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Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
The Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
The Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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 would like to state my *unconditional* support for the confirmation of Lloyd A. Poelman as District Court Judge (Family Court) for the Second Circuit.

I was born and raised on Maui. I graduated from the Kamehameha Schools Kapalama and the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law. I have practiced law exclusively in the Second Circuit since 1979 and in the Family Court of the Second Circuit since 1988. I am a past President of the Maui Bar Association.

Because of my unique familiarity with this community, the Family Court and the judicial skills of Lloyd A. Poelman, I have no reservation in supporting his judicial appointment to the Family Court. Mr. Poelman has served as a per diem Family Court Judge in the Second Circuit since 2005. I have appeared before him during that time and am aware of both his excellent legal skills and his reputation on the bench. He has the respect of the family law bar and the Court staff. He has the perfect mix of judicial temperament, patience, insight, common sense, legal skills, compassion and integrity to serve this community well as a Family Court Judge in the Second Circuit.

His demeanor in the courtroom is calm, consistent and friendly. He controls his courtroom while being respectful to all litigants, witnesses and attorney's who appear before him. When he deals with pro se litigants, he has a reputation of taking the time to make certain that the parties understand the process and and feel that they were heard. He is often able to effectively convince litigants to work out their differences between themselves amicably. Mr. Poelman has demonstrated people skills that are critical to a family court judge. He is fair, intelligent and makes thoughtful decisions.

Mr. Poelman's legal abilities are excellent. His organizational approach to his cases reflects a commitment to thorough preparation, he has an understanding of the law and is able to effectively analyze issues, apply caselaw and render decisions. He has demonstrated, during his tenure as a per diem Judge, the necessary skills to serve this community with distinction.

Mr. Poelman's rare combination of legal skills, common sense, compassion, character, understanding of the role of a family court judge, commitment to this community and personality bodes well for the Maui community.

Sincerely,

/s/ Diane L. Ho

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Submitted on: 10/31/2013

Testimony for on Oct 31, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Tracy Ann Kapua Hao	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: He was the Judge in my daughters TRO case against her father who is an alcoholic, who emotionally and psychologically & verbally abused her for years & who finally physically & verbally threatened to hurt her. The TRO was dismissed. The Judge stated "I find there to be abuse but not extreme abuse". My daughter was released back into the custody of her father. I hold this Judge accountable for the safety of my daughter and I do not believe he is capable of making sound or fair decisions. I believe he is biased and prejudice because I am Hawaiian & my former husband is white.

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