

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3

Honolulu, Hawaii

OCT 28 2021

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 3

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Third Special Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 3, submitting for study and consideration the appointment of:

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

G.M. No. 3 SHANLYN A.S. PARK,
 for a term to expire in 10 years,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Shanlyn A.S. Park to serve as a Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the appointment of Shanlyn A.S. Park from Hawai'i Women Lawyers, Sacred Hearts Academy, Elizabeth Kahanu Hawaiian Civic Club, ProjectFocus Hawaii, and forty-six individuals. Your Committee received comments on the appointment of Shanlyn A.S. Park from the Hawaii State Bar Association.

The Hawaii State Bar Association Board of Directors found the appointee to be qualified for the position of Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit based on established criteria for determining the qualifications of judicial appointments generally using the American Bar Association Guidelines for Reviewing Qualifications of Candidates for State Judicial Office. Specifically, the Board 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 appointed. The Board's rating system includes the categories of "qualified" and "not qualified".

Ms. Park received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Chaminade University. She later received her Doctor of Jurisprudence from William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. During law school, she was an extern for the Honorable United States Magistrate Francis I. Yamashita, then after law school became a law clerk for the Honorable Judge Francis I. Yamashita.

From 1997 to 2017, Ms. Park worked at the Office of the Federal Public Defender where she started as an Assistant Federal Public Defender. As an Assistant Federal Public Defender, she represented indigent clients charged with federal offenses, provided vertical representation for clients, participated in training for attorneys who served the district court on the Criminal Justice Act Panel, and participated in the Reentry Program for the District Court for the District of Hawaii. In 2013, Ms. Park became Senior Litigator at the Hawaii Office of the Federal Public Defender, where she was responsible for in-office training for assistant federal public defenders in advocacy skills. From 2001 to 2006, Ms. Park was also an adjunct professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, where she taught appellate advocacy.

After serving at the Office of the Federal Public Defender, Ms. Park went into private practice as a partner at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP where she represented clients in commercial litigation, probate, insurance defense, and criminal defense matters. In 2021, Ms. Park became of counsel at Gallagher Kane Amai & Reyes, where she participates in and oversees all aspects of the presentation of defense in matters involving litigation. Ms. Park also serves on the Criminal Justice Act Panel for the United States District Court, District of Hawaii.

Ms. Park has been licensed to practice law in the State of Hawaii since 1995 and has been actively involved in the legal community throughout her career. She is a board member of the



Hawaii State Bar Foundation and Legal Aid Society of Hawaii. She is a criminal justice panel attorney, lawyer representative, and Criminal Justice Act representative for the Kapilipono Program for the United States District Court, District of Hawaii. In addition, she is also a volunteer with the Judiciary's Access to Justice Room.

Testimony submitted in support of Ms. Park's appointment commends her extensive legal experience, dedication to the community, and commitment to fairness and justice. During her tenure at the Office of the Federal Public Defender, she demonstrated a superb professional temperament and the ability to treat all individuals with whom she interacts with patience, empathy, and respect. Numerous testifiers also praised her integrity as well as her strong trial skills and work ethic.

Your Committee finds that, based on the testimony submitted on her behalf, responses to questions asked by the members of your Committee, and your Committee's review of information about her and her qualifications, Shanlyn A.S. Park has the experience, values, and other competencies to be a Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit, and she has the legal expertise, dedication, and character to fully and faithfully discharge the duties associated with that judicial office.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the appointee, has found the appointee to be qualified for the position to which appointed and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Gov. Msg./Jud. Com. No.:* GM 3	Committee Referral: JDC	Date: 10/28/2021		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent 2347 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Consent 2349				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
LEE, Chris	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	7			
Recommendation:				
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<i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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