

Hearing: Senate Committee on Health

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige Chair Senate Committee on Health 415 South Beretania Street, Room 215 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator David Ige:

I am writing to you to express interest in serving as a member of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Board of Directors, Oahu region. I have extensive legal background, having served as a trial and an appellate attorney. In addition, I served as a circuit judge for many years. I continue to serve the community in various capacities.

I believe that I have the ability to work well with stakeholders and undertake substantial tasks while serving the community. I understand that my role requires a commitment to improving the healthcare service for the residents of Oahu, particularly in the area of rural and long-term care. I would be grateful for an opportunity to further develop effective responses to the challenges ahead of us.

I hope to have the opportunity to meet with you and your committee members. If I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you very much for your review and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Marie Milks, Judge (Ret.)

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MARIE NAKANISHI MILKS

Personal Data

Born: September 30, 1944, Honolulu, Hawaii

Education

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center (evening div.), Washington, D.C. 1972 B.A., University of Hawaii, History/Asian Studies, 1965 Columbia University, Japanese Language Fellowship, summer 1965 Roosevelt High School, 1962

Professional Experience

Mediator/Arbitrator, Dispute Prevention and Resolution (DPR) Judge, Hawaii State Judiciary, 1980 to 2004 Attorney, Office of the Public Defender, 1973 to 1980 Research Assistant, Hawaii State Legislature, 1973 session Research Assistant, National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, US Department of Justice, 1972

Teaching Experience

 Adjunct Professor, William S. Richardson School of Law, Trial Practice: Fall Semesters 1981-1987, 1992; Spring Semesters 1989-1991, 1994, 2005, 2006, 2007
 Faculty, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, 1985 to present Faculty, National Judicial College, 1985 to present

Criminal Law and Procedure, The Rights and Needs of Victims of Crime, Sentencing Misdemeanants, Managing Trials Effectively, Handling Jury Trials, Ethics

Resident International Programs for Russian, Hungarian and Polish judges: Criminal Law and Procedure, Right to Privacy, The American Judiciary

International Programs in Russia: The Fifth Amendment, The Sixth Amendment, Search and Seizure Law, Jury Trial

International Program in Guam for Pacific Island Judges: Evidence, Ethics, Search and Seizure Law

Consultancies

Various continuing legal education programs.

- The Asia Foundation, San Francisco. Traveled to Mongolia and consulted on judicial independence and ethics, criminal law and procedure, 1997
- National Center for State Courts, Williamsburg, VA. Traveled to Mongolia and consulted on ethics and mentoring, 2005

Professional Activities and Affiliations

Member, Hawaii State Bar Association, 1974 to Present
Member, Rules of Evidence Committee, Judicial Council, Hawaii Supreme Court, 1977-1978
Hearing Officer, Disciplinary Board, Supreme Court of Hawaii, 1980 to Present
Member, Advisory Board, Law Review, University of Hawaii Law School, 1981 to Present
Member, American Bar Association, 1981 to 1995
Member, National Association of Women Judges, 1981 to . 1994
Bencher (Charter Member), Aloha Inn of Court IV, 1982 to Present
Member, American Bar Association, 1982 to Present Vice Chair, Juvenile Justice Committee, Criminal Justice Section, American Bar Association, 1982 to 1985
Member, Executive Committee, National Conference of Special Court Judges, ABA, 1983 to 1989
Fellow, American Bar Foundation, 1989 to Present
Member, Board, of Directors, Hawaii Institute for Continuing Legal Education, 1989 to 1994
Community Activities

Member, Make a Wish Hawaii, 2002 to Present
Member, Oahu Region Ethics Committee, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, 2006 to Present
Judge, Hawaii Speech League, 1973 to Present
Coach, AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization), 1980 to Present
Player, WISA (Women's Island Soccer Association), 1980 to 2002
Judge, Mock Trial Program, Hawaii State Department of Education, 1983 to 2002
Member, Board of Directors, Manoa Valley Theatre, 1984 to1995Mentor, "Teaming for Tomorrow" (Girl Scouts) and Assigned High School Students Through Court's V1PS (Volunteers in Public Service)
Program 1984 to Present
Worked to Establish a Program for the Treatment of Sexual Offenders Resulting in Passage of Act 350, 1989 Hawaii State Legislature, 1984 to 1989
Member, Board of Directors, Girl Scout Council of Huwaii, 1986 to 1998, President 1998-2002

Lecturer, People's Law School, 1988 to Present

Member, Governor's 1992 Year of the Family Commission, 1990 to 1993.

Publications

"Case Sercening and Selected Case Processing in Prosecutors' Offices"

Co-authored with Jay Merrill and Mark Sendrow.

National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice,

Law Enforcement Assistance Administration,

United States Department of Justice, March 1973.

"Defenses"

WESTPAC Military Law Seminar Manual. Printed in 1981.

" Meeting General Defenses"

National College of District Attorneys,

Manual for the Career Prosecutor Course. Printed in 1981.

"Objections and the Records for Appeal"

WESTPAC Military Law Seminar Manual and National College of District Attorneys Manual. Printed in 1981.

Honors and Awards

Hawaii State Bar Association Ikena (Volunteer Award) 2000

Hawaii Women Lawyers' President's Award 1999

Hawaii Women Lawyers' Outstanding Jurist Award 2004

Honorce, Demonstrative Evidence Specialists Association, 1991

Outstanding Alumnus, University of Hawaii, 1989

Outstanding Public School Graduate, Superintendent's Conference, Hawaii State Department of Education, 1988

Honorce, St. Andrew's Priory Continuous Roll of Honor, 1988 Hall of Fame Inductee,

PRAISE (Program for Recognizing Academic Interests and Student Excellence), Hawaii State Department of Education, 1986

Outstanding Woman of Hawaii Honorec, Girl Scout Council of Hawaii, 1985

Invitee to Wingspread Conference, Symposium: Women in the Judiciary, Racine, Wisconsin, 1982

Scholarship Recipient, Northwest Regional, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, 1979

Outstanding Young Woman of America, nominated by then Governor George R. Ariyoshi, 1978

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The Honorable Marie Nakanishi Milks (Rct.)

The Honorable Marie N. Milks recently retired from the Judiciary after twenty-four years of service from 1980 to 2004. She served two 10-year terms as a Circuit Court Judge. During her tenure as a District Court and Circuit Court Judge, Judge Milks presided over both civil and criminal matters and handled several hundred jury and jury-waived trials. Assignments in the Civil Division Involved a range of subject matters - personal Injury.~ construction, legal and medical malpractice, insurance, real estate, commercial and employment issues. Judge Milks handled well over one thousand settlement conferences over four rotations as settlement judge.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Milks was a research assistant at the U.S. Department of Justice in 1972. From 1973 to 1980, she was a Deputy Public Defender at both the trial and appellate levels and served as the Acting Public Defender for the State of Hawaii.

Judge Milks is on the faculty of the National Judicial College and the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, a bencher with the Aloha Inn of Court, a member of the American Judicature Society and participates in many community organizations, such as the Girl Scout Council of Hawaii, Make a Wish Foundation, and Special Olympics.

Judge Milks was born and raised in Honolulu. She graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1962 and the University of Hawaii in January 1966 - including a summer followship at Columbia University in New York, and election to Phi Beta Kappa. While employed as a legislative aide for U.S. Representative Patsy T. Mink in Washington D.C., she began her studies In the Evening Division of Georgetown University Law Center, and was awarded a J.D. in February 1972.

OAHU REGION HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

Senator David Ige Chair of the Senate Committee on Health Senator Carol Fukunaga Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Health

TESTIMONY SUPPORTING THE CONFIRMATION OF MARIE MILKS AS MEMBER OF THE HHSC OAHU REGION SYSTEMS BOARD

Individual Testimony of VINCENT H.S. LEE Chief Executive Officer Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Oahu Region

I am Vince Lee, HHSC Oahu region chief executive officer. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Marie Milks.

Ms. Milks has an extensive legal background having served as a trial and an appellate attorney, in addition to a circuit judge for many years. At the same time, she has and continues to serve the community in many ways.

We envision that Marie Milks will bring her knowledge and expertise to bear in this important time when healthcare will need to effectively respond to the growing needs of our island communities.

Thank you for this opportunity to recommend. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 733-7911.

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