

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

LLOYD A. POELMAN
District Court Judge, Second Circuit

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair

From: Craig P. Wagnild
President, Hawaii State Bar Association

Hearing: Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 16
State Capitol

The Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Association appreciates the opportunity to comment on the qualifications of Lloyd A. Poelman for the position of District Court Judge, Second Circuit.

As the President of the HSBA, I am authorized to answer any questions or inquiries specific to HSBA policy and procedures for its rating of judicial nominees. At the outset please be advised that HSBA policy prohibits me from commenting or responding to questions with regard to specific reasons or the basis for the Board's rating of the nominee.

The HSBA Board has established criteria for determining the qualifications of judicial nominees generally utilizing the American Bar Association Guidelines for Reviewing Qualifications of Candidates for State Judicial Office. The HSBA uses the following criteria in its deliberations: integrity and diligence, legal knowledge and ability, professional experience, judicial temperament, financial responsibility, public service, health, and ability to perform the responsibilities and duties required of the position for which the applicant has been nominated. Based upon these criteria, the HSBA Board rates judicial nominees either "qualified" or "not qualified."

As part of its procedures for evaluating and taking positions on judicial nominees, an email communication is transmitted to all active members of the HSBA to solicit comments and input on the individual nominated. The HSBA Board utilizes a subcommittee of the HSBA Board to review materials presented by the nominee, examine all comments and input from members, check references identified by the nominee, and contact others who have knowledge of the nominee's experience and qualifications.

The full HSBA Board reviews the materials prepared by the subcommittee, the materials and information submitted by the nominee, and the comments and input from members, and then conducts an interview of the nominee.

Taking into consideration all of the information presented by and about the nominee and an interview with the nominee, the Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Association finds Lloyd A. Poelman to be qualified for the position of District Court Judge, Second Circuit.

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Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 1:14:41 AM

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Re: JC 1: Testimony in Support of Lloyd A. Poelman for District Court Judge for the Second Circuit
Hearing: October 31, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.; Conference Room 016

Dear Senators:

I am writing in support of the appointment of Lloyd A. Poelman to the family court bench. I cannot think of a better attorney, more suited to be a judge than Lloyd A. Poelman, and I give him my unqualified and highest recommendation, not only for his skills as a lawyer, but also for his temperament and character. Lloyd has everything it takes to be an outstanding family court judge.

I have known Lloyd for a little more than 30 years. At the time, I was working in the office of Corporate Counsel for a large interstate bank in Salt Lake City, Utah. Right after Lloyd passed the Utah Bar, we hired him to do some collection work for the Instalment Loan Department at the bank. Later, he also represented the bank in other matters. I knew Lloyd's reputation in the legal community in Salt Lake City, where he was respected for his hard work and impeccable integrity.

I've always known Lloyd to be a compassionate person. He often took cases, knowing that he would likely not be paid, for the reason that he believed every person is entitled to representation. He worked hard for these clients, as he did for those who could pay. He found the clients and their case interesting, and I do not recall ever hearing him complain about the amount of pro bono work he did. I was not surprised to learn that his practice eventually focused on representation of debtors in bankruptcy.

As a family court judge, Lloyd will be unpretentious and fair. I would trust him to decide what is best for my own children, as I know that he will be thoughtful and considerate in his deliberations. I can think of no other person I would recommend more highly than Lloyd Poelman, and I urge the Hawaii State Senate to confirm his appointment.

Sincerely,

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Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 5:15:15 PM

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Via email: JDLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Re: JC 1: Testimony in Support of Lloyd A. Poelman for District Court Judge for the Second Circuit Hearing: October 31, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.; Conference Room 016

Dear Senator Hee, Senator Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

I write in strong support of the confirmation of Lloyd A. Poelman as District Court Judge of the Second Circuit.

As a middle school teacher and a longtime friend of Mr. Poelman, I believe our families here on Maui will greatly benefit from the knowledge, wisdom, compassion and fairness this man will deliver as a judge. He has a unique calmness and clarity for making decisions that I believe Maui County will benefit from.

I have a deep respect for his integrity, words of wisdom and his thoughtful way he approaches difficult situations. I believe his role as a judge will serve our community greatly.

I urge the Committee to confirm the appointment of Mr. Poelman.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Van Kleef

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Nominee for District Court Judge for the Second Circuit
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Dear Senator Hee, Senator Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

I write to urge you to confirm the appointment of Lloyd A. Poelman as District Court Judge of the Second Circuit.

I have been honored to count Lloyd as my cherished friend and colleague since we met at a bar exam review course nearly 30 years ago. I had the privilege of sharing office space with Lloyd while we "cut our baby lawyers' teeth" right out of law school, in solo private practice. From the beginning of his legal career to the present, Lloyd has consistently and continually approached the law with a desire to quickly identify the issue(s) at hand and efficiently work to achieve a fair and just result. He will bring these qualities with him to the bench, and will serve well the attorneys and general population of Maui.

Very truly yours,



Scott G. Monson
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Subject: Family court
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**Re: JC 1: Testimony in Support of Lloyd A. Poelman
for District Court Judge for the Second Circuit
Hearing: October 31, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.; Conference Room 016**

I first met Lloyd Poleman at a friends house, many years ago, his ability to talk in a range of intellectual subjects immediatly won my respect.

I worked for the SecondCircuit Family Court for 12 years as the Settlement Coordinator, I am retired as a state employee but I am sometimes appointed as a Guardian ad Litem or Custody Evaluator. During this time I became aware of his integrity and high standards. Although I have never worked with Lloyd I have had sufficient contact to recommend him as a Family Court judge.

In my experience his flexible, insightful intelligence is one of the qualities needed in the complex issues of the people served by Family Court. I believe he has the caring patience and presence to make judgements in the best interests of children and all family members.

I strongly support Lloyd Polemans appointment as Family Court Judge,

Yours very truly

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Re: Support for the nomination of Lloyd Poelman

Dear Senators Hee and Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in support of Lloyd Poelman, whom I have known and respected for a few decades. I have appeared before him a number of times in family court for both financial and custody issues. I have litigated against him, even in a jury trial in a hard-fought case. I have no social ties with him, and my support is based entirely on years of professional interactions.

Mr. Poelman brings with him a well-rounded knowledge of the law, and an ability to apply the rules of evidence. He is grounded, and thoughtful.

Mr. Poelman stands out especially because he would bring to the Family Court of the Second Circuit a comfortable background in financial, real property and commercial property matters, filling a void in this area of many years' standing in the Maui family court. We may think of family court judges primarily as arbiters in abuse cases and custody battles, and as I said, I have seen Judge Poelman handle such cases with sensitivity and common sense. But the family court portfolio requires a gamut of expertise from its judges, especially on Maui where there are only two family court slots.

Many working class and professional persons have their first encounter with the judicial system when they need a divorce, and rely on the court to adjudicate financial issues that will change their lives. Routinely, the family court is required to evaluate the credibility of claims of

gross income and net income for child and spousal support, and consider whether claims of expenses are realistic or inflated. The court is asked often to rule on business valuations, and commercial property appraisals, which require a level of analysis more complex than residential property appraisals. The court should consider whether financial statements and claims “foot” or not. Much of this kind of analysis permeates the practice of bankruptcy law. I believe Maui would gain in Mr. Poelman a judge who is comfortable with this range of financial issues, and does not shy away from probing and understanding an income statement or a balance sheet.

That is by no means the only range of experience that Mr. Poelman has brought to the bench as a per diem judge. I have listened to his rulings on custodial issues, and can report they were understood by the parties, even when he or she did not prevail as prayed. He is committed. He is hardworking. He is caring.

I urge the Committee and the Senate to confirm this fine nominee.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joy Yanagida
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Via Facsimile and E-Mail

Judiciary and Labor Committee
State Capitol
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Re: Judiciary and Labor Committee re JC 1,
Judicial Nominee LLOYD A. POELMAN
Hearing Date: 10/31/13 at 10:00 a.m., Senate

Dear Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Lloyd A. Poelman for the District Court/Family Court Judge for the Second Circuit. I have known Mr. Poelman approximately eight (8) years. During the last eight years I have frequently appeared before Mr. Poelman when he was sitting on the bench as a per diem judge. In addition, I have also had the opportunity to take a complex case to trial before Mr. Poelman in Family Court. Accordingly, I am submitting this letter based upon my observations of Mr. Poelman serving as a per diem judge.

I believe that Mr. Poelman is highly qualified to serve as a District Court/Family Court Judge for the Second Circuit. Mr. Poelman has always been well prepared and professional in court. He has demonstrated his understanding of the law by ruling on evidentiary decisions and procedural issues appropriately. As a per diem judge, Mr. Poelman has stepped up to the plate and issued rulings in a timely manner. This is a noble trait considering the opportunities that he had to defer the decision for a later date and/or another judge. Most importantly, he has treated the litigants with respect, even when they were less than deserving of any courtesy from the Court.

Accordingly, I strongly support his nomination and truly hope he will be appointed to the District Court/Family Court Judge for the Second Circuit. I believe that Mr. Poelman is highly qualified for this position and will be an excellent addition to the Second Circuit bench. I will be happy to answer any other questions if you have them.

Very truly yours,



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Re: Confirmation hearing for Lloyd Poelman for District Court of the 2nd Circuit
Hearing Date: October 31, 2013
Hearing Time: 10:00 a.m.

Dear Senator Hee:

I am writing to support Lloyd Poelman for the vacant Maui district court judgeship. I have known Mr. Poelman since approximately 1990 when he was working for attorney Paul Cunney on Oahu and practicing criminal defense. I also know that he worked for the David Schutter law firm on Oahu. He moved to Maui a short time after I relocated to Maui from Honolulu in 1992.

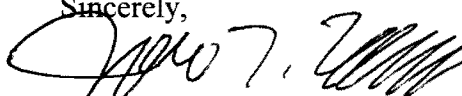
I see Mr. Poelman on a regular basis on Maui. We both attend the bankruptcy creditor meetings and we typically have discussions regarding the nuances and new trends of the law. Since he has been a per diem judge at Maui family court, he has presided over a number of my cases including trials. While his rulings have not always gone in favor of my clients, the rulings have been fair and supported by the facts and I understand his rationale. I am impressed with his demeanor and his patience on the bench in receiving the full arguments of all parties, and furthermore, with his commitment to attempt to resolve the disputes before him instead of just punting the case down the road.

Mr. Poelman has always impressed me with his intelligence, his diligence and preparation on cases, his thorough understanding of the law and the rules of evidence and procedure, his sense of humor, his compassion and his integrity, his humility, and his calm and collected demeanor and temperament.

In addition, he has a well rounded legal background and has practiced criminal law as well as civil law which should enhance his judicial abilities.

I believe that Mr. Poelman would make an excellent judge in district court and I strongly support him.

Sincerely,



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Re: JC 1: Testimony in Support of Lloyd A. Poelman for District Court Judge for the Second Circuit

Hearing: 10/31/13, at 10:00 am, Conference Room 016

Aloha Senator Hee, Senator Shimabukuro, and Committee Members,

I would like to add my positive comments for Circuit Court Judge 2nd Circuit nominee Lloyd Poelman. I have paddled in a six-person outrigger with Lloyd nearly every Saturday for four years. Lloyd handles any position in the canoe with expertise, courage and delight. He has the ability to focus on the task at hand without being distracted and he puts his full energies into his effort. He remains calm in adversity, such as when the canoe hulis. These qualities serve him well as a judge.

Outside of canoeing, Lloyd has become a good friend. I appreciate his wit and sense of humor, his kindness and generosity, his broadminded views and his humility. I believe the state would be fortunate to have Lloyd as a District Court Judge for the Second Circuit.

Sincerely,

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For District Court Judge for the Second Circuit
Hearing: October 31, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.: Conference Room 016

Dear Senator Hee, Senator Shimabukuro and Committee Members

I am writing in on the strong support of the confirmation of Lloyd A. Poelman as District Court Judge of the Second Circuit.

As a T'ai Chi Ch'uan Instructor for the Hawaii Tai Chi Chuan Association for over five years, I have developed deep respect for Lloyd integrity, humanity and his perseverance to learn Tai Chi Chuan. His Tai Chi practice has given him a newer sense of calmness and creating a demeanor that allows other around him to come at ease. I believe in our practice that we can utilize Tai Chi principles throughout our daily lives and Mr. Poelman has shown in his law practice the ability to be flexible and calm on any condition.

As a client, his skills have demonstrated in addressing my family estate financial situation and with his extensive experience he was able in guiding me in an extremely positive outcome. I know with his experience in so many family issues that his knowledge will greatly assist him in carry out his duties as Family Court Judge.

Mr. Poelman has a deep understanding of the role of student in life through his Tai Chi Chuan practice and fully demonstrates that understanding in his daily life in being calm and flexible.

I urge the Committee without qualification of any kind to confirm the appointment of Mr. Poelman

Sincerely

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF LLOYD A. POELMAN

October 31, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (Conference Room 016)

Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee re JC 1:
Judicial Nominee LLOYD A. POELMAN
(via email to: JDLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Dear Senators:

I write in unqualified support of the confirmation of Lloyd A. Poelman as District Court Judge of the Second Circuit.

In my nearly 20 years as a practicing attorney, I have often heard it said, only half-jokingly, that "the worst thing about practicing law is the other lawyers". My experience with Lloyd Poelman, however, has been just the opposite. Lloyd is a shining example of everything that is good and honorable about the legal profession. Although I have only personally known Lloyd for a couple of years (although I had heard of his good reputation), in that time I have had the opportunity to both oppose him on matters, and to work with him on the same side. In one matter, he assisted our law firm in a very difficult situation which, but for his wise intervention, might well have turned out badly for everyone involved. Instead, Lloyd was able to simultaneously counsel us, guide the client, work with the court, and negotiate respectfully with the other lawyers, without ever getting ruffled himself. In another matter in which he represented a client whom I thought had misled Lloyd into filing an unfounded action against my client, Lloyd calmly and competently collected and considered the evidence, and was ultimately able to facilitate his client's withdrawal of the action without undue fuss, anger, resentment, or hard feelings. In all of the matters in which I have worked with Lloyd, he has demonstrated an even temperament, creative thinking, openness, respect, humility and fairness. Plainly, those are all the qualities of an excellent judge.

During the course of our working relationship, I was overwhelmingly impressed with the depth and quality of Lloyd's thought processes, his even temperament, and his ability to parse through what seemed to be impossibly complex situations to quickly get to the heart of the matter. I actually didn't realize that he was a *per diem* judge until well into our relationship, but prior to that awareness I had often thought that Lloyd would make an excellent judge. He has that seemingly magical ability to smooth feathers and consider all angles, without losing sight of the core of the matter. Because of his keen insight, he always seems able to come to rational decisions quickly.

For all of these reasons, it is without hesitation that I heartily recommend attorney Lloyd A. Poelman for the position of District Court Judge for the Second Circuit.

Sincerely,

/s/ RHONDA M. FOSBINDER

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Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 5:06:11 PM

Dear Honorable Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee:

I am writing to you to give you my thoughts about the confirmation of Lloyd A. Poelman.

I am an employee of the Judiciary, State of Hawaii for the past 16 years. I am currently assigned to the Chambers of the Honorable Chief Judge Joseph E. Cardoza of the Second Circuit. I have had the privilege to work with the Honorable Geronimo Valdriz, the Honorable Keith E. Tanaka, the Honorable Lloyd Poelman, the Honorable Eric Romanchak, the Honorable Douglas Sameshima, the Honorable Michelle Drewyer, and the Honorable Mimi DesJardins in the past with the Family Court of the Second Circuit.

I believe Lloyd Poelman should be confirmed 100%. In working with him personally when he would per diem for the Family Court of the Second Circuit, I found him to be well experienced in his capacity as a Judge handling all the different types of calendars and in his professionalism in his dealing with the public and the staff.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Date: Monday, October 28, 2013 2:47:18 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to express my support for Lloyd Poelman as appointee for Judge of the Family Court of the Second Circuit. I have been practicing Family Law on Maui for nine years, and have appeared in front of Judge Poelman in his capacity of a per diem Judge on numerous occasions.

When I have appeared in front of Lloyd Poelman, I have found him to be well-prepared, deliberative, and to have the comportment necessary to handle the myriad of cases that come before a Family Court Judge. He takes his role as arbiter of intimate family disputes seriously, and provides litigants with an opportunity to be heard. Judge Poelman has demonstrated that he is open to learning, which I believe is an essential quality for anyone whose decisions impact the lives of children.

I respectfully request that the Committee confirm Lloyd Poelman as Judge for the Family Court of the Second Circuit. We are in dire need of a Judge with experience in the Family Court, and I believe that Lloyd Poelman has the experience and commitment necessary to serve Maui's families admirably.

Mahalo,
Anne Leete

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Dear Senator Hee, Senator Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Hawaii since 1989, and have practiced on the Island of Maui since 1990. I have known Lloyd A. Poelman since 1997. We first met as counsel for opposing parties in a case. In that case and in all of our subsequent professional contacts, I have been impressed with Lloyd's professionalism, courtesy and pleasant demeanor, and willingness to help. I unqualifiedly and without reservation support Lloyd's appointment as a District Court judge serving the County of Maui.

Sincerely,



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Dear Senator Hee, Senator Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

I write in unqualified and strong support of the confirmation of Lloyd A. Poelman as District Court Judge of the Second Circuit.

As a Panel Chapter 7 Trustee for the Hawaii Bankruptcy Court for five years, I developed a deep respect for Mr. Poelman's intelligence, legal abilities, integrity, humanity and plain common sense. His preparation and timely submission of his debtors' schedules and related documents were exemplary, and his calm and friendly demeanor put all at ease. Although extremely serious about his work and his responsibilities, he has that rare quality in our profession especially of not taking himself too seriously.

We understand that the appointment is to fill a Family Court vacancy. Mr. Poelman's success since 2005 as a per diem Family Court Judge is directly related to the skills he has developed in handling debtors' bankruptcy cases over the years. In this regard, the fact that Mr. Poelman has had extensive experience in guiding individuals in the bankruptcy arena is an extremely positive factor. Mr. Poelman has on numerous occasions counseled individuals to resolve their financial issues without invoking the bankruptcy option. In this regard, he has served both his clients' interests as well as the system's integrity and economy.

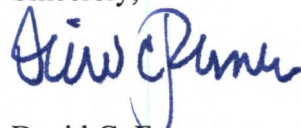
The skills he has demonstrated in analyzing and addressing families' financial situations will greatly assist him in continuing to carry out his duties as a Family Court judge, a role he clearly treasures and enjoys. The skills needed to be a quality bankruptcy attorney representing individuals and small businesses are commensurate with those required of a Family Court judge in resolving financial issues in a divorce proceeding.

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Mr. Poelman has a rare and deep understanding of the role of a judge and fully demonstrates that understanding in practice. The Judiciary, the Bar and the public are indeed blessed to have the talents and intelligence of Mr. Poelman at their service.

I urge the Committee without qualification of any kind whatsoever to confirm the appointment of Mr. Poelman.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David C. Farmer", is written over the printed name.

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

(via email only: JDLtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

RE: JC 1: Testimony in Support of Lloyd A. Poelman
for District Court/Family Court Judge for the Second Circuit
Hearing: October 31, 2013 at 10:00a.m.: Conference Room 016

Dear Senator Hee, Senator Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

I am writing in recommendation of Mr. Lloyd A. Poelman for the judicial opening with the District Court/Family Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawaii.

I am best acquainted with Mr. Poelman through his consumer bankruptcy practice. As I am also a bankruptcy attorney practicing on Maui, Hawaii, I have had the unique opportunity of interacting with Mr. Poelman on a number of occasions in one of the practice areas he is best known for. I have observed Mr. Poelman analyze complex legal issues and resolve a number of asset cases with the trustee. He is consistently able to find a reasonable position that adequately represents his client's interests, but also addresses the trustee's concerns.

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In addition to his intellect, I am also impressed with his character and trustworthiness. He has been honest, candid and forthright with me when I have been served as opposing counsel against his clients in the civil or bankruptcy arena. He is an effective communicator, which would serve him well as judge, because he is able to reduce complicated legal concepts to digestible language that is easy for the non-practitioner to understand. Finally, Mr. Poelman has served a number of years as *per diem* judge with the Family Court, which has given him the experience necessary to be an effective member of the judiciary and has also illustrated his life-long commitment to serve the community.

In conclusion, my observations of Mr. Poelman have convinced me that he has the training and experience to be an effective member of the judiciary, and would make a wise appointment for the seat in the District Court/Family Court for the Second Circuit.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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RE: JC-1: Letter in Support of Confirmation of Lloyd A. Poelman
as Judge, District Court, State of Hawaii
Confirmation Hearing: October 31, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dear Chairman Hee, Vice Chairman Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

This letter is submitted in support of the confirmation of Lloyd A. Poelman for the vacant State of Hawaii District Court judgeship.

I have known Mr. Poelman for a number of years and have been involved in various cases with him. The cases have included real estate, collection and bankruptcy matters. As a result of my interaction with Mr. Poelman, I have developed a deep respect for his legal abilities and his integrity. I have recommended Mr. Poelman, without reservation, to a number of individuals when the need for a Maui-based attorney arose. While my usual practice is to provide the names of at least three attorneys, whenever Maui counsel was needed, Mr. Poelman was the only attorney I would recommend.

I understand the appointment is to fill a vacancy in the Family Court. In this regard, the fact that Mr. Poelman has had extensive experience in guiding individuals through the bankruptcy arena is a positive factor. I know that on numerous occasions, Mr. Poelman has counseled individuals to resolve their financial issues without exercising the bankruptcy option. The skills he has developed in analyzing and addressing families' financial situations will assist him in carrying out his duties as a Family Court judge. The ability required to serve as a quality bankruptcy attorney representing individuals and small businesses correlates well with the analysis skills often required of a Family Court judge to successfully address the financial issues

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faced by individuals involved in a divorce proceeding. I think Mr. Poelman's success since 2005 serving as a per diem Family Court Judge is directly related to the skills he has developed in handling collection and bankruptcy cases over the years.

Thank you for considering my testimony in support of Mr. Poelman's confirmation as a Hawaii District Court judge.

Sincerely,

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Re: Appointment of Lloyd A. Poelman
as District Court Judge of the Second Circuit
of the State of Hawaii

Dear Senator Hee:

I am writing to you in support of the appointment of Lloyd A. Poelman as Judge to District Court of the Second Circuit. I have known Mr. Poelman in both a personal and professional capacity.

Mr. Poelman has established an excellent reputation in the legal community and the community at large. I have had a few cases that I appeared in front of him and have always found him to be prepared and quite knowledgeable about the facts of the case and law. What impresses me about Mr. Poelman is his judicial temperament and his ability to deal with all types of people.

I believe that he is an outstanding candidate for the appoint as a District Court Judge and I respectfully request that the Senate of the State of Hawaii confirm his appointment.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call me.

Very truly yours,



LEE A. OHIGASHI

LAO:wp
xc: Senator Rosalyn Baker
Senator Kalani English
Senator Gilbert Keith- Agaran

From: [Sue Kamalo](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in Support of L.A. Poelman 10/31/13 @ 10:00 a.m. Judiciary and Labor Committee.
Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 11:33:40 PM

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RE: JC 1: Testimony in support of Judicial Nominee Lloyd A. Poelman for District Court Judge for the Second Circuit

Hearing: October 31, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.: Conference Room 016

Dear Senator Hee, Senator Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

I humbly request that you confirm Lloyd A. Poelman as District Court Judge of the Second Circuit. I am the Board President of a Condominium Association on Maui and Mr. Poelman has been the Association's attorney since 2007.

We feel so lucky to have found such a conscientious, thorough, and caring attorney. Through the years he has given us sound advice, and has taught me to tread lightly and professionally when approaching a problem instead of coming toward it like a bull in a China shop. The two times when we have had adversarial opponents, he cautioned me to look at the other person's prospective and not to be antagonist toward them, which resulted on both occasions to an amicable solution to the problem(s). He has a calm demeanor, is intelligent, ethical and I feel proud to have him in our corner.

He genuinely cares about us as a client and has been honest and fair. He has the

ability to get the job done in a timely manner. There have been several occasions where he has attended our board meetings to give his opinion and guidance to our directors, pro bono.

Mr. Poelman will serve the Judiciary with excellence. I speak from my heart when I tell you that Lloyd will give the appointment 100%.

Thank you,

/s/ Sue Kamalo
AOAO Harbor Lights
Board President

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