her vast experience, diverse background, intelligence and integrity will undoubtedly serve her well in being an effective judge.

Darolyn Lendio Heim will be an excellent addition to the Hawai'i Judiciary.

Best Regards,

*Debra JM Blake*

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## JC6

Submitted on: 3/31/2017

Testimony for JDL on Apr 5, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dennis W. Chong Kee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The purpose of this submission is to offer my written comments and recommendation in support of Darolyn Lendio Heim who is being considered for confirmation as a judge in the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i. Many of the comments below were previously submitted by me to the Chief Justice but they, nevertheless, continue to be applicable and are being submitted again. I have known Darolyn since 1989, when I met her while I was a law student working for then Circuit Court Judge Philip Chun. At the time, I was considering various career choices including the possibility of working for various law firms in Hawai'i. Despite hardly knowing me, Darolyn was gracious in offering her time and experience to provide me with valuable (actually invaluable) insight on the jobs and career paths I was considering. From that time, which spans a period of more than twenty-five years, she has proven to be a trusted and valued friend and colleague, and has proven herself to be someone who is sharp, honest, passionate, practical, and fair. Because of her wide range of experiences in the legal field, Darolyn is someone I have the utmost confidence in and seek counsel from when investigating matters relating to issues with government entities and issues with large organizations. She has routinely provided me practical and sound advice on these matters. I believe these traits will serve her and the judiciary well. As you are likely aware, Darolyn was born and raised in Waialua on the North Shore of O'ahu. Despite her humble, small town, country beginnings, she has advanced to the highest levels of the legal profession in this State. She is the classic success story of the local public school kid from the country making good. To this story, we can add the facts that she achieved these accomplishments as a female in a profession that was historically dominated by males, and as a minority. She is the type of role model that I would love to see our next generation of women in Hawai'i, including my 10 year old daughter, follow. Because of her background and experiences, Darolyn is one of those rare people who have the ability to effectively communicate with the CEO of a major corporation, and in the next minute effectively communicate with a plantation worker with little or no formal education. I have no doubt that Darolyn will treat those that appear before her with the utmost respect and fairness. Furthermore, I believe that people appearing before her will feel that they have been treated respectfully and fairly because of her personality and because of her familiarity with our State's customs and values. This will in turn serve to promote confidence in our State's



judicial system. I appreciate your consideration of these comments. If there is any additional information I can provide that may be helpful, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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To the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

I am submitting this testimony in favor of the appointment of Darolyn Lendio to be judge of the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Darolyn for over 25 years both as a partner of this firm as well as on a social basis. I believe she is a person of high integrity and has both judicial temperament and stellar intellectual abilities which would qualify her as a judge. She has been a successful attorney both in the private as well as public sectors. I highly recommend her appointment as a District Court judge.

Eric Kawatani

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Gregory M. Sato	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Gregory M. Sato 999 Bishop St. Suite 2600 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 gms@ksglaw.com Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Members of the Hawaii State Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee Re: Support for the Confirmation of DAROLYN LENDIO HEIM as a Hawaii State District Court Dear Honorable Senators: "Hidden Figures" is the inspirational movie about women who overcame racial and gender barriers. These women knew their true potential and did not let existing family, organizational and societal norms define their lives. While Darolyn has not confronted barriers as entrenched in the 1950's Virginia, her story is still remarkable. Darolyn is a Waialua High School graduate who through hard work attended the University of Southern California. After graduating with honors, she attended Boalt Hall at the University of California at Berkeley. Darolyn broke stereotypes when became a litigator first at Goodsill and later at the M4 firm. She next took on pioneering roles as Corporation Counsel and as the Vice President of Legal Affairs and General Counsel. At every step of the way she has worked creatively and with passion for her clients but being mindful of the law and legal ethics. Over the years, my career intersected hers and based on this experience, I have no doubt she will make a fine District Court Judge. Thank you. Sincerely yours, /s/ Gregory M. Sato

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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
Senate President  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 409

Re: *In Support of Confirmation of Darolyn Lendio Heim to the District Court of the First Circuit-hearing April 5, 2017*

Dear Honorable Senators:

Please accept my letter of support on behalf of Darolyn Lendio Heim for District Court Judge of the First Circuit.

I have known Darolyn for almost 25 years, where, as young lawyers eager to contribute and provide service to our communities through service to the public with the American Bar Association, Darolyn demonstrated her passion and commitment to those in need. Through our years as young lawyers, and beyond, the friendships and professional relationships forged in that setting shed light on the true nature and character of the participants. Darolyn is one of those lawyers who has demonstrated over years of public service the highest ethical values and integrity. Despite the many miles of distance between us, I have watched Darolyn's career blossom, as a litigator, as Corporation Counsel for the City and County of Honolulu, and University General Counsel, all positions that she has handled with professionalism, ethics, and with effective leadership. I consider it an honor to write in support of the confirmation of Darolyn as Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii.

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Over the years, we have maintained our professional affiliations where I have been able to observe Darolyn's character, ethics, and leadership on a personal and professional basis. She has always been a respected litigator in civil practice, a leader in the Bar Associations and has effective interpersonal skills with the disposition required to be an excellent and impartial judge. She has the expertise, the experience, the ethical standards, and the personality and commitment to be an esteemed jurist.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

By: *s//Ilene M. Korey*

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jana Masunaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair and Members of the Judiciary Committee: My name is Jana Masunaga and I am fifteen years old. I am submitting this email because I support Darolyn Lendio Heim for District Court Judge. I have known Aunty Darolyn for a very long time. Her son Alex and I were born less than a month apart. Aunty Darolyn would be an awesome judge. She is smart and graduated from Cal Berkeley. She is a great mom to Cade and Alex, and would be an even better Judge. Thank you for listening to me. Sincerely, Jana Masunaga

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Jennifer D Matias  
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The purpose of my letter is to show support for Darolyn Lendio Heim, for consideration and confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have personally known Ms Heim for over 7 years. Darolyn is one of the most hard working, caring, thoughtful individuals I know. Darolyn always goes out of her way to help others, give back to her community, and be a resource of information for those in need.

Darolyn will be an excellent Judge. She brings her hard working, tenacious efforts into all that she does.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Matias

**From:** [Jesse J.T. Smith](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Darolyn Lendio's Nomination for Honolulu District Court Judge  
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I write to offer my strong recommendation for Darolyn Lendio to appointment as a district court judge. I first got to know Ms. Lendio when she returned to our firm as a partner after a long hiatus where she held notable posts in the legal community. At the time, I was the senior associate on a number of medical malpractice plaintiff cases. Upon her return, Ms. Lendio took over a supervisory role with regard to these cases. She taught me valuable lessons on how to prosecute a case from the plaintiff's perspective as our firm is a primarily defense oriented firm. In addition to being a valuable mentor for the younger attorneys at our firm, Ms. Lendio has a sharp legal mind and the unique ability to view cases from the perspective of both the plaintiff's bar as well as the defense bar. She would make for an excellent district court judge.



**From:** [Gmail Jill](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Darolyn Lendio Heim, District Court of the First Circuit, Judicial Nominee  
**Date:** Monday, April 3, 2017 11:23:35 PM

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

Dear Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

This is in regards to District Court of the First Circuit, Judicial Nominee [Darolyn Lendio Heim](#).

We have known Darolyn Lendio Heim for almost 10 years and have worked with her in several volunteer committees. During that time, she has been dedicated to serving her community and goes above and beyond to help others. She has been a leader in the community and others turn to her for guidance and support. Everyone looks up to her for the compassionate and respectful way she works with others.

We admire her for her expertise in so many areas and her can-do attitude to make things happen. As a business owner myself, it is rare to come across someone who is capable of taking control of big projects and at the same time, executing small details.

I highly recommend Darolyn Lendio Heim for the District Court of the First Circuit.

Sincerely,

Jill Walder

# JOHN Y. YAMANO

HONOLULU, HAWAII 96814

April 3, 2017

**via Email:** [JDLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:JDLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: JC 6; Letter in Support of Judicial Nominee **Darolyn Lendio Heim**

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran:

I respectfully submit this letter of highest recommendation in support of the nomination of Ms. Darolyn Lendio Heim for the District Court of the First Circuit (Island of Oahu). I have been a member of our bar for thirty-two years, and have practiced primarily in the area of litigation. I strongly believe that Darolyn would be an outstanding addition to our State's judiciary. Indeed, our community would be blessed to have someone with her strength of character, outstanding intellect, and rare combination of private and public legal experience serve as a District Court Judge.

I have known Darolyn since 1977 when we were both college students at the University of Southern California, and then law students at the University of California Berkeley Law School, Boalt Hall. Our paths crossed again when I joined the law firm of McCorriston Miho & Miller (nka McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP), where Darolyn was one of the founding partners.

Darolyn has always been a leader and inspiration to everyone around her, and her Curriculum Vitae is as diversified as it is impressive. She was a leading student and campus leader at USC as evidenced by her acceptance into the USC Chapter of Mortar Board. Membership in the national senior honor society was limited to approximately thirty (30) seniors across the entire USC student body, and it was a ground-breaking achievement by a young lady from Waiialua, Hawai'i. At Berkeley Law School, her overall skills and talent were rewarded when she received an offer for the most sought after position for future Hawai'i attorneys: a job with the law firm of Goodsill, Anderson Quinn and Stifel.

Senator Keith-Agaran

April 3, 2017

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Darolyn became a founding partner of the law firm of McCorriston Miho & Miller (nka McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP) in 1989, and I had the honor of joining her and the many talented people at the firm shortly after it was formed. Darolyn was a leader in the litigation department, and it was a huge loss to our law firm when Mayor Jeremy Harris asked Darolyn to serve as Corporation Counsel. It was an unexpected loss because Darolyn had not campaigned for Mayor Harris nor had she sought the position. Instead, it was a selection based on pure merit and the value that Darolyn could bring to the City and County of Honolulu.

Darolyn's extended tenure as general counsel for the University of Hawai'i during some of its most tumultuous years is further evidence of her incredible ability to handle to most challenging problems with even-tempered skills and judgment. I cannot imagine the multiple forces that were in play at the University. To borrow Coach Rolovich's rallying cry, Darolyn not only defended "Pride Rock", she used her exceptional legal acumen, professionalism and temperament to help steer the University to better days.

The excitement of Darolyn's return to the M4 law firm has been tempered by the thought of losing her again to public service. But as in the past, everyone at the firm realizes that the potential for her to make even greater contributions to our community, this time as a member of our judiciary, outweigh our selfish desires to keep her at the firm.

Darolyn is, in my personal opinion, the absolute best candidate to fill the position as District Court Judge for the State of Hawai'i.

Thank you very much for considering this letter of recommendation.

Respectfully,

John Y. Yamano

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**JC6**

Submitted on: 3/30/2017

Testimony for JDL on Apr 5, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joseph A Stewart	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have worked with Darolyn Lendio and find her to possess both the knowledge and the temperament we need on the bench. I support her candidacy.

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Judi Morris	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a member of the Hawaii Bar since 1996, I am honored to endorse and send in my comments on Darolyn Lendio Heim as a judge in the District Court of the First Circuit (Island of Oahu). I have known Ms. Lendio on a personal basis for at least 6 years. Ms. Lendio is very ethical, hardworking, and intelligent. I am confident that she will be an excellent and honest judge. She is reasonable, fair and most of all very scholarly. I have no doubt that she will be an asset to Hawaii's judiciary.

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April 3, 2017

The Honorable Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chairman  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor (JDL)

Dear Chairman Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

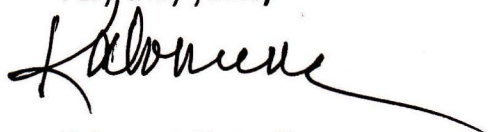
JC6 – Darolyn Lendio Heim

I support the judicial nomination of Ms. Darolyn Lendio Heim to the district court of the First Circuit and hope you will agree she is a qualified candidate to serve as one of our esteemed judges.

Darolyn has served in both the public and private sectors of law in Hawaii. In fact, I first met Darolyn back in the mid-1990s when she served as the city's corporation counsel. Thereafter, our paths crossed mostly on social occasions, but we met up again when she served as vice president for legal affairs and university general counsel for the University of Hawaii and I was working at UH West Oahu. I enjoyed working with Darolyn at the university and knew her to be fair and thoughtful in her approach to helping with solutions. I always felt confident that whatever advice Darolyn provided was comprehensive and strategic, and she always took the time to explain the different scenarios and possible consequences. Having a menu of options to choose from along with an explanation of outcomes is helpful to making reasonable and intelligent decisions. There are increasing numbers of professionals today who cannot or will not bother to fully communicate with their clients unless those clients push for answers. And local people in general are not naturally inclined to question professionals for hire.

I also believe that growing up in what was then a small rural community like Waialua affords Darolyn a unique perspective that will benefit her decisions. It's like growing up on a neighbor island where small town etiquette and values still mean something in how people see themselves in relation to others. It doesn't make for a lenient judge, but instead, one who can balance what the law dictates with enough empathy and compassion to recognize that we humans are far from perfect.

Very truly yours,



Kalowena Komeiji  
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# MCCORRISTON MILLER MUKAI MACKINNON LLP

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March 30, 2017

Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald  
Supreme Court of Hawaii  
417 S. King Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Room 221  
415 S. Beretania Street,  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Darolyn H. Lendio

Dear Chief Justice Recktenwald and Senator Keith-Agaran:

I write this letter of unequivocal support for Darolyn Lendio's appointment as a District Court Judge.

I first met Darolyn over 25 years ago when our firm, now known as McCorrison Miller Mukai & MacKinnon, was formed through the merger of members of her firm, Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, and my firm, Fong & Miho. Since then I have had the privilege of considering Darolyn my colleague and friend, even in those years when she was not with our firm. I therefore feel extremely qualified to express an opinion on Darolyn's intellect and character.

At the negotiation table, Darolyn always displayed a rare combination of a sharp and trained legal mind with the ability to find pragmatic solutions. Our clients tremendously appreciated her talent of being able to bring divergent opinions together with and through real life, practical advice and insight.

But Darolyn's real value to our firm goes far beyond her formidable legal prowess. I believe that Darolyn is an impact presence at M4 for many intangible, but invaluable, reasons as well. For example, her compassion and genuine concern for others makes her much sought after mentor to all of our associates, junior and senior, male and female, alike. Her talent as a "people person," bearing doughnuts and cupcakes for the staff on "just another average day" makes the office seem just a bit less cheerful and lively when she is away.

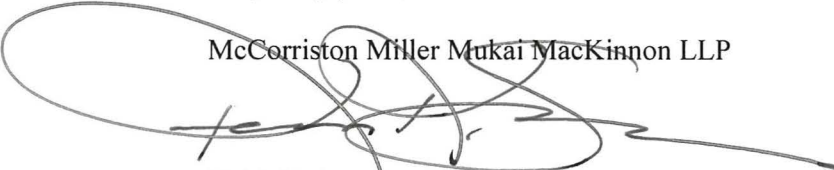
In sum, I believe in Darolyn our judiciary will gain not just another great legal mind, but also someone with the perspective, compassion and desire to do justice and fairness for all who come before her.

For the foregoing reasons, and much more, it is without hesitation or condition that I endorse Darolyn's appointment as a District Court Judge of our state.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP

  
Keith K. Suzuka  
Partner

Testimony in support of the nomination of Darolyn Lendio Heim

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I was thrilled to learn that Chief Justice Recktenwald had nominated Darolyn Lendio Heim to serve as a judge for the District Court of the First Circuit. I have known Darolyn for more than a decade, in both professional and personal capacities, and believe you would have difficulty finding a better candidate.

Darolyn has extensive public sector and private sector experience and has served some of our state's most important institutions. Somehow, amidst her high-powered legal career, she has found time for valuable and significant service to her community as well.

She has often been among the first to volunteer and organize fundraising and other support events for a children's sports teams. She has many friends from all walks of life from all over the islands and is such a deeply caring person.

Please confirm her nomination today. I know she will serve our community and our state to the best of her considerable abilities and with distinction.

Sincerely,  
Kelli Abe Trifonovitch



# MCCORRISTON MILLER MUKAI MACKINNON LLP

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April 3, 2017

Senator Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
415 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Hearing Date: April 5, 2017 9:30 A.M.  
Confirmation of DAROLYN LENDIO HEIM to the District Court of the First  
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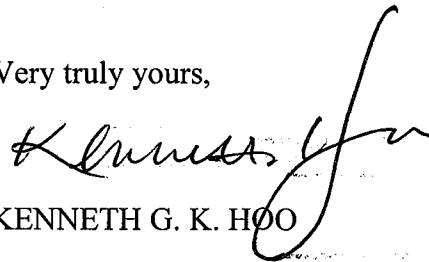
Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

This letter is in support of the confirmation of Daroyrn Lendio Heim to the  
District Court of the First Circuit.

I have had the pleasure of knowing the judicial nominee for more than 25 years  
having been her law partner for many of those years. She has the judicial temperament,  
intelligence and demeanor to be a valuable addition to the bench.

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully support her confirmation. Thank you for  
your consideration of the foregoing.

Very truly yours,



KENNETH G. K. HOO



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March 30, 2017

The Honorable Senator Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair, Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair, and Members  
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Re: JC6 – DAROLYN LENDIO HEIM for Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii  
Hearing Date: April 5, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

Dear Senators Nishimoto, San Buenaventura and Committee Members:

I recommend and support the appointment of DAROLYN LENDIO HEIM as a Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have worked as outside legal counsel with Ms. Lendio Heim when she was the Director of the Department of the Corporation Counsel for the City & County of Honolulu and the University of Hawai'i System, State of Hawaii, Vice President for Legal Affairs and University General Counsel; Interim Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents. I also had the opportunity to work on cases where she was involved prior to that.

In all instances, I have found that Ms. Lendio Heim is an intelligent and experienced attorney who makes sound and reasonable decisions. I hope you will confirm Ms. Lendio Heim because she will be a great District Court judge.

Very truly yours,

KENNETH M. NAKASONE

**From:** [Kurt W. Klein](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of Darolyn H. Lendio's Nomination for Honolulu District Court Judge  
**Date:** Monday, April 3, 2017 5:51:15 PM

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Aloha Senate Committee Members,

I am writing to express my support and recommendation that this committee confirm the nomination and appoint Darolyn H. Lendio as a judge of the District Court of the State of Hawai'i.

As an attorney with the McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP, I had the opportunity and pleasure of working closely with Darolyn on a wide range of cases from complex United States Tax Court matters to rigorous medical malpractice cases. Darolyn's competency and experience in the law is a given, but what sets her apart from other attorneys is her ability to form meaningful connections with staff, "young" attorneys like myself, her peers, and clients. Darolyn is respected and well-liked by all who get to work with her.

Darolyn will be an excellent District Court judge and a valuable addition to the judiciary because she knows how to balance when to be firm (she is a litigator after all) and when to be compassionate. In my working experience with Darolyn, she is extremely capable of separating the wheat from the chaff—or being able to identify the good from the bad. Darolyn's judgment is reliable and will undoubtedly serve to benefit the people of Hawai'i.

While I am thrilled for Darolyn to receive this honor, I am equally saddened to be losing her as my boss and as an important member of this law firm.

Mahalo nui,

Kurt W. Klein

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**From:** [Kyle Thompson](#)  
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**Date:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 9:37:44 PM

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**TO:** Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
**RE:** Testimony in Support of Darolyn Lendio Heim, Judicial Nominee, District Court of the First Circuit

Dear Committee:

Without reservation, I enthusiastically support the nomination of Darolyn Lendio Heim as a judge for the District Court of the First Circuit.

I've known Darolyn for nearly 3 decades, both as a friend and legal colleague. We've experienced a lot together. We've laughed uncontrollably at silly things, cried together at funerals, gazed in awe at lava approaching Hilo, relaxed on holidays, practiced law at the same firm, argued, debated, apologized, and embraced. I know Darolyn better than some of my own family members, and I can't think of anyone I trust more to assume the role of judge. Darolyn has the legal acumen and experience to confidently apply the law while at the same time possesses the heart and humility to fully appreciate the effect her decisions will have on people's lives. She has experience working in the private sector, for the City and County of Honolulu, and for the State of Hawaii, all of which further adds to her qualifications to serve as judge.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my support.

Aloha, Kyle Thompson

**From:** [lea albert](#)  
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**Cc:** [lea albert](#)  
**Subject:** Confirmation Hearing for Judicial Nominee Darolyn Lend Heim  
**Date:** Sunday, April 2, 2017 5:08:25 PM

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Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

I am writing in very strong favor of the confirmation of Darolyn Lendio Heim as a judge for the First Circuit Court. It occurs to me that being a lawyer is akin to being a school superintendent or principal in that people in these positions make decisions that either engender support or create detractors. Good superintendents' decisions are based on the best interests of students within the parameters of the law. Good lawyers base their work on what is in the best interest of their clients within the parameters of the law. Either way decisions are not always popular which is fine as long as they are fair and just.

While I am sure that Darolyn has many supporters she must also have also earned some detractors though I truthfully believe the latter would be small in number. I cannot imagine anyone trying to block her confirmation. As I have previously written, I have known Darolyn since she was a student at Waiialua High and Intermediate. I had her in multiple classes for three years. I have followed her career closely and am immensely proud of everything she has accomplished since she was 15 years old. As a judge I would trust her to objectively research her decisions based on precedent, the rule of law and the spirit of the law. I trust that she would do this with vigor and thoroughness. I saw her take on the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) as a senior in high school using the same skills I know she has honed as a fine attorney. She has practiced law with respect to those she represented and advised based on what was legal and ethical as well as just and honest.

Darolyn has the same courage as the judge in Washington State who blocked President Trump's travel ban. She has also had a stellar education and she knows and loves the law. She is a child of Hawai'i. Her communication skills are superb. Darolyn will make an outstanding judge. She will always do what is right for the right reason. Please confirm Darolyn Lendio Heim as a judge. We need judges who have the knowledge, keen intellect, ethics, communication skills and care for our people and our state that Mrs. Heim would bring to the court. She is the best of the best.

Thank you,  
Lea E. Albert  
HIDOE Teacher, Principal, District and Complex Area Superintendent-Retired

April 1, 2017

The Senate  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhodes. Vice Chair  
Hawaii State Legislator  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran:

This is a letter of comment for Darolyn H. Lendio Heim, who is a judicial nominee for the filling of vacancies in the District Court of the First Circuit, (Island of Oahu.)

I have known Ms. Lendio Heim since 1997, when she served on the Honolulu Police Commission as a Commissioner. I was appointed to the Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police Department on April 20, 1998. Ms. Lendio Heim was on the Commission that appointed me to Chief of Police.

In the time I worked with Ms. Lendio Heim both as a Commissioner and as a colleague in private business, I found her to be able and competent in all of her assignments. I remember when representing her law firm, she was assigned to represent the Trustees of Kamehameha Schools who were being ousted from their positions by the State of Hawaii. It was a difficult case and she ably represented her clients.

In another case where a complaint was filed against me by another police officer of the Honolulu Police Department. The complaint was that I failed to inform the Commission of the Complaint and attempted to cover up the investigation. Ms. Lendio Heim recalled the minutes of an earlier Commission meeting where I reported the investigation to the Commission. Ms. Lendio Heim informed the HPD employee of my reporting the investigation. This ended the complaint.


The aforementioned examples were used to show her ability and competence in handling some difficult situations that I personally witnessed. She was very adept at reading budget information of the Honolulu Police Department that the Commission was charged to oversee. She would ask difficult questions regarding the budget that needed to be answered.

I have found her to be compassionate and caring in dealing with situations where employees were being disciplined or terminated. She had good insight of the matters that came before her and her handling of these matters entrusted her with the Honolulu Police Administration, Police Officers, employees and the Community.

In reviewing her resume, she has had an impressive work record with various law firms, Commissions, and Boards that she worked on. I also know in our conversations that she is a loving wife and mother who is concerned about the welfare of her family. I know that Ms. Lendio Heim will be an asset for the District Court of the First Circuit, Island of Oahu.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 753 5617.

Sincerely,

  
Lee D. Donohue  
Chief of Police (Retired)



# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith Algaran  
Chair, Committee On Judiciary and Labor  
Senate  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Room 221  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: Testimony on behalf of the Nomination of  
Darolyn Lendio Heim for State District Judge**

Dear Chair Algaran:

I write in response to a request for testimony about Darolyn Lendio Heim's judicial nomination as a judge for the District Court for the First Circuit Court of the State of Hawai'i. I have known her for over 30 years -- as an attorney in private practice (where she has had extensive trial and litigation experience), as an officer in the Young Lawyers, Hawai'i State Bar Association (where she worked tirelessly on various community matters), and as a fierce tiger mom (in which she advocates passionately for her and so many other mothers' children for sports and educational opportunities).



Honorable Gilbert Keith Algaran  
March 30, 2017  
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Darolyn's legal experience, interpersonal skills, work ethic and, most especially, ability to lead and work with people from all walks of life make her well qualified to be a state district judge. In short, she will serve the courts and the people of the State of Hawai'i with honor, diligence and effectiveness.

I highly recommend that your committee approve, and that the Senate confirm, Darolyn Lendio Heim's nomination.

Very truly yours,



Leslie E. Kobayashi  
United States District Judge

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lex Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I write in support of the nomination of Darolyn Lendio Heim to the District Court. I have known Darolyn since we were both in law school in the 1980s. In the decades since then, as practicing lawyers here in Honolulu, we have worked on many of the same matters – sometimes as opponents; sometimes representing co-defendants. Sometimes in other capacities. In all of my experience with Darolyn, I have found her to be a smart, diligent and responsible individual. I believe she will do an excellent job as a District Judge She will have empathy for all that come before her, but she will always be true to the law. I recently had occasion to try a number of extended and somewhat complicated landlord-tenant case in District Court, so I am more familiar with the policies and procedures of that court as well as some of the challenges the District Court judges face. I feel strongly that Darolyn is capable of tackling those challenges and will be a valuable and knowledgeable addition to the District Court bench. For these reasons, I hope you will give her nomination favorable consideration.

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Submitted on: 4/4/2017

Testimony for JDL on Apr 5, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Liane Rosen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of Darolyn Lendio Heim for consideration and confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit, Judicial Nominee: I have known Darolyn since we flew from Honolulu to Los Angeles as incoming freshmen at the University of Southern California. We became roommates after that first year and shared an apartment the next three years. She always worked hard in her studies and managed to be very active the Hawaii Club; the school's daily newspaper, The Daily Trojan; Helenes, a community service organization; and the Mortar Board, an honor society for seniors. In those college years, Darolyn became a friend who I could always depend on and trust. After returning home from law school, she worked her way steadily from associate to partner, establishing herself in the legal community while raising her children. She would always find time in her schedule to support them in the classroom, actively engage as a team parent in their sports, and volunteer as a chair at major school functions. Darolyn remained loyal, worked with groups of parents in different settings to achieve their goals, and earned respect as one who would get the job done. I believe Darolyn will make an excellent judge. She has decades of experience and she has a strong work ethic, dedication, loyalty, trustworthiness, and integrity. Thank you for your consideration.

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**JC6**

Submitted on: 3/30/2017

Testimony for JDL on Apr 5, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Linda Srabian	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a former client of Ms. Lendio, I would like to support her candidacy. Ms. Lendio is a compassionate, knowledgeable and talented attorney. She is extremely honest and did everything possible to keep my costs down. She was very responsive and approached my case with a tone of partnership and worked collaboratively with opposing counsel to ensure the best outcome. She made a very difficult period in my life much more bearable and provide sage, sound advice. I highly recommend Ms. Lendio for District Court Judge of the First Circuit. I'm confident she would be a fair, considerate, impartial Judge and would make an excellent representative of the great state of Hawaii. Thank you for your consideration of my testimony. With warm aloha, Linda Srabian

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Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karol Rhoads, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: JC 6 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to  
the District Court of the First Circuit, Judicial Nominee,  
DAROLYN LENDIO HEIM, for a term to expire in 6 years  
Hearing: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I write this letter in strong support of Darolyn Lendio Heim for the position  
of District Court Judge for the First Circuit.

I have known Ms. Lendio for more than thirty years. We met as associates  
at the Goodsill firm, and I have had the pleasure and privilege of working with her at  
Goodsill, as well as for her in her capacity as Vice President for Legal Affairs and  
General Counsel for the University of Hawaii. There is no question that she is an  
extremely capable attorney and highly qualified to be a District Court Judge.

Ms. Lendio has a long and distinguished career in litigation. She is an  
outstanding advocate with experience in all of the courts in Hawaii. Her many areas of  
practice demonstrate the reach of her career in civil litigation: commercial litigation,  
medical malpractice, personal injury, higher education law, government law,  
administrative law, employment law and insurance law, to name a few. Ms. Lendio is  
not only a diligent and skilled attorney, she has demonstrated that she is collaborator,  
leader and organizer of people. As the City's Corporation Counsel and as the  
University's General Counsel, she was called upon to craft and to implement significant  
legal and policy initiatives.

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Finance  
April 4, 2017  
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Ms. Lendio has the judicial temperament to be a successful District Court Judge. I have known her as a fellow associate, as an opposing counsel when she was with the McCorriston firm and as a client. In each of these roles, I have known her to be firm, but respectful of others and to comport herself appropriately. She has demonstrated grace under fire as she has been in the spotlight often during her career. I believe she will manage her courtroom in a way that every litigant knows that their concerns were heard.

Ms. Lendio has also devoted a substantial portion of her professional career to public service. Her continuing role in such organizations as the Judicial Council, the Permanent Committee on Rules of Civil Procedure and Circuit Courts, the Court Annexed Arbitration Program, the Hawaii Filipino Lawyers, the Hawaii Women's Lawyers, the American Inns of Court and the American Judicature Society, provides strong evidence not only of her commitment, but that she is well respected in the community.

For these reasons, I strongly support Ms. Lendio for the District Court of the First Circuit. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Woods Munger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "M".

Lisa Woods Munger

LWM

**From:** [Lori McKeown](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Judicial Nominee, Darolyn Lendio Heim  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 4, 2017 12:02:59 AM

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Dear Judicial Selection Committee:

This message is with regards to the nomination of Darolyn Lendio Heim to fill the vacancy in the District Court of the First Circuit. My name is Lori Lendio McKeown, and I am Darolyn's younger sister. I would like to provide some background information on Darolyn and her upbringing, so that you can better understand the type of person she is, and how she was raised.

Our family (Lendios and Tanakas) lived in the plantation town of Waiialua. Our father, who served in the U.S. Army, was deployed to Germany, Korea and Vietnam while we were growing up. My mother was home to care for the four of us and also for our elderly grandfather. Darolyn naturally fit in as the "big sister". She took time to mentor me and guide me like every big sister should... loving, generous, supportive, and understanding. Wherever she went, she offered to take me so the burden did not solely rest on my mother. Little did I know that she was shaping my future, as well. I wanted to be like Darolyn - a journalist, a lawyer, a successful young woman out of a small plantation town. Though my path led me to being a teacher in the DOE (26 years), my philosophy has been that I can mentor students to become journalists, lawyers, teachers, or whatever they want to be. One thing that Darolyn taught me by example was to persevere.

At a young age, I knew that Darolyn would be destined to help her community. She was a leader in student government as well as yearbook, newswriting, and community events. She knew she would attend college, and sought to do so with minimal financial assistance from our parents. From around age fifteen, Darolyn worked at a diner. She also labored in the sugar cane fields of Waiialua. Again, Darolyn did not want to burden the family.

I have seen Darolyn at her best, and at her worst. I have been with her through her personal struggles, as she took on her college education and law career. Through it all, Darolyn has always been my role model. Even with her demanding job, she manages to put her children first - attending all of their functions, making sure they complete their school work, and even volunteering at their respective schools.

Most recently, Darolyn has become the "Go-to Mom" for college and career advice. Many moms have asked her for advice to help their children attend college. Just when these parents thought college was financially and academically out of reach, Darolyn was there to guide them, giving them options to assist their children. Her experiences growing up have allowed her to relate to many who were just like her.

Without a doubt, appointing Darolyn to fill the position of Circuit Court judge would benefit our state. We need people like her, who are positive contributors of our society and respectful and fair to all, to be our next judge.

Mahalo for the consideration.

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April 4, 2017

*Via e-mail (JDLTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)*

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
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**Re: Testimony in support of Judicial Nominee  
Darolyn Lendio Heim  
Hearing Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
Hearing Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 016**

Dear Chair Gilbert Keith -Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads, and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I write is in support of the confirmation of Darolyn Lendio Heim for the position of District Judge, First Circuit. Darolyn's exemplary record of legal and professional prowess, her dedication to public service, and her unblemished character makes her an excellent choice for this judicial position.

I have known Darolyn for 30 years since I was a summer associate at Goodwill Anderson Quinn & Stifel in 1987. While she left with Bill McCorriston, Clifford Miller, Michael Tom, and other GAQS attorneys to form what is now known as McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP, we have remained friends and colleagues ever since.

I have witnessed Darolyn successfully take on increasing challenges throughout her 35 –year legal career: As a founding and managing partner of one of the largest law firms in Hawaii, as an outstanding Corporation Counsel, as the Vice President for Legal Affairs and University General Counsel for the University of Hawaii System, and in the role as Interim Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents for the University of Hawaii System. In short, she is an experienced and respected litigator, with an AV Rating and top-notch executive, who has a breath of legal and administrative experience, leadership qualities, proven ability to work and manage people with firmness and compassion, and someone who is experienced at having to make tough decisions sometimes under intense “political” scrutiny

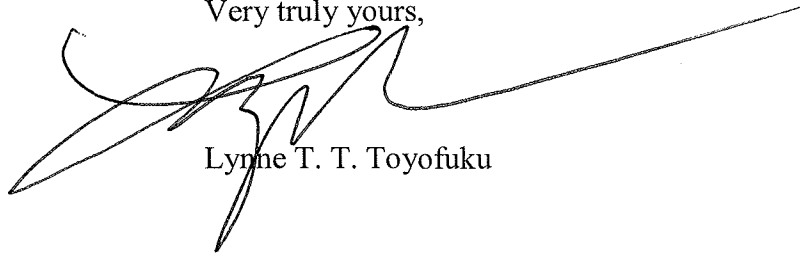


Darolyn's dedication to public service and the legal profession is unparalleled: In addition to serving in State and City & County executive positions, she has been active with the federal and state bar associations, served as a member of the Honolulu Charter Association, the Honolulu Police Commission, and Honolulu Board of Water Supply, and has been an active participant in the Judiciary's Commission on Judicial Conduct and the Commission on Rules of the Circuit Court.

Darolyn's roots in Hawaii are life long. Growing up in Waialua, she was the child of public school teachers. She graduated from Waialua High School excelling in academics and civics and went on USC, where she was an outstanding senior, graduating *magna cum laude*. Despite her educational and professional accomplishments however, she remains close to her Waialua ohana. She can communicate effectively with not just her educated colleagues but with our diverse community.

In short, Darolyn's overall experience, integrity, professional competent, civility and compassion, will make her a terrific district court judge.<sup>1</sup> I therefore strongly urge you to Confirm Darolyn as a Honolulu District Court Judge. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynne T. T. Toyofuku', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lynne T. T. Toyofuku

LTTT:

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<sup>1</sup> As a female litigator, I am sensitive to the gender gap on the bench. The addition of Darolyn to the bench is a step towards narrowing that gap.

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March 31, 2017

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran  
Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 221  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Karl Rhoads  
Vice-Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

## NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: April 5, 2017  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room 016  
State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania Street

Re: JC 6 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the  
District Court of the First Circuit, Judicial Nominee  
DAROLYN LENDIO HEIM for a term to expire in 6 years

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committee:

I would like to submit this testimony in very strong support of Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald's nomination of Darolyn Lendio Heim to be a judge of the District Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Darolyn Lendio for many years. I was her partner at the McCorriston firm, and worked with her while she served as City and County Corporation Counsel and University of Hawaii General Counsel.

I could not imagine a better choice by the Chief Justice than Ms. Lendio. She is an excellent and skilled attorney. She has had varied and appropriate experience. She has the highest possible ethics. She will (if confirmed) have a perfect judicial temperament. And, she will have as a judge (as she has had throughout her legal career) the common sense ability to separate the wheat from the chaff. That is a crucially important quality for any judge, but particularly important for the District Court.

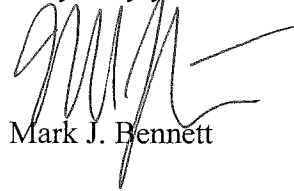
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

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I believe Ms. Lendio will, if confirmed, be a superb judge. I give her my highest possible recommendation. I respectfully ask the Committee to vote to recommend to the Senate that the Senate consent to Ms. Lendio's nomination. I thank the Committee in advance for its consideration of my testimony.

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark J. Bennett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark J. Bennett

I am writing on behalf of Darolyn Lendio Heim's confirmation on becoming a judge. I've known Darolyn for 45 years, and in that time she has always demonstrated confident, firm, fair, compassionate, consistent judgment. She's just one of the smartest people I know. I hope you find her worthy to be a judge for Hawaii.

V/R,

Mark Okouchi

To: Honorable Chairman Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran  
Honorable Vice Chairman Karl Rhoads  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Megan McCorriston, Ph.D.

Re: Confirmation of Ms. Lendio Heim to the Judiciary (JC6)

Dear Honorable Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am writing in strong support of the nomination and confirmation of Darolyn Lendio Heim to the District Court of the First Circuit. I have known Ms. Lendio Heim personally for almost forty-two years, and in that time I have known her best in her role as a prominent and indispensable member of the law firm McCorriston Miller Mukai McKinnon LLP. In particular, Ms. Lendio Heim carved out a name for herself in the areas of litigation and administrative law.

In addition to an impressive legal career, Ms. Lendio Heim has dedicated herself to championing women in business and leadership. Having attended elite institutions for her undergraduate and graduate education, she understands the unique experience of women who strive to succeed along their male counterparts in the most competitive educational and business environments. Furthermore, she understands how to lead with integrity, compassion and unwavering support for justice. This is evidenced in her countless hours spent volunteering to mentor other women who strive for a similar career trajectory. Her focus has, and always will be, not her own career but the advancement of the greater population of Hawaii for a sustainable future.

To say that Ms. Lendio Heim is prepared for this transition to the Judiciary would be understatement. She has enjoyed a flawless reputation as an accomplished lawyer, community leader, tireless mother to her two children and fierce advocate of justice in every aspect of her life. I can think of no candidate better suited to this challenging and rewarding role than Ms. Heim.

Thank you for considering my testimony and for giving the people of the State of Hawaii the opportunity to have her serve in this most esteemed position.

Respectfully yours,

Megan McCorriston

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**JC6**

Submitted on: 3/30/2017

Testimony for JDL on Apr 5, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melissa Pavlicek	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha! My Name is Melissa Pavlicek. I am an attorney and small business owner. I am writing in support of Darolyn Lendio Heim's nomination as a District Court judge. I have known Ms. Heim on a personal and professional basis for over 20 years. I believe that her intelligence, diligence and commitment to community service will serve our community well. Please confirm her nomination.

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April 3, 2017

The Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Letter of Support – Darolyn Lendio Heim, JC6  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
Conference Room 016, 9:30 a.m.

Dear Senator Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

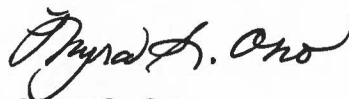
I am writing to submit testimony in support of Darolyn Lendio Heim, Judicial Nominee, to the District Court of the First Circuit. I have known the appointee for over 25 years, both professionally and socially.

I can personally attest to Ms. Heim's character and intellectual abilities. She carries herself with the highest ethical standards, honesty, and integrity. Ms. Heim leads by example, works extremely hard, and carries herself with courtesy, professionalism and a good sense of humor.

Logic and common sense seems to be a rarity in leadership positions nowadays. I worked with Ms. Heim at the City and County of Honolulu where she served as the Corporation Counsel. She is a rational and logical thinker who possesses great judgement and sensibility, and is really smart. She is a person of impeccable character, honesty and intelligence, which will serve her well as the Judge in the District Court of the First Circuit.

She is truly a friend I can respect and trust! Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Ms. Darolyn Lendio Heim.

Respectfully submitted,



Myra S. Ono

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March 31, 2017

Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
The Senate  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: JC6 – Chief Justice Appointment Order No. 2017-2

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in **support** of JC6 transmitting Chief Justice's Appointment Order No. 2017-2 submitting the appointment of Darolyn Heim Lendio to the District Court of the First Circuit, which will be heard by your Committee on Judiciary and Labor on April 5, 2017.

I am an attorney with the McCorrison firm and have known Ms. Lendio for over 25 years. I have had to chance to work with Ms. Lendio on a variety of litigation matters and believe that she will be a fair, knowledgeable, even-tempered, diligent and hard-working District Court Judge. As indicated by her past public service, Ms. Lendio is committed to serving the public and, while she will be missed at our firm, I strongly support her appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Very truly yours,

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April 3, 2017

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Conference Room 016  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Darolyn H. Lendio Heim  
Judicial Nominee, District Court of the First Circuit

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support and encourage you to consider the appointment of Darolyn H. Lendio Heim to the District Court of the First Circuit. I have known Darolyn since 1982, having attended law school with her at the University of California at Berkeley, and then working with her on two separate occasions at the Department of the Corporation Counsel, City and County of Honolulu, and the Office of the General Counsel, University of Hawai'i.

During these periods, I have come to respect and admire Darolyn for her knowledge and understanding of complicated legal principles, willingness to work until the task is completed, and ability to connect with people from all spectrums of society. What sets her apart is her skill to quickly grasp the underlying issues and then offer a practical and timely solution to the problem. I have worked with Darolyn on many complicated and contentious matters and when I have sought her advice and counsel, sometimes as a last resort, she usually offers a simple and effective proposal that usually gets the other side to step back and become more reasonable in negotiations.

In a position that demands both a keen legal mind as well as the need to issue well-reasoned decisions in an expeditious fashion, you could not do any better than selecting Ms. Lendio as a District Court judge.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions or need further information with regard to her candidacy, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Randall K. Ishikawa

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**VIA E-MAIL JDLTESTIMONY@CAPITOL.HAWAII.GOV**

Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 201  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 968113

Re: Nomination of Darolyn Lendio Heim  
Notice of Hearing: Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Dear Sir:

I have known Ms. Lendio and been her law partner for 29 years. She is articulate, well-schooled in the law, and a pleasure to work with. She has repeatedly demonstrated her ability to solve difficult legal and administrative problems in a calm, cool and collected manner. She has been an asset to every organization which has been associated with and it has been an honor working with her over the years. She will make a wonderful addition to the bench.

Sincerely,

MCCORRISTON MILLER MUKAI MacKINNON LLP

  
Randall K. Schmitt

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Chair Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Wednesday, March 1, 2017  
1:00 P.M.  
Conference Room 016

Written Testimony by  
Richard Mizusawa, M.Ed.

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

My name is Richard Mizusawa and I strongly support the nomination of Ms. Darolyn Lendio Heim to the District Court of the First Circuit. I have known Ms. Lendio Heim for over four years and was first acquainted with her in my capacity as student body president at UH-Mānoa when she served as vice president for legal affairs and university general counsel for the University of Hawai'i System. During this time, she also served as interim executive administrators and secretary of the Board of Regents.

I remember working with her on multiple occasions, including the start of the previous search for the president of UH, but what I remember most are the qualities she exhibited in her work: professionalism, intelligence, thoughtfulness, fairness, and integrity. While I was a student, she was very informative and willing to go over things we worked on to ensure I had the necessary knowledge in what I was doing. I also was impressed at her attentiveness and her proactive nature when working with the BOR's presidential selection committee. I have so much respect for Ms. Lendio Heim and look up to her as someone who does her job well and with honor. We have kept in touch since and I know to this day, she continues to do be all of this and more. She has also been a wonderful mentor and someone I turn to for advice and support. I trust her judgment and ability to serve on the District Court of the First Circuit, as she has the experience and knowledge this service requires. She has both public and private sector experience, a vast pool of areas of practice she has done, and served in a multitude of professional organizations.

Thank you for your time and consideration of Ms. Darolyn Lendio Heim's nomination to the District Court of the First Circuit, and I humbly ask for your support in her confirmation.



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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

April 3, 2017

Senator Gilbert S.C, Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 201  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **Chief Justice's Nomination of Darolyn H. Lendio-Heim**

Dear Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran,

Aloha Senator Keith-Agaran and the Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor. My name is Robert G. Klein.

I submit this testimony **In Support** of the nomination of **Darolyn H. Lendio-Heim** to the position of District Judge, District Court of the First Circuit.

I have known Darolyn for many years, as a lawyer, partner, and Mom. She has an enviable resume. Small town Hawai'i girl (Waialua), USC undergrad, U.C. Boalt Hall law, Goodsill, Anderson and Quinn, McCorriston Miller Mukai and MacKinnon, Corporation Counsel, City and County of Honolulu, General Counsel, University of Hawai'i...very inspiring and admirable.

Darolyn is what you want your daughter to grow up to be! I cannot think of a single reason why this Committee would not approve her nomination. Clearly, the JSC, the Bar Association, and the Chief Justice have rightly put their faith and trust in Darolyn and I would encourage you to recommend her confirmation today. Our firm and I believe our loss is the Judiciary's gain. No doubt, Darolyn will serve the Judiciary and the people of Hawai'i with distinction, tirelessly, competently, and fairly.

I salute the Chief justice on selecting this most outstanding candidate.

I ask you to please give Darolyn your affirmative support as District Judge of the First Circuit.

Very truly yours,



Robert G. Klein

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**Subject:** Darolyn Lendio Heim  
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To whom it may concern,

Please accept this brief testimony in support of Ms. Darolyn Lendio Heim and her nomination to the District Court of the First Circuit.

Please know that I first met Darolyn approximately fifteen years ago, as her eldest son and mine were classmates at Punahou School, and over this long period we have had countless opportunities to work together on school and sports related projects and endeavors. Based on this experience, I can say with complete confidence that she is one of the most admirable people I come to know in Hawaii. She is hardworking, efficient, and thorough as well as logical, disciplined, and wise. At the same time, she is sincere, compassionate, and loyal. Always I have found her sense of fairness and justice a reliable measure in any circumstance.

In my opinion, Darolyn Lendio Heim possesses the superior intellect, genuine integrity, and breadth of personal experience that a citizen could hope for in a Justice.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Straton, Ph.D.  
Faculty  
Punahou School

April 1, 2017

Dear Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Judiciary and Labor Committee

This letter is written on behalf of Darolyn Lendio Heim who is a candidate for district court judge of the first circuit court, State of Hawaii.

Mrs. Heim was born in Waialua, Oahu and through exemplary effort graduated magna cum laude at the University of Southern California and earned her law degree from Boalt Hall at the University of California, a well respected law school.

She is an experienced trial attorney with extensive experience in the private practice of civil law, especially in the insurance law area. But her knowledge and experience is much broader. As Director of the Corporation Counsel at the City and County of Honolulu, and later as General Counsel of the University of Hawaii System she covered an array of legal areas from administrative law to tort law to land law and more. In those positions she supervised other attorneys in the handling and disposition of many law suits.

Mrs. Heim's expertise, experience and ability have been recognized by others, as exemplified in her appointment and service on many private and governmental bodies, from the judicial council of the Supreme Court to the police commission.

The breadth and depth of her experience is a significant asset in the trial and disposition of court cases that is the primary function of a district court judge. She is familiar with all the proceedings that would take place in court, as well as the rules of court and evidence that she would be required to apply. She is cognizant of the many types of suits filed in court, has the ability to evaluate the merits of cases, and is acquainted with many members of the judiciary, and the bar. She has a pleasant and even disposition, and would be viewed as fair and responsive to the parties and the attorneys.

Aside from her many activities she is also devoted to her family. Both of her children are in school, and she manages to attend her son's football games on the mainland, She would be a valuable asset to the court system and to the State and serve as an example of an excellent judge and a model for community service.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Yours truly, Simeon Acoba

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I attended Waialua High School with Darolyn Lendio and I have seen her speak during many of our school events. I have always been impressed with her character and conviction. She commands attention simply through her confident demeanor. She comes from a humble family, where she learned to conduct herself with respect as well as to treat others with respect. I have no reservations about my thoughts of Darolyn J. Lendio, only praise, pride and respect. With her outstanding academic and career achievements, alongwith her character, I hope you will consider her for confirmation to the bench. I welcome your questions via telephone and e-mail.

Sincerely,  
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Testimony for JDL on Apr 5, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 016

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terry moeai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I wish to submit my support in favor of Darolyn Lendio Heim who is seeking confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit. Darolyn is a great friend and leader. She is one to put the needs of others above her own. She has been a moral compass to those who have been fortunate be around her. She is honest, hard working and behaves in ways that command respect. She is also knowledgeable, competent and qualified for this position. Any consideration would greatly be appreciated. Mahalo, Terry T. Moea'i

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TO: Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee

FROM: Wilfredo Tungol, Esq. (Phone 387-7412)

RE: JC 6 (Confirmation of Darolyn Lendio Heim for 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit, District Court Judge)

Date of Hearing: April 5, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT for your confirmation of Ms. Darolyn Lendio Heim as district court judge for the 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit. Darolyn and I both belong to the Hawaii Filipino Lawyers Association which helps to mentor younger Filipino attorneys recently admitted to the Hawaii bar. HFLA also helps to provide legal assistance through court sponsored activities such as the Access to Justice's self-help pro bono program in the district court. Darolyn is a product of our public school system, graduating from Wailua High School and later attending the Boalt Hall Law School in UC Berkeley. She is a trailblazer among Filipino lawyers, having been the first Filipino to serve as Honolulu Corporation Counsel and later as the first Filipino to serve as General Counsel/VP for the University of Hawaii system. She was also one of the very few Filipinos to become a full partner in a prominent law firm. I truly believe that her humble background and the varied positions she had served in qualifies her to serve in the "people's" court.

I am confident that Darolyn will be a fair and impartial judge on the bench. Her vast experience in civil law will ensure that those that appear before her will be treated with impartiality, compassion, patience and fairness. Her nomination by Chief Justice Recktenwald reflects his appreciation for diversity in our judicial bench. The people of Oahu is fortunate to have Darolyn to be presiding in the case. I am certain that this Waialua native will do an excellent public service as district judge should she confirmed for the position.

I respectfully ask you to act favorably towards her confirmation.

# MCCORRISTON MILLER MUKAI MACKINNON LLP

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

April 3, 2017

VIA EMAIL - [jdltestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:jdltestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 201  
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Darolyn H. Lendio Heim  
Hearing: April 5, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

Dear Sir:

From working during summers in the pineapple fields to Phi Beta Kappa at USC's School of Journalism, Darolyn has a remarkable story of achievement.

A Waialua girl, Darolyn matriculated to USC and then to one of the nation's leading law schools, Boalt Hall at the University of California Berkeley.

Darolyn was one of the first Filipinos and one of the first women hired at the prestigious Goodsell Anderson and Quinn law firm. There I knew her as an intelligent and diligent associate in the Litigation Department, where she excelled.

When I founded my own firm in 1989, Darolyn was one of my first hires. She continued to demonstrate exceptional litigation skills in her trial practice. Her intelligence matched any of our Ivy League lawyers; while her knowledge of local culture and values has perfectly blended with her intellect to achieve success.

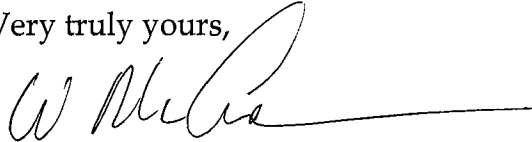
I'm sure others will speak to her time at Corporation Counsel and the University of Hawai'i. I have had the Mayor, Cabinet Officers, and others at City offices frequently mention to me her good work, remarkable work ethic, and practical advice. At the University, Darolyn also has uniformly given excellent advice (and taken unfair criticism mostly for allegedly doing things she did not do).

Perhaps Darolyn's greatest attribute is her devotion to family, especially to her two sons, Cade and Alex. Her devotion to her children and family perhaps best define her character.

Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran  
Re: Darolyn H. Lendio Heim  
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Darolyn's is uniquely qualified to be a District Court Judge. Intellectually, emotionally, and culturally it would be difficult to find a better candidate. Her litigation knowledge and administrative experience are unique and valuable. But it is Darolyn's integrity, intellect, and humor that will make her one of our judiciary's finest.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. McCorriston", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William C. McCorriston

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