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Testimony for JDC on 3/28/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Kent	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

It is my pleasure to write this testimony in strong support of Judge Ginoza's nomination. She will be a wonderful Chief Judge.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of this excellent nominee.

Elizabeth Kent

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Testimony for JDC on 3/28/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Capsun M. Poe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for JDC on 3/28/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Circe Carr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

She should NOT be reinstated. She did the laziest job reviewing appeal cases and was not only inaccurate, but irresponsible.

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Submitted on: 3/23/2018 9:51:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/28/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
daniel foley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Mr. Chairman and members of the Judiciary Committee,

I served with Judge Ginoza on the Intermediate Court of Appeals. I cannot think of a better appointment to be Chief Judge.

Judge Ginoza has a brilliant legal mind, is a wonderful writer, works well with the other judges and staff at the ICA, and is respected by all.

She is of unquestioned integrity, brings no agenda to the court, acts with judicial restraint, gives appropriate deference to lower courts and agencies, and understands and respects the role of the judiciary in our constitutional system of government.

She also has the requisite administrative skill, having served as First Deputy Attorney General prior to joining the court, and works well with our Chief Justice.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel R. Foley

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
ATTN: CHAIR BRIAN T TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR KARL RHOADS**

**March 28, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 016**

In support of
Governor's Message 616
Relating to the Appointment of Lisa Ginoza to Fill the Anticipated Vacancy in the Office
of the Chief Judge

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Committee Members:

I am pleased to write on behalf of Lisa Ginoza, which I do entirely in my individual capacity.

It is my distinct pleasure to highly recommend Judge Lisa Ginoza and to do so with tremendous enthusiasm and with no reservations whatsoever. I believe there can be no serious question that Judge Ginoza is uniquely well-qualified to be the Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Lisa Ginoza has proven herself to be an outstanding appellate judge in all respects. She is very highly regarded for her temperament, wisdom, writing ability, evenheadedness, and judgment. In addition, as she demonstrated when she served with great skill as First Deputy Attorney General for Hawai'i, she also is an unusually talented and effective administrator. She is good with all kinds of different people, supportive, collegial, organized, and strategic in the best sense.

I have enjoyed getting to know Lisa over the past almost 15 years that I have had the honor to be the Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law, from which Lisa graduated in 1989. Our paths often have crossed in the context of community connections even beyond Richardson Law School alumni events, and I can attest to her energy and to her commitment to helping others. In addition to Judge Ginoza's enviable reputation in the legal community and as a judge, I am confident in saying that Lisa Ginoza is wonderfully approachable, open minded, fair, and smart.

In summary, I wish to say as clearly as I am able to convey how exceptionally well-qualified Judge Lisa Ginoza is to be a truly outstanding Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if additional details might be useful to you. I can be reached most easily at 808-956-6363 or via e-mail at soifer@hawaii.edu.

Mahalo and aloha,

Aviam Soifer
Dean and Professor

p.s. Judge Ginoza is also renowned for her prowess as a stellar softball player, and as an Ete Bowl star.

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March 21, 2018

Via Email: jdctestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Senate Judiciary Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: **Lisa Ginoza - Judicial Nominee for Chief Judge of the
Intermediate Court of Appeals, State of Hawai'i**

Dear Senate Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Rhoads, Senator Gabbard, Senator Thielen and Senator Mercado Kim:

This is my wholehearted support, endorsement and recommendation for the Honorable Lisa Ginoza to be Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals. I have known Judge Ginoza since she was a child growing up in Kailua. I was close friends with her brother Garrett. We played in community sports leagues, baseball and football, together in the early 1970s. We continue and have remained friends ever since. Judge Ginoza and I have been Kailua residents for essentially our entire lives, growing up in the Enchanted Lake/Keolu Hills area.

One of my most painful memories growing up was of the three Ginoza siblings losing their Mom to breast cancer. I would often visit and play at the family home in Keolu Hills. Their Mom was one of the most loving, caring and active parents with us. She went to Heaven when we were all just kids. Judge Ginoza was still in grade school at the time.

After this tragic loss, I continued to visit at the family home. Their Dad moved to a different street in Enchanted Lakes and while we never discussed it, I think their Dad had a very hard time after losing his wife and having to raise three young kids by himself. Their home was not the same after that.

In 1972, I began going to private school in town, and Judge Ginoza and siblings went to Kailua High School. I still remained in touch through sports. Judge Ginoza was a student-athlete above and beyond. She was the pride of Kailua. Although I did not physically see her report cards, the talk was that she had an above 4.0 gpa, and she was an all-star softball player. She overcame the adversity and all obstacles and challenges of losing her mother at a very early age.

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State of Hawaii
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While we have never socialized, we are very friendly when we see each other because we truly grew up together from small kid time. I am a very strong believer that your upbringing and how you were, and how you were raised, speaks volumes of about who you are and will become in your later years. I have only heard the most positive comments of and about Judge Ginoza.

All of the ingredients that made her successful as a youngster, she has carried into and applied to her professional life. She is very smart, competent, hardworking, a team player, and knows and has wisdom and aloha for our community. Our legal and community at large, will be very fortunate to have Judge Ginoza as Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

I am available should you wish to further discuss Judge Ginoza.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lyle S. Hosoda', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lyle S. Hosoda



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

Lisa M. Ginoza
Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals (GM616)

TO: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Howard K.K. Luke
President, Hawaii State Bar Association

Hearing: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 016
State Capitol

The Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Association (HSBA) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza for the position of Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals

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.
- Meeting of the President, the Executive Director, and the nominee prior to the scheduled interview of the nominee by the Board.

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- Interview of the nominee by the HSBA Board.
- Deliberation of the HSBA Board which culminates in either a qualified or unqualified vote.
- Submittal of the HSBA Board's recommendation to the confirming authority.

The HSBA President and the Executive Director met with Judge Ginoza on March 21st to discuss the Subcommittee's findings. On March 22nd, Judge Ginoza was interviewed by the HSBA Board of Directors in executive session.

Documentation submitted by Judge Ginoza was reviewed and all of the references listed were contacted for their personal opinions and observations. The comments and letters received from HSBA members reflected an affirmation of Judge Ginoza in 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

After the interview of the nominee, which included dialogue and questioning relating to her background, experiences, and reasons for pursuing the position of Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals, the Board of the Hawaii State Bar Association found Judge Lisa M. Ginoza to be **QUALIFIED**.

Judge Ginoza is known to be hard working, even-tempered, conscientious, and forthright. The Nominee was in the private practice of law for over 14 years. During this period of time, she had a litigation practice that included: insurance cases; personal injury claims; commercial and contract disputes; employment and discrimination lawsuits; and products liability cases. She handled cases at all court levels, including the Hawaii Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.

As the First Deputy in the Office of the Attorney General for 5 years, the nominee's primary responsibility was assisting the Attorney General in the management of over 700 employees statewide, including over 170 attorneys. In addition, Judge Ginoza had a caseload which included litigation involving the State or its officials, and the negotiation of settlement agreements with the federal government concerning Hawaii's correctional facilities.

Judge Ginoza has served on the Intermediate Court of Appeals since May of 2010, and is known for her insightful questions during oral argument. To date, she has authored over 27 published decisions and 34 separate concurring and/or dissenting opinions, and decided over 1,000 motions. And she values collegiality among the judges and ICA staff.

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



March 24, 2018

To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

Submitted via email JDCTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: GM 616, TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF NOMINATION OF LISA M. GINOZA

HEARING: Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 10:00 am, Room O16

Hawaii Women Lawyers (HWL) is a nonprofit business organization made up of over 300 female and male attorneys. HWL's purpose, as set forth in its Articles of Incorporation, includes improving the status of women in the legal profession, increasing the number of women attorneys in positions of authority and responsibility, and promoting the advancement of all women.

HWL believes that increasing opportunities for, and improving the visibility of, qualified women in the Judiciary is extremely important. The judicial bench should be adequately balanced and reflect the composition of Hawaii's citizens.

The percentage of women judges in Hawaii has never been truly representative of the community at large. While there has been some diversity improvement over the last few years, HWL believes that more qualified women should be appointed to fill judicial vacancies to bring balance to the bench.

HWL **supports** the confirmation of LISA M. GINOZA as the Chief Judge of the Intermediate Appellate Court, and respectfully requests that the Committee on Judiciary vote in favor of this confirmation. Judge Ginoza's appointment will help to ensure that the number of women on the bench better represents the number of women in the legal profession and the larger community.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding this nomination.

Very truly yours,

Hawaii Women Lawyers

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Submitted on: 3/23/2018 3:47:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/28/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Y Yamano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Members of the Hawai`i State Senate:

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

Judge Ginoza has the highest reputation in our community as to legal acumen, leadership skills, temperament, honesty, trustworthiness, character, integrity and citizenship. She has been extremely successful in both private and public practice, and has been an exemplary member of our judiciary since being appointed to the Hawai`i Intermediate Court of Appeals in 2010.

I have known Judge Ginoza since 1987 when she was a top ranked student at the William S. Richardson School of Law. I was on the hiring committee of a local law firm, and young Lisa Ginoza was quickly identified by every Hawai`i law firm as a "must get" recruit. Although my firm lost the initial recruiting battle, I had the good fortune and privilege to work with her at McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP from 1990 through the beginning of 2005.

My personal experience of working side by side with Judge Ginoza for almost 15 years confirmed everyone's lofty expectations: she is one of the best and brightest attorneys that I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. During her time at the McCorrison law firm, Judge Ginoza served as lead counsel on several complex litigation matters. In particular, her work on complex first-party insurance cases was outstanding, and she was known to provide the "mental horsepower" that helped power our firm's litigation practice.

Of course, being smart and experienced is not enough to qualify someone to serve as Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals. That person must also have impeccable character and sense of fairness. Judge Ginoza has that quality of character. She has always demonstrated an unwavering sense of justice and fair play, and her character is the model for our entire legal community. I would like to share one significant example of Judge Ginoza's outstanding compassion and sense of fairness: Judge Ginoza was selected to serve on the law firm's compensation committee early in her career because she was acknowledged as a young leader of the firm. One year,

she felt that other, less “recognized” partners were not allocated a sufficient year-end bonus. Faced with the reality that you can only divide a pot so many ways, she forfeited a portion of her compensation so that other partners could receive additional payment. Many people “talk the talk” of fairness and selfless compassion for others. Judge Ginoza lives it every day.

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

Thank you very much for your consideration of my written testimony.

Sincerely,

John Y. Yamano

March 23, 2018

To: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee

From: Leilani Y. Okuda

Subject: **Testimony in Support of:
Judge Lisa M. Ginoza
For: Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals,
State of Hawaii**

Date of Hearing: Wednesday, March 28, 2018
State Capitol, 10:00 am
Conference Room 016
GM616

Dear Senator Taniguchi,

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

My friendship with Judge Ginoza stems back nearly forty years. We competed against each other in high school sports, competitive fast pitch leagues, worked together as softball umpires and are now lifelong friends.

Early on, a quality I admired in Judge Ginoza was her work ethic. As a student-athlete, she was always passionate about what she did. She continuously worked hard, remained humble and eventually made her mark in Hawaii as one of the top female scholar athlete in the early 1980s (four sport lettermen, class president and valedictorian - Kailua High School class of 1982).

Following an outstanding high school career, Judge Ginoza continued at Oregon State University where she tried out as a walk-on for the sport of softball and earned a permanent starting position. Beating out many scholarship players, she went on to play in the Beaver's infield for three years (two years as the third-baseman and shortstop in her final year). A beneficiary and recipient of Title IX, Judge Ginoza was one of three starting infielders from Hawaii and opened doors for future female athletes from Hawaii to play softball for the Beavers.

Judge Ginoza, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from OSU with highest distinction and moved on to receive her law degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Those same work ethic and qualities has continued throughout her athletic, academic, and professional career.

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

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

My experience and observations of Judge Ginoza's past are important. Over the years I have seen her in community meetings, press conferences, and heard about her in low and high-profile cases. Judge Ginoza continues to be a person who does her homework, is well prepared, intelligent, honest, genuine, sincere and grounded in everything she does. Nearly forty years have passed, and it assuring to know that her essence and character has never wavered.

Senator Taniguchi, this letter comes with my highest regard. I humbly ask that Judge Lisa M. Ginoza be given serious consideration for selection as the Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals in the State of Hawaii. I am confident her record will show that she is deserving of this honor. I believe if appointed, she will continue to serve the people of Hawaii with fairness, honor and integrity.

Sincerely,

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

2004 XXVIII Summer Olympics, Athens Greece
Softball Umpire, Hawaii-USA

March 26, 2018

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi
Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawai'i State Capital, Room 219

Re: Governor's Message No. 616 -- Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Chief Judge of the Intermediate Appellate Court, Gubernatorial Nominee, LISA M. GINOZA, for a term to expire in 10 years.

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

As the former Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals (ICA) and a long-time colleague of Judge Lisa Ginoza, I am pleased to express my strong, heartfelt, and unqualified support for her nomination as Chief Judge.

Lisa is exceptionally well-qualified to be the Chief Judge. In terms of legal acumen, experience, diligence, and integrity, she exceeds all requirements. In the eight years she has served as an Associate Judge of the ICA, Lisa has established herself as an outstanding appellate judge -- always thoroughly prepared, with a superb legal mind, and exercising sound judgment. She has the smarts to cut through the noise, grasp the pivotal arguments and issues, and understand their implications to the case at hand and to potential future cases. She sees the nuances as well as the big picture in rendering her decisions.

Appellate judges engender confidence in and respect for the judicial system by the strength of their reasoning and the clarity of their decisions. Lisa excels in these areas. She is an accomplished writer. She explains the court's analysis cogently and in a manner that can readily be understood by the general public. Her written decisions are thoroughly researched, well-reasoned, and logically presented. She is disciplined in her decision-making, accurately presenting the relevant facts and existing precedent in performing her analysis. The consistent high quality of Lisa's decisions serve to enhance the judiciary's reputation.

Lisa's wealth of experience in private practice, in the executive branch of government, and as a judge eminently qualify her for the position of Chief Judge. She was a partner at a well-known Hawai'i law firm, served as the First Deputy Attorney General for Hawai'i, and has been an Associate Judge of the ICA since 2010. In short, she has "paid her dues" and is fully prepared to assume the position of Chief Judge.

Lisa is extremely diligent and hard-working. I can attest to the long hours she spends in fulfilling her judicial responsibilities. I know that she is committed to the cause of justice and will do everything in her power to ensure the success of the court. Lisa is honest, has impeccable integrity, and adheres to high ethical standards. Her unwavering focus is to achieve justice and do what is right under the law.

I believe that Lisa will be an effective leader as Chief Judge. She has earned the trust, admiration, and respect of the ICA judges and staff by her hard work, outstanding work product, fairness, and caring nature. Lisa has the character, integrity, and personality to inspire those around her.

On top of all that, Lisa is a wonderful person. She has a warm heart and the aloha spirit. She is considerate, kind, and respectful of others. Despite her considerable talents and accomplishments, she is very humble. She will put the welfare of the court and the State above any personal acclaim. She will carry forward the culture and spirit of treating everyone who works at the ICA as family that was developed and nurtured by Chief Judge Jim Burns.

Lisa has strong roots in Hawai'i. She understands the community and the challenges we face. She cares deeply about Hawai'i and will do her very best to ensure the success of the court for the benefit of our community.

I am confident that Lisa will serve with honor and distinction. She will make us all proud as our new Chief Judge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig H. Nakamura". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig H. Nakamura

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Submitted on: 3/26/2018 4:32:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/28/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Russell Suzuki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi

Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee

State Capitol, Room 219

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Taniguchi and members of the Judiciary Committee:

Re: GM 616, Nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza

I support the confirmation of Lisa M. Ginoza to be chief judge of the Hawaii Intermediate Court of Appeals.

As a sitting member of the Intermediate Court of Appeals, Lisa Ginoza has demonstrated her ability to be a fair and effective appellate judge. Her ability to work well with others, her effective leadership abilities and her sound understanding of the role of an appellate judge, make her qualified for the position of chief judge.

Lisa is a person of high character. I support her confirmation without any reservations.

Russell A. Suzuki

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**GM 616: Gubernatorial Nominee for Chief Judge of the
Intermediate Appellate Court, Lisa M. Ginoza
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Wednesday, March 28, 2018; 10:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016**

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committee:

I am submitting this testimony in **strong support** of Associate Judge Lisa M. Ginoza's nomination for Chief Judge, Intermediate Appellate Court. Between 2006 and 2010, I had the opportunity to work very closely with Judge Ginoza during my tenure as Executive Director of the Office of Youth Services (OYS). I have no question that she possesses the leadership skills and executive experience to be an effective Chief Judge.

In February 2006, the State of Hawaii entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the US Department of Justice (DOJ) concerning conditions of confinement at the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF). Just two weeks earlier, I joined the OYS to assist in addressing the terms of the agreement and quickly found then-First Deputy Attorney General Ginoza to be a strong and supportive ally.

After being in an adversarial position prior to the signing of the MOA, Judge Ginoza forged a collaborative relationship with the DOJ attorneys based on mutual trust while not abandoning her responsibility to represent the State's interests. Potential conflicts were identified as they emerged and immediately dealt with before they became impediments to achieving compliance with the MOA provisions. This relationship was certainly tested at times, but Judge Ginoza was always able to forge resolutions in a fair and cooperative manner.

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

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

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and garner their willingness to be part of the solution, not the problem. Perhaps Judge Ginoza's best attribute was her even temper and ability to maintain calm under tremendous pressure.

Judge Ginoza has proven herself a capable jurist during her eight years as Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals, evident in the opinions she authored which are available for public view. She listens carefully to what is being argued, arriving at logical and intelligent conclusions. As First Deputy Attorney General, Judge Ginoza ably assisted the Attorney General in managing a staff of nearly 1,000, addressed the legal responsibilities of 18 Executive Departments, and actively participated in resolving many of the challenges involved with running State government.

I am confident Judge Ginoza is the best candidate for the position of Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals and I urge your favorable consideration of her nomination.

Thank you for considering my comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

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March 26, 2018

Brian Taniguchi
Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary
GM 616: Pertaining to Appointment of Lisa Ginoza
Hearing DATE and TIME: Wednesday, March 28th at 10:00 a.m.
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room #016

RE: Strong Letter of Support for Lisa Ginoza's Nomination to the Position of
Chief Justice for Intermediate Court of Appeals (ICA)

Aloha nō e Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Rhoads and Committee Members,

It is an honor to write this letter of strong support for Lisa Ginoza in her nomination to the position of Chief Justice of the Intermediate Court of Appeals (ICA). I first met Lisa over 40 years ago and we remain good friends today.

She has always been a source of inspiration to me. Over the decades, I have witnessed her incredible evolution from the days of youth sports, collegiate athletics, Richardson Law graduate, to the justice league she serves on today as a distinguished member of the ICA. Every step and accomplishment she has achieved is marked by her tremendous heart and dedication to detail of people, place and thing. Lisa is the consummate team player. She is respectful, she listens, she leads without fanfare, she is inclusive and insightful, and she honors people's dignity.

Lisa is more than a "role model", she is the real model; the real deal. Over the last 40 years, I have seen her face the types of adversity and challenges that tend to accompany advancement into leadership roles. I admire how Lisa faced those challenges with careful consideration, in-depth research, compassionate regard and a collaborative approach, whether at home, on a field, in a gym, in school, in a law firm, at the attorney general's office, or in the ICA. I know these continuous qualities make her an excellent candidate for the Chief Justice of the ICA. Indeed, as the first female CJ, Lisa will serve with distinction.

I believe Lisa's appointment is extremely beneficial to the health, sustainability, and legacy of Hawaii and its people. I could not imagine a better person to serve in this capacity. Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the email above.

Mahalo, Jill Nunokawa

Scott K. Saiki
P.O. Box 12022
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March 27, 2018

Chair Brian Taniguchi and Members
Senate Judiciary Committee
State Capitol

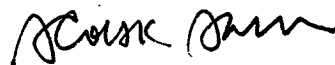
Re: **Testimony in Support of Nomination of Judge Lisa Ginoza**

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members:

I support the nomination of Judge Lisa Ginoza because she represents a new generation of judges that is humble, intelligent and courageous. Judge Ginoza will set aside her subjective point of view to make decisions that are fair and objective. She will make reasoned decisions that will make the Judiciary and our state more functional.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,



Scott K. Saiki

GM-616

Submitted on: 3/27/2018 10:29:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/28/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marie Laderta	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the confirmation of Lisa M. Ginoza to the position of Chief Judge of the Intermediate Appellate Court. Ms. Ginoza was the First Deputy Attorney General and Supervisor of the AG's Division chiefs. It was in this capacity 16 years ago as one of her subordinates that I first interacted with Ms. Ginoza. Later, I was also one of her clients when I took on administrative positions in the executive branch. Ms. Ginoza was fair-minded, always showed good solid judgment, and conducted herself with the utmost professionalism and integrity. She was someone I looked up to. I urge this committee's confirmation of Ms. Ginoza.

Marie Laderta, Member of the Labor and Industrial Relations Board.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 28, 2018
10:00 AM
State Capitol Room 16

RE: GM 616 Lisa A. Ginoza

Aloha! My name is Stephen M. Teves and I am writing in **strong support** of Lisa M. Ginoza's nomination as Chief Judge of the Intermediate Appellate Court. I have known Lisa for more than 30 years, beginning when we were law students at the Wm. S. Richardson School of Law. She has the highest degree of intelligence, diligence and personal integrity and she would be an asset to the people of the state of Hawaii in the position of chief judge of the ICA. She has performed in an exemplary manner while in private law practice, as first deputy attorney general and as a judge on the ICA. I have every belief that she will continue to be an outstanding jurist in every sense. She truly cares about the laws *and people of Hawaii*, which is evident by her long commitment to public service.

I humbly ask that you confirm her nomination.

March 23, 2018

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi
Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 219
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter in strong support of Ms. Lisa M. Ginoza, judicial nominee for the position of Chief Judge, Intermediate Court of Appeals.

I have known Lisa for over 20 years. She is a friend, an individual with strong character, a compassionate lady, a well-rounded and wise person beyond her years. Her humble beginnings are clear and evident through her respectful, calm and patient demeanor -- an individual who I always saw as thoughtful and very considerate of others. I appreciate these characteristics which I feel will bring a much-needed perspective to the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Lisa graduated as Valedictorian from Kailua High School and Oregon State University with highest distinction. Her ambition to succeed academically and the path that she has pursued toward a legal career, I believe, are directly related to her pursuit of the position of Chief Judge, Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Lisa's admirable career in law includes as an attorney in private practice, as First Deputy Attorney General for the State of Hawaii and as an Associate Judge for the Office of the Intermediate Court of Appeals. She has devoted her entire career working towards this next milestone as Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals. Lisa's outstanding credentials, her public and private sector legal experiences and her strong character positions her well to serve the people of Hawaii, in this leadership capacity, as Chief Judge.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming Ms. Lisa M. Ginoza as Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals, State of Hawaii.

With warmest regards,



Marlene Hiraoka

MCCORRISTON MILLER MUKAI MACKINNON LLP

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

March 27, 2018

Via e-mail to: jdctestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov


The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair
Hawaii State Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 219
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Nomination of Lisa M. Ginoza to the Position of Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals (GM616)

Dear Senator Taniguchi, Senator Rhoads and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

I submit this testimony in whole-hearted support for the nomination of Judge Lisa M. Ginoza to the position of Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals. I had the privilege of working with Judge Ginoza in the Litigation Department of McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP for the nearly fifteen years she was with the firm from 1990 – 2005. She became a partner in the firm in 1996 and we served on several firm committees together, where her leadership traits and abilities were clearly apparent. She was always extremely hard-working and can manage high pressure situations well. Judge Ginoza has proven herself to be an outstanding jurist during her tenure on the Intermediate Court of Appeals for the past eight years and I have the utmost confidence that she will take on the administrative leadership role as the Chief Judge of the ICA with the same commitment to excellence.

Sincerely,


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March 26, 2018

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Ref: GM 616

Hearing: Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

The Honorable Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair,
The Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair, and Members
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: GM 616 –LISA M. GINOZA for Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals,
State of Hawaii - IN SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Taniguchi and Committee Members,

I write in SUPPORT of the confirmation of Judge Lisa M. Ginoza for the position of Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals. I am a partner in the law firm of Cronin, Fried, Sekiya, Kekina and Fairbanks, and I have been licensed to practice law since 1993. I was also one of the applicants for the same position for which Judge Ginoza presently has been nominated.

I have known Judge Ginoza for over twenty five years. We first met while still in law school, and our paths have been intertwined throughout our careers. We both started out as law clerks for Judge Samuel P. King in the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii (in different years), and since then we have litigated cases on the same and opposite sides while she was in practice as an attorney. I have a significant amount of first-hand professional experience with her and, based on that experience, I can confidently testify that she more than possesses the integrity, diligence, professional experience, legal knowledge and ability, professionalism and civility necessary to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of the position of Chief Judge.

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Judge Ginoza has also consistently and unfailingly demonstrated an ideal judicial temperament in all of my experience with her. We have been in hotly contested, high stakes litigation together and not once did I see her depart from a calm and respectful demeanor. It is her welcoming personality and deportment that are some of her strongest assets, and these traits also are ideally suited for the supervisory and administrative roles of the Chief Judge position. She also has never shied away from responsibility, and has always proven to be a responsible and inspirational leader.

Judge Ginoza is also dedicated to public service and education, as the wide scope of her civic and educational activities attest. It speaks volumes about her dedication to public service that she left a successful and lucrative position as a prominent private attorney to first join the State Attorney General's office and then to go on to serve our community as a Judge. I also know her to be devoted and loyal to her family, and miraculously balances her work and home life without detriment to either.

I wholeheartedly believe that Judge Ginoza possesses all of the necessary skills and characteristics to be an outstanding Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals. I am confident that she will continue to be an excellent member of our esteemed Judiciary, and I support her appointment without reservation. Having been side-by-side with her in many situations (including the present one), I cannot conceive of anyone I would feel better about being chosen over me.

Thank you for this opportunity to support Judge Lisa M. Ginoza's appointment as Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or if I may be of any assistance.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey K. S. Komeya

GKSK:ant

Leonora A Tanaka
1520 Kalaepohaku Place
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

March 22, 2018

Re: Request to confirm Lisa M. Ginoza as Chief Judge of the Intermediate Appellate Court of the State of Hawaii

Dear Senator Taniguchi,

I am grateful to exercise my privilege of citizenship by submitting my letter of recommendation of Ms. Lisa M. Ginoza for the position of Chief Judge of the Intermediate Appellate Court of the State of Hawaii.

I am aware that you are well informed of Lisa's credentials, ability, dedication and character; therefore, I have not included her extensive list of personal character accolades and accomplishments.

In every aspect of her life, Lisa has been working for the better good of our Hawaii. She's thorough and fair in her decisions which has allowed all involved to understand, accept and live by. I trust Lisa. I have confidence in Lisa. I know Lisa has a great respect for the law, sound understand and compassion for the good of the citizens of our State of Hawaii.

There are many whom are qualified, Lisa has proven to be exceptional. I believe Lisa is ready to serve. I am especially pleased when we can support and allow those born, educated and choose Hawaii to reside, work and serve. I ask you to please give special consideration in confirming Ms. Lisa M. Ginoza as Chief Judge of the Intermediate Appellate Court of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leonora A. Tanaka". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "A".

Leonora A. Tanaka

Voting Citizen of Hawaii for 49 years

McCORRISTON MILLER MUKAI MACKINNON LLP
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March 27, 2018

Senate Judiciary Committee

Conference Room 016
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 616, JUDGE LISA GINOZA TO BE
CHIEF JUDGE OF THE ICA

Aloha Chairperson Taniguchi and Vice-Chair Rhoads,

My name is Robert G. Klein and I am attorney with McCorrison Miller Mukai MacKinnon. Judge Ginoza, the nominee, was once a partner of mine at the firm. I am firmly in SUPPORT of her nomination by Governor Ige to be Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Judge Ginoza has impressed me with her quiet demeanor, wisdom, and commitment to public service. She has held significant government positions where she has excelled at every calling. Especially noteworthy was her time at the state attorney general's office where Judge Ginoza demonstrated a wide range of talents from civil rights cases to criminal justice to child support advocacy among many others.

During her time in the law firm, Judge Ginoza and I worked closely on several tort cases. Working with survivors on these cases I saw her compassion for the average family devastated by needless death. Judge Ginoza connects with the community and it's no surprise she demonstrates this in so many ways. She has heart coupled with exceptional legal skills and knowledge. A perfect choice by the Governor.

Also, it should not go unsaid that Judge Ginoza was a star softball player in high school and college, which credentials are very impressive to me. Judge Ginoza will have big shoes to fill but I have no doubt she will acquit herself very well.

Very truly yours,



Robert G. Klein

GM-616

Submitted on: 3/27/2018 3:48:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/28/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Colette Honda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Taniguchi and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I support the nomination of Associate Judge Lisa Ginoza for Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals. I have known Judge Ginoza for almost twenty years in a variety of settings and she is very well qualified to be Chief Judge. She has extensive experience in private practice as a partner at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon, and in government as First Deputy Attorney General for the State of Hawaii, and as an Associate Judge on the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

In the course of my dealings with Judge Ginoza, she has been fair and even-tempered, with a deep and thorough knowledge of the law. I respectfully urge you to recommend advice and consent to the nomination of Lisa Ginoza as Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

GM-616

Submitted on: 3/27/2018 6:06:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/28/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danielle Kie Hart	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Danielle Kie Hart and I am a Professor of Law at Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles. I am also a proud 1992 graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii at Manoa. I have known Lisa Ginoza for 25 years now and I write in unqualified support of her nomination to be Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

There are three words in particular that come immediately to mind when I think of Lisa Ginoza--integrity, intelligence, and discipline. She is also one of the most level-headed people I have the privilege of knowing. Her varied experience in the legal profession from private practice, to the Attorney General's office to her time on the bench have prepared her to take on the additional duties of the Chief Judge position. She will make an incredible Chief Judge.

I thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of my friend, Lisa Ginoza.

Sincerely,

Danielle Kie Hart

March 23, 2018

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With warmest regards,



Marlene Hiraoka