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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
Senate President  
Hawaii'i State Capitol, Room 409  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Chief Justice's Appointment Order No. 2025-2

Dear President Kouchi:

On March 17, 2025, the Judicial Selection Commission delivered to me a list of nominees to fill a position in the District Family Court of the First Circuit, previously held by Judge Rebecca Copeland.

Pursuant to article VI, section 3 of the Hawaii'i Constitution, I have this day appointed **Maria F. Penn** to fill this position in the District Family Court. Enclosed for your information is a copy of Ms. Penn's resume. Pursuant to Hawaii'i Revised Statutes § 604-2, if confirmed by the Senate, Ms. Penn's term of office would be for six years.

Sincerely,

MARK E. RECKTENWALD  
Chief Justice

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Enclosure: Resume of Maria F. Penn

cc (w/enclosure) (via email):

Governor Josh Green, M.D.

Senator Karl A. Rhoads, Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Florence T. Nakakuni, Chair, Judicial Selection Commission