

TESTIMONY OF THOMAS D. FARRELL
Regarding JC3, Nomination of Gregory H. Meyers
Committee on Judiciary
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair/Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Thursssday, June 16, 2022 10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

Good Morning Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the Chief Justice's nomination of Greg Meyers to be a district judge of the Fifth Circuit, where he will be assigned to Family Court.

I have only known Greg for about a year, but under circumstances which provide good insight into his qualifications: he and I have been opposing counsel in a bitter divorce case which recently culminated in a five-day trial in Lihue. You come to know someone well in those circumstances.

I am happy to report that my experience has been that Greg has been unfailingly civil and professional throughout. While we have taken opposing positions, he has a good knowledge of family law and procedure, and I have always found him to be reasonable (his client, less so). While we were unable to reach a settlement in the case, it was not for his lack of trying (nor mine) and we were able to make some agreements as well as find ways to reduce the costs to our clients and expedite the business of the court. He was not the first attorney on that case, and he was certainly a welcome change from his predecessor.

All things being equal, a competent, reasonable and professional family court practitioner is usually a pretty good pick for family court judge. I can predict with confidence that Greg will hit the ground running, and there won't be much of a learning curve.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this nomination.

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Submitted on: 6/14/2022 10:13:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maunakea Trask	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments: Greg Meyers is a good man, a good lawyer and will make a fine judge. I have known him for nearly 20 years both personally and professionally and will vouch for his character.

JC-3

Submitted on: 6/15/2022 8:02:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel Hempey	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments: When a criminal defense attorney learns that a complaining witness in a criminal case has told two different stories about what happened - and has information that the alleged victim lied to the police, the lawyer has a solemn duty to document such evidence. Any prosecutor who thinks that defense lawyers are not permitted to speak to complaining witnesses or obtain statements from them that contradict the prosecutor's favored statement does not know about due process. This is criminal defense 101.. Access to all witnesses is a basic tenant of criminal defense. The prosecutor's idea that only those with a badge get to talk to witnesses belongs in another nation, not ours.

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Submitted on: 6/15/2022 8:36:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle Premeaux	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments: I support Greg Meyers to be the next Fifth Circuit Family Court judge. Mr. Meyers has the experience and temperament necessary to fulfill his duties as a judge. Certain allegations have been made against Mr. Meyers regarding witness tampering by a new and inexperienced prosecutor. From my understanding of the matter, Mr. Meyers was zealously representing a client. Mr. Meyers interviewed a witness and reduced the witness' statement to writing. The witness then reviewed the statement, made corrections, and it was submitted to OPA. This is standard practice for defense attorneys. Anything less could be construed as ineffective assistance of counsel. These allegations should not stand in the way of Mr. Meyers confirmation.

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June 15, 2022

To: Hawaii State Legislature

Re: **Judicial Nominee Gregory H. Meyers**

I hereby submit my support letter for Gregory H. Meyers. I am a solo practitioner here on the Island of Kauai serving our community since 1982. My field of practice is criminal law and family law.

I have known Greg for several years now – as a fellow legal practitioner here on the Island of Kauai. I have had criminal cases with him, Family Court cases with and against him, and he has presided over some of my cases when he was a per diem judge. I write this letter because I believe that Greg would be the best nominee to fill the vacant position formerly held by Judge Edmund Acoba.

Greg has a practical legal mind. While on the bench, I appreciated his case analysis, his attentiveness, his patience, and his practical approach to facts and circumstances as he applied the applicable laws. In my opinion, his entire judicial aura and demeanor is one that I respect and hold in high regard. Again, in my 40 years of legal practice here on the Island of Kauai, and in the State of Hawaii, I have had the opportunity to go before many judges of many different styles and idiosyncrasies. If Greg is appointed, I am confident that the Kauai Judiciary and the people of Kauai would benefit greatly for many years to come.

Sincerely,



Alfred B. Castillo, Jr., Esq.

June 15, 2022

TO: Senate Judiciary Committee

RE: JC3, Gregory H. Meyers
Confirmation Hearing for Fifth Circuit District (Family) Court Judge

Honorable Chair and Senate Judiciary Committee Members,

I write in support of Gregory H. Meyers nomination. I have known Greg Meyers for approximately 20 years. First when I was the First Deputy then Elected Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Kauai and Greg was defense attorney. When I retired from being Prosecutor, we were colleagues, then for a few years law partners, and now again colleagues.

In the time I have known Greg, I have always, without exception, found him to practice law in an ethical and diligent manner. Any recent complaints or reports, especially one made on the eve of his Senate Confirmation Hearing, that suggests otherwise must be the product of a misunderstanding of how criminal defense attorneys practice law.

As a former prosecutor and now criminal defense attorney in private practice with a total of nearly 26 years of experience, I assure the Senate that when a criminal defense attorney learns that a complaining witness in a criminal case has told two different stories about what happened and has information that the alleged victim lied to the police, the defense attorney has an ethical duty to document such evidence.

Any prosecutor who thinks that defense attorneys are not permitted to speak to complaining witnesses or obtain statements from them that contradict the prosecutor's favored statement ignores due process. It is a basic tenant of criminal law that a defense attorney has access to all witnesses. The prosecutor's idea that only those with a badge get to talk to witnesses belongs in another nation, not ours.

I look forward to addressing the committee by video conference and answer any questions you may have about Mr. Meyers and/or the ethical duties of a criminal defense attorney.

Sincerely,

/s/ Craig A. De Costa
CRAIG A. DE COSTA

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Submitted on: 6/16/2022 8:38:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matt Bracken	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: Aloha, I am an attorney on Kauai and currently employed as the County Attorney of the County of Kauai. I am testifying as an attorney and a member of the Kauai Bar. My first interaction with Greg Myers was as a law clerk for Judge Valenciano. Greg was easy to approach and always willing to provide any additional documentation I needed to fulfil my duties. When I started representing the County of Kauai, Greg was frequently on the other side of our cases as opposing counsel. He has always been professional and easy to work with. He prepares for oral arguments and submits well written motions. We have managed to find resolutions to some of the disputes to the benefit of both of our clients. Greg is a good attorney. When family or friends have approached me on needing legal representation on family law matters, Greg is always my first recommendation. I believe he will be a good judge as he has broad legal experience and the proper demeanor. I am available to testify live via zoom but the link to register is no longer allowing registration. I support his confirmation. Respectfully, Matthew Bracken

From: Mel Rapozo <melrapozo@gmail.com>
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To: Sen. Karl Rhoads <SenRhoads@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Support for Greg Meyers

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Aloha Senator Rhoads,

My name is Mel Rapozo and I am humbly asking for your support for the nomination of Mr. Greg Meyers for District Court Judge of the 5th Circuit on Kauai. I served with the Kauai Police Department for 13 years, served on the Kauai County Council for 14 years, and am currently employed with the County of Kauai Office of the Prosecuting Attorney as a Special Investigator. I have worked with Mr. Meyers in and out of the courtroom for over 15 years and believe that he is well suited for this appointment.

As you know, Mr. Meyers is a graduate of George Washington University Law School and was admitted to the Hawai'i State Bar in 2002. While he has been in private practice for most of his career, he served as a per diem judge in District and Family Courts of the 5th Circuit from 2014-16.

While Mr. Meyers is an excellent attorney with compassion for his clients, he is also very active in our community. His community work includes serving on the boards of Junior Achievement Kaua'i, Hale 'Ōpio, Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i, Friends of the Children's Justice Center and Hō'ike Community TV.

I thank you in advance for your consideration on Mr. Meyers for District Court Judge of the 5th Circuit. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at any time.

Mahalo,

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Submitted on: 6/9/2022 12:14:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Frances McDonald	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I highly recommend Gregory H. Meyers for the Family Court Judge position. I have known him and his family for many years. He coached my son in basketball almost 20 years ago. He was an excellent role model for those boys. He is an exemplary member of the community, an experienced Family Court attorney, a wonderful father and family man. He would be the perfect fit for this important job. Mahalo for your consideration.

JC-3

Submitted on: 6/9/2022 12:38:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Megan Deets	Individual	Comments Only	Written Testimony Only

Comments: Aloha. I am writing in support of Judicial Nominee Gregory H. Meyers for the Fifth Circuit Court Judge position. I have known Greg since approximately 2006 and we worked together for many of the years since. I am Senior Paralegal at De Costa Hempey LLC. In the past, I worked with and for Greg when he was a partner at De Costa Hempey Meyers, and prior to that, at Hempey & Meyers, and prior to that I interacted with Greg in his capacity as head of Legal Aid of Kauai. I have watched Greg grow as an attorney over the years. I observed him to be kind, patient, hard-working and caring both in and outside of the law office. I believe Greg has the temperament a Judge, particularly a Family Court Judge, should have, and that he has the appropriate traits: knowledgeable; good-humored; empathetic; compassionate; even-tempered; humble. Greg is very involved in the local community and "gives back" in many ways. I believe Greg will also be an asset to the community in the role of a Judge, particularly as a Family Court Judge. Greg truly cares about justice and about people and families. I believe he will serve the Court and the community honorably. Thank you for considering my commentary.

JC-3

Submitted on: 6/9/2022 12:47:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
RYAN MACKEY	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: Aloha Senate Judiciary Committee members, I have known Gregory Meyers for nearly 10 years. I do not have a bad thing to say about the man. Over the years I have seen him show tremendous patience, integrity and humility. On top of that, he has the ability to not only think critically but creatively as well. He would be a wonderful judge for the people of Kauai.

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June 9, 2022

Senate Judiciary Committee
Hawaii State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawaii

Re: Nomination of Gregory Myers for Judge of the 5th Circuit Family Court

Aloha

This is written concerning the nomination of Gregory Myers for Judge of the 5th Circuit Family Court.

I practice regularly in the District, Family, and Circuit Courts of the 5th Circuit. Mr. Meyers also makes frequent appearances in these courts. I see him a good bit.

My impression of Greg Myers is that he is a serious and professional attorney. He is punctual and prepared. He has an impressive courtroom presence and a good relationship with the courts, his clients, and other members of the Bar. Greg has a sense of humor, does not take himself too seriously, and maintains a level temperament. I have been on this small island for 6 years and have never seen Greg Meyers under the influence of alcohol or anything else. From everything I have seen and heard Greg is a straight arrow. Greg's wife is also an attorney.

Greg Myers would make a fine judge and I endorse and support his nomination.

Mahalo

/s/Bentley C. Adams, III
BENTLEY C. ADAMS, III

June 9, 2022

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

Re: Judiciary Committee No. 3
Chief Justice's Appointment Order No. 2022-5

Dear Honorable Senators:

I am a Deputy County Attorney for the County of Kaua'i and have been so since 2016. During that time, I have had professional interactions with Gregory H. Meyers on several occasions and found him to be respectful, courteous, and ethical. In a recent appellate matter, Greg represented a local water bottling company and I represented the county. The matter was hotly contested and concerned the public trust doctrine. Greg quickly grasped a wide understanding of the doctrine. Although Greg argued against the application of the doctrine, he displayed a sense of empathy for the native Hawaiians who opposed his client's bottling of fresh stream water. I was impressed with his compassion for both parties

Greg and his wife Emiko regularly participate in activities designed to benefit the local community and are actively involved with local charitable organizations. They both, earlier in their careers, worked for legal aid.

In closing, I know Greg to be a fair and kind-hearted person who possesses the judicial temperament to serve the family court very well. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to submit this letter of recommendation on his behalf.

Respectfully yours,



Mark L. Bradbury

JC-3

Submitted on: 6/9/2022 3:19:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Liz Grout	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: In my humble opinion, I think Gregory H. Meyers will make an incredible, fair, and honest Judge. I have known him for approximately 5 years and he is extremely professional in his work ethic and demeanor. He came highly recommended by a colleague of mine as well. Mahalo.

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June 9, 2022

RE: Testimony on behalf of Greg Meyers for Judge

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you to recommend Greg Meyers as the new Family Court Judge on Kauai. I heard that Greg was one of the candidates for that position and I wanted to put my "2 cents" in as to why I believe he would be an outstanding Judge for Kauai.

I have only had limited interactions with Greg but even in that time I could clearly see his character as one that is genuine. Interestingly, I first heard of Greg Meyers from other conversations of individuals who has used him or has had him as the opposing counsel. In each and every case he was known to be fair and very pragmatic with the keen ability to simplify issues to help resolve ongoing disputes. That is no small task when dealing with less educated persons that are charged with emotions. His demeanor always projected a calm stable persona. In my limited personal dealings, he was always efficient and responsive. I have not always had that experience with other attorneys. More importantly he was very patient when having to listen to all of the non-relevant information that usually accompanies every case.

I think in today's society it is very important to have someone that is viewed as fair, competent and patient. Greg Meyers is that person.

If you would like any more information as to the specifics of my interactions with him that have led me to writing this letter; I would be more than happy to discuss them with you or your staff.

Thank you for your time,

Russell M. Link

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JC-3

Submitted on: 6/9/2022 3:59:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Collin M. (Marty) Fritz	Testifying for Trecker Fritz & Williams AAL	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I heartily recommend Greg Meyers for the position of District Family Court of the Fifth Circuit. This position has significance to our firm since we have an office on Kauai and handle a significant number of cases on the Garden Isle, albeit not in Family Court. I have known Greg for a number of years socially and professionally. I have been co-counsel with Greg in the past in complex litigation and know that his intelligence, judgment and legal skills are exceptional. Further, I know that he has extensive experience in family law and a strong desire to become a judge again. Finally, I am also aware that he is strongly committed to serving the people of Kauai over the long haul. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

JC-3

Submitted on: 6/9/2022 5:38:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Glen T. Hale	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: Greetings, I have known Mr. Myers for 15 plus years as a fellow member of the Kauai Bar. I lend my unreserved support for the appointment of Mr. Meyers as Family Court Judge for the Fifth Circuit. My experience is that Mr. Meyers is an outstanding example in the community, is intelligent, understands legal issues, and possesses the experience related to family law practice that will result in an outstanding and committed Judge. Please confirm his appointment. Sincerely, Glen T. Hale

JC-3

Submitted on: 6/10/2022 8:06:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark S. Hubbard	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: In my opinion, while you will be hard pressed to find a judge as fine as retiring judge Acoba, I believe you will see that Greg Meyers will be an exemplary judge as he not only has the experience, but is active and respected in the community and has shown a deep care for the protection of our children and youth. Thank you.

JC-3

Submitted on: 6/10/2022 9:39:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joseph Anthony Stewart	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I would like to submit my testimony in support of the selection of Greg Meyers as a judge in Hawaii. I have known Greg professionally for more than a decade. While we have always been on opposite sides of the courtroom, he has always shown great humanity and civility in all of our interactions. Based on my knowledge of his person, his character, and his experience, I think he would have both the legal knowledge as well as the compassion and understanding to be an effective judge on the District Court bench.

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Submitted on: 6/10/2022 10:23:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael D. Scarbo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I have known Mr. Meyer's professionally for the past six or seven years. In the past four years I have gotten to know him on both a personal and professional level. Professionally I find Mr. Meyers to be someone who is thoughtful, knowledgeable and practical. I have also found him to be honest and reasonable. It is my experience that he has the ability to connect with clients from a wide variety of financial and cultural backgrounds and the ability to manage clients with whom other attorneys I know have thrown in the towel. On a personal level I know Mr. Meyers is a committed spouse, parent and someone who is willing to sacrifice his time and energy for the benefit of the community at large. With his vast knowledge base, his experience in the courtroom, his willingness to listen and to learn, his way with people, and his overall temperament, I think he is an ideal candidate for the family court judgeship for which he is being considered. I strongly support his nomination and urge you to confirm his appointment to the bench.

JC-3

Submitted on: 6/10/2022 11:30:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dennis W. Potts	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I have been an attorney practicing law in the State of Hawaii for over fifty years now, but I only have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Meyers within the last three to four years. Since that time I have had additional contacts with him, and I have been impressed by both his diligence in following up on matters under discussion in a professional context and his generosity in always being willing to help a fellow attorney. During that time, I have become aware of Mr. Meyers' background as a legal aid attorney on the Island of Hawaii and the Island of Kauai, and his continuing interest in helping those in the community who are most in need. I am further aware that since his entry into private practice, with his wife, who shares his commitment to helping those in need, he has continued to focus his private practice in that area. It is my understanding that much of Mr. Meyers' work in private practice has taken place in Family Court, particularly child custody cases, which as we all unfortunately know, are usually the most difficult to resolve. I strongly support this nomination. Mahalo, Dennis W. Potts

David Kimo Frankel
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June 16, 2022

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF JC3

Senator Rhoads and members of the Committee on Judiciary,

Kaua'i will benefit with Greg Meyers serving as a judge.

I've known Greg since he moved here more than two decades ago. Unlike some folks who move here from the mainland, Greg instantly adapted to local culture, easily making friends from all walks of life. His friendliness, humility and empathy let him fit right in.

His first job here was working for the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i in Hilo. From the very start, he made it clear that he wanted to help disadvantaged youth and their families. He spent years at Legal Aid, helping the folks who need the most help. He is passionate about fairness and justice. He will be a good judge.

Aloha,

/s/ David Kimo Frankel

JC-3

Submitted on: 6/11/2022 1:18:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jerel Yamamoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I am writing in support of Gregory Meyer's nomination for appointment as District Judge on Kauai. I have know Gregory for about three years. We both serve on the Board of Directors for Junior Achievement of Hawaii, Inc. He is the Kauai representative on the board and is a strong and active advocate for the program on Kauai. He provides valuable input to the board on program initiatives and in making sure students on Kauai are able to get Jr. Achievement in the classroom. Jr. Achievement teaches students about financial literacy and economics. I also worked with him on the board's search committee as we looked for a new President. He was prepared for interviews and provided excellent input into possible candidates and he asked probing and appropriate questions of candidates. I appreciated the time and input he provided to the committee. He was a tremendous asset. Gregory also actively and regularly participates in our board meetings and participates on board discussion on issues presented. His input is wise and practical. Although it would be Jr. Achievement's loss, the Judiciary and Kauai gain if the Senate confirms him to be a District Court Judge. In my dealings with him, he is open minded, articulate and provides valuable and practical information on the organization's activities. I urge the committee to favorably recommend his nomination to the Full Senate and for the Senate to confirm his nomination. Thank you for this opportunity to provide input. Jerel Yamamoto

June 12, 2022

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair

And the Honorable Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

Via email only

Hawaii State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Testimony in Strong Support of Gregory H. Meyers, Nominee
District Judge, District Court of the Fifth Circuit

Dear Senator Rhoads,

It is with great pleasure that I write in strong support of my friend, Gregory H. Meyers, as District Judge of the Fifth Circuit. I have known Greg for some fifteen years, as a former law partner of my good friend and attorney Daniel G. Hempey.

I have been a resident of Hawaii for almost sixty years, and of Kauai almost fifty years. I have been active in the communities of West Kauai and at Kōke'e for almost all of that time. My sister Suzanne Hanchett and her family live at Moloa'a on the East side, where our family became close with Greg's family. This is the result of the strong friendship between my grandniece Kealohi Oliveira and her classmate Declan Meyers at Island School, where my niece Keana also teaches. Their respective parents, Daniel and Keana Oliveira and Greg and Emiko Meyers have become close friends. Their friendship is cherished.

Greg has the wisdom and demeanor one desires in a considerate and understanding judge and arbitrator. He has the ability to discover the real issues behind a conflict and to make decisions based on a full and complete understanding of a case. He is extremely well respected in the community. His service as a Per Diem Judge in the Family Courts whetted his interest in the Family Courts. He will be an asset to the bench and become an honored and effective judge for all the citizens of Hawaii.

Me ke aloha,



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June 13, 2022

Subject: Senate Confirmation for: GREGORY H. MEYERS
Hearing: 10:30am, Thursday, June 16, 2022

Dear Senators:

My name is Michael Kobayashi. I am the President of Kauai Credit Adjusters, Ltd. We are a collection agency licensed in the State of Hawaii since 1954. I had the honor of working with Mr. Meyers when he was employed with De Costa Hempey Meyers LLC. With his current employment at Meyers & Meyers, he represents our company on all legal matters that affect our operations.

Mr. Meyers has been very diligent with the work performed for our organization. He is of high moral character and compassionately deals with the Court, litigants and the issues at hand. I believe he will be an exceptional Family Court Judge. I have no doubt he will uphold the duties and responsibilities of that office to its highest standards.

Yours truly,

Michael H. Kobayashi
President



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June 13, 2022

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chairperson
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RE: Chief Justice Appointment Letter NO. 2022-5: GREG MEYERS

Dear Chair Rhoads and Committee Members,

I am writing to support the confirmation of Gregory H. Meyers to the District Court of the Fifth Circuit.

I am a solo practitioner concentrating in criminal defense who has appeared in the District, Family, and Circuit Courts of our state on a regular basis over the past 20 years. I am familiar with the histories, procedures, and personalities of the courts of our state.

Mr. Meyers is one of the brightest, quickest, and most competent attorneys that I have ever met. He has impeccable academic credentials, as well as years of practical "in the trenches" experience as a private attorney and per diem judge. When I do cases on Kauai, I always associate with Mr. Meyers because of this excellent reputation, his competence, and his demeanor. Public service needs honest, talented, and caring individuals like Greg Meyers.

Outside of his professional life, Mr. Meyers is a caring and devoted parent, who treats others with respect and fairness. He is levelheaded and compassionate. He possesses the best of the traits that we hope for ourselves. I trust him as a friend and colleague, and believe that our community needs and deserves Mr. Meyers on the bench.

The opportunity to have such a qualified individual on the bench should not be passed up. Please feel free to call upon me if you have any questions or concerns.

Very Truly Yours,

/S/ Richard H.S. Sing

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June 13, 2022

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RE: Chief Justice Appointment Letter NO. 2022-5: GREG MEYERS,

Dear Chair Rhoads and the Judiciary Committee:

I submit this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Gregory H. Meyers to the District Court of the Fifth Circuit. I have been a criminal and family law litigator for 30+ years, have had over 120 jury trials and appear regularly in the Fifth Circuit.

I fully and enthusiastically support Mr. Meyer's nomination. I have first-hand knowledge of Mr. Meyer's capabilities and almost always engage him as co-counsel for my Fifth Circuit cases because of his extensive knowledge, experience and reputation. Mr. Meyers is my first call when I have a question involving the Fifth Circuit and he is always generous with his time. I have no doubt that Mr. Meyers will be an excellent District Court Judge and that he has the proper experience, compassion and judicial demeanor necessary to handle the large daily caseloads of the Fifth Circuit.

Very truly yours,
LAW OFFICE OF DAVID HAYAKAWA

/S/ David M. Hayakawa

DAVID M. HAYAKAWA

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF DAILYN YANAGIDA
AS BOARD CHAIR, JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF HAWAII

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

THURSDAY, June 16, 2022
10:30 AM

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE DISTRICT COURT OF
THE FIFTH CIRCUIT, JUDICIAL NOMINEE, GREGORY H. MEYERS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE IN 6
YEARS

Chairperson Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chairperson Jarrett Keohokalole, and Members of the
Committee:

I write to you in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the consideration and confirmation for Judicial
nominee, Gregory H. Meyers to the District Court of the Fifth Circuit.

I submit this testimony in my capacity as Board Chair for Junior Achievement of Hawaii.
Mr. Meyers has served on Junior Achievement of Hawaii's board of directors since 2019. He is a
sound advisor on matters related to the operations and financial responsibilities of our non-
profit organization. Mr. Meyers has also served on our Presidential Search Committee in 2021
and 2022. He always conducts himself in a responsible and thoughtful manner while exhibiting
fairness to all concerned.

Junior Achievement of Hawaii has been inspiring tomorrow's leaders since 1957. Many
of today's most successful leaders in Hawaii tell us about how they were inspired by Junior
Achievement during their formative years. Every year more than 400 business leaders volunteer
through Junior Achievement of Hawaii to reach between 6,000 and 8,000 students across our
islands teaching financial literacy, inspiring entrepreneurial tendencies, and growing a healthy
future workforce for Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of the consideration
and confirmation of Gregory H. Meyers.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Senate Judiciary Committee

RE: Gregory H. Meyers

I write in support of Mr. Meyer's appointment as District Court Judge of the Fifth Circuit.

I believe I know Mr. Meyers quite well. I've practiced family law on Kauai since 1983. Greg and Emiko (his wife) have been practicing here since 2003. Although, we don't socialize away from work, we have common acquaintances, clients, "neighbors", etc. Professionally we frequently "compare notes", discuss our cases, the law, our community, etc. Mr. Meyers has effectively represented my associated entities in two Circuit Court matters where we have been the Plaintiff in civil actions. He is a private practitioner with significant experience in civil and criminal litigation, family law in a broad context, administrative law, Legal Aid background, mediation, and community service. He is a reliable volunteer. He does what he says he's going to do and "shows up". He takes the first step to jump in and help. He is respectful while balancing humor and seriousness.

Importantly, Mr. Meyers has significant contacts with the broader Kauai community, outside of the practice of law. It is the depth and variety of these contacts that have created a broad appreciation and respect for his community service. Such community involvement cannot help but overlap with the legal perspective he brings to the organizations and individuals with whom he participates in community affairs. Mr. Meyers is a compassionate man and family person. He is "hands on" in the community. Young or old, the people who he interacts with recognize and appreciate these admirable traits. Many people rely on him.

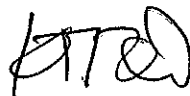
I respect Mr. Meyers' passionate representation of his clients and his thirst for the "correct" legal answers to the processing and outcome of these legal matters. This passion enhances but does not interfere with his desire and ability to promptly research and resolve his client's difficult circumstances. Particularly in a family Court practice there is a certain level of combativeness that a practitioner has to deal with. Effective counseling of one's client is essential to bringing matters to an appropriate conclusion. Trust is important at all levels. Trust of the client,

the Court, opposing counsel, and all others involved in these difficult circumstances. I've observed that Mr. Meyers is able to put aside any personal differences to facilitate resolution of contested matters. Closure is important to him. I expect that should he be appointed to this Judgeship, that he will readily adjust to the bench. Being one of the senior members of Kauai's Family Court Bar, I believe that most importantly "it takes one to know one". "Lion taming" in the Kauai District Court requires a large degree of humanity, fairness, and firmness, both with the attorneys and the parties. I believe and trust that Mr. Meyers has the background and temperament necessary to balance these somewhat conflicting demands.

One of Mr. Meyers' most noteworthy relevant attribute is his inquisitive nature, a desire to continue learning. This attribute leads him to a broad range of experience and knowledge of areas of practice relevant to a District Court Judgeship. I've observed that his methodology for seeking the answers to complicated questions necessarily includes an ability and enthusiasm to listen, keep an open mind, and objectively consider what he reads/hears. These qualities have led him to practice in several pertinent areas of the law, serve several years as a per diem Judge, conduct numerous mediations and to dedicate significant activity as a community leader. This thirst for a broad range of information evidences that Mr. Meyers takes seriously his responsibility to his clients and the public well being. Mr. Meyers utilizes his significant academic background, broad based legal representation, his own family experiences, and community service to further these ends. Kauai is a unique slice of the state and world. Mr. Meyers has an appreciation and insights for what makes Kauai and its people tick. A District Court Judge needs to be an attentive problem solver. The scope crosses over numerous legal boundaries with many distractions. In order to do a good job, a successful District Court Judge has to have stamina and care about people and the proper outcome. Mr. Meyers' extensive interactions with the people and institutions of Kauai have enhanced the unique skills necessary to serve as a District Court Judge on Kauai.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of his Appointment.

Sincerely,

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Kurt Bosshard

JC-3

Submitted on: 6/14/2022 11:45:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
M. Nalani Fujimori Kaina	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I am writing in strong support of the confirmation of Greg Meyers for a judicial appointment on Kauai. I am providing this testimony of support in my personal capacity. I have known Greg since he first worked with the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii as an AmeriCorps Attorney in our Hilo Office. He had moved to Hilo without knowing much about it, but quickly became part of the community and advocated fiercely for his clients. His success there led him to Kauai where he took on the role as the Managing Attorney for the office. Similarly, he worked quickly to become an active participant in the small community and build on the work of Legal Aid. In leaving Legal Aid to enter private practice, he continued to keep in touch on access to justice issues and work toward helping those in need. For a very brief period, he sat on Legal Aid's Board of Directors and brought his knowledge and experience as a staff member and member of the Kauai community to the Board of Directors. Over the years, his knowledge in various aspects of the law has grown and I am quite confident that he will be effective in this role. As I think back to when I first met him, I am reminded of how he coached a youth basketball team in Hilo and made connections to people in a way that will serve him well as a judge. Mahalo for this opportunity to provide my testimony in support.

JC-3

Submitted on: 6/14/2022 10:28:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian R Curll	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I have known Greg Meyers for over 20 years and consider him to be one of the finest people I know. His dedication to the safety of children is well know and his return to the bench will benefit all of Kauai. Sincerely Brian Curll

JC-3

Submitted on: 6/14/2022 11:56:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rocco Neil April	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: Thank you for your consideration of Greg Meyers for your court. I have paddled with Greg and family for years, and just know him to be a balanced fellow with well-reasoned opinions. Hope this helps :) -Rocco Neil April

TO: Karl Rhoades, Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
Members of Senate Judiciary Committee

RE: Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing
June 16, 2022, 10:30 AM

Support for Greg Meyers for Kaua`i District Court Judge

My name is LaVerne Bishop, retired (2017) Executive Director of Hale `Opio Kaua`i, Inc., a State licensed, nationally accredited (COA) youth development and residential treatment agency founded in 1975 on Kaua`i. I am current Vice-Chair of Kaua`i Planning and Action Alliance and Treasurer of Malama Hule`ia.

Greg Meyers moved to Kaua`i from Hilo in 2003. As Managing Attorney for The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Kaua`i, Mr. Meyers established relationships with Hale `Opio and numerous other community resources to strengthen the services networks relevant to Legal Aid clients. His commitment to outreach, networking, mediation and other culturally resonant practice has developed over the years and is an asset.

Mr. Meyers' confirmation will validate his legal experience and affirm his contributions to the evolution of the Courts restorative and habilitative justice frameworks. His long-term volunteer investments include twenty years facilitating restorative dialogue between juvenile offenders, their family, and the justice system; mediating disputes in Family Court; leading health and fitness activities including canoe paddling, to strengthen families and build community; educating youth and adults in law, financial literacy, and dispute resolution, and urging quality program development and coordination among Kaua`i agencies so that the Judiciary has a depth of resources from which to draw.

Greg Meyers' reach into the community - to bridge the gaps between systems and services, to support restorative justice, mediation and collaboration- is "a rising tide that floats all boats". I believe this approach best serves the families of Kaua`i and therefore support his appointment to the Fifth District Court.

Thank you, each and every one, for your service to the citizens of Hawai`i.

JC-3

Submitted on: 6/14/2022 12:47:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janet Nathanson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I am writing to express my recommendation that you appoint Greg Meyers as a Family Court Judge on Kauai. I know Greg to be an extremely hard worker, dedicated to fairness and maintaining an even tempered approach to conflict resolution. I have had personal experience with Greg not in a courtroom, but with local citizens in the paddling community. There he has demonstrated not only an understanding of local culture, but also the ability to see both sides of conflict, as well as respect all parties involved, giving everyone the sense they are being heard and treated fairly. Our local families will benefit from Greg's decades of experience with our island's culture and compliance with the relevant laws pertaining to family issues. Greg's morals, family values and experience give him added assets to be a fair and respected Judge in our community. Mahalo for your consideration, Janet Nathanson
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JC-3

Submitted on: 6/14/2022 2:13:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark M. Murakami	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I respectfully ask this Committee and the full Senate to confirm the appointment of Gregory Meyers, Esq. to be a District Court judge in the Fifth Circuit. I have worked against and with Mr. Meyers for the past decade in several commercial, real estate and business disputes and I think he is a passionate, competent, practical attorney who zealously represents his clients. His candor is refreshing and I think he will be a fine jurist to administer justice on Kauai. Mark M. Murakami
Damon Key Leong
Kupchak Hastert

JC-3

Submitted on: 6/14/2022 2:49:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Charles Foster	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I am writing in my capacity as a Kaua'i attorney to recommend confirmation of Kaua'i attorney Greg Meyers as family court judge. I worked with him a number of years ago and found him to be serious, objective, patient, and dedicated to his family law practice. I noted then then that he had a reputation for fairness and honesty among the members of the family law bar. I personally observed his dealings with clients and opposing counsel and was impressed by his calm demeanor even in emotionally charged situations. He subsequently served in a per diem capacity on the family court where he gained a reputation in the local legal community as a solid, thoughtful, fair, and caring jurist. Interestingly, he is perhaps the only judge about which I have never heard at least a minor complaint or gripe about. I believe this is because even the losing side in a motion or matter recognizes that his decisions are thoughtful and principled.

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June 14, 2022

VIA FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION ONLY

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Senate Judiciary Committee
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Re: Appointment of Gregory H. Meyers
District Court of the Fifth Circuit

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Gregory H. Meyer for the position of Judge for the District Family Court of the Fifth Circuit (Kauai). I have known Greg for the past several years as we have co-counseled various matters.

He deals with opposing counsel in a forthright and courteous manner. He conducts himself with integrity and treats those around him with respect. Greg demonstrates a high degree of knowledge and understanding of the law on complex matters, including construction litigation, contract and insurance law. His reputation in the community of attorneys is impeccable.

Greg is family-man and makes it a priority to schedule a vacation with his family to the mainland every year (with the exception of travel restrictions due to Covid in the past few years). That type of commitment is important as it demonstrates he is grounded and understands the value of balancing his law practice and family obligations. His experience as a father and husband will help him as a family court judge in understanding and empathizing with the dynamics and struggles that Kauai families go through in juggling work, school, sports, finances and other matters. He will have to make tough decisions that will directly affect the lives of children, and I firmly believe he has the courage and empathy to make those tough decisions. Finally, Greg has the right personality, demeanor and a good heart to serve the Judiciary honorably.

Please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have any question or concerns.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Greg H. Takase
GREG H. TAKASE

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Re: Testimony in Support of Confirmation of Gregory Meyers, Esq as Judge of the District Court of the Fifth Circuit, State of Hawaii

Aloha Honorable Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

It is with great honor that I submit this testimony in support of your confirmation of Gregory Meyers, Esq. as Judge of the Fifth Circuit of the District Court of the Fifth Circuit. I have worked alongside Mr. Meyers representing Co-Defendants in criminal cases, as opposing counsel in family court matters and even had him serve as a voluntary mediator for at least the past decade. Mr. Meyers actually represented my ex-husband in my contentious divorce case that went on for years and is still going on to this date, even though Mr. Meyers hasn't represented him for many years. Despite our differences in my personal divorce matter, I have always held the utmost respect for Mr. Meyer's fairness and sense of justice.

Mr. Meyers is a strong family man that has dedicated his free time to help academic students excel and pursue college, wayward teens to avoid court proceedings with Teen Court, and coach kids in basketball to help talented athletes believe that they can be professional players. He is definitely a mentor to our Kaua'i keikis, 'ohana and lahui. To be a judge, it's important to not only have a strong legal background, but also have a deep-rooted connection to the community you are expected to serve. Mr. Meyers has truly exhibited these qualities and will be an excellent judge.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Shaylene Iseri, Esq.

June 14, 2022

Senate Judiciary Committee
Hawai'i State Legislature
31st Legislature, 2022

Re: Testimony In Support of Gregory Meyers, Esq.

Honorable Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to express my support for Gregory Meyers for the position of judge in the District Family Court of the Fifth Circuit. I have known Mr. Meyers since 2003, when I arrived on Kauai to work at the Kauai Office of the Prosecuting Attorney. At that time, he was working as the Managing Attorney at Legal Aid on Kauai, and although I did not interact with him much for my first few years there, I was very aware that he gained a solid reputation very quickly as a passionate advocate for the indigent in Family Court and District Court matters. Kaua'i is a small island, and his compassion and empathy for those who could not otherwise fight for themselves became well-known.

When I began working in what was then known as the Family Support Division of the Kaua'i County Attorney's Office, I had more interaction with Legal Aid, as many parties involved in the Family Support Division were also receiving representation from Legal Aid. I saw firsthand how under Greg's leadership Legal Aid acquired more resources to expand and provide much-needed access to justice for its clientele. On an island where a disproportionately high amount of the population routinely qualifies for indigent and public services such as those provided by Legal Aid, such access is crucial for those who are in desperate need of such services but who cannot afford it. Remarkably, Greg ensured that Legal Aid kept pace with the ever-growing need for their services and established a solid foundation that has allowed his successors to continue serving the island well to this day.

When he went on to form a law firm, I was working at the Kauai Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for a second time and I began to have regular direct interaction with him in the District and Circuit Courts of the Fifth Circuit. We had our share of complex criminal cases, each with many moving parts and novel issues, and Greg was always highly knowledgeable of caselaw and statutes. He zealously and unceasingly advocated for his criminal clients, but always did so by the book. There were never any cheap shots or ambushes; he expected the State to comply with the rules of Court, and he adhered to that same standard for himself inside and outside the courtroom.

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When I entered private practice, I had even more direct interaction with Greg in our Family Court civil cases. Just as he was in his criminal cases, he was always well-prepared, zealous, yet tempered with realistic approaches, and could always be counted on to be fully candid with the Court and opposing counsel. We have crossed swords many, many times over the years, and without a doubt we have had many heated interactions in chambers and in the courtroom. At one point we happened to have so many highly contentious cases against each other that we noticed over time that the Court was calling our cases at the very end of the calendar for each session; we half-joked that the Court was fed up with our constant arguing and did not want to deal with us until the end of the day.

Yet even through these most truly wrenching and contested of our cases with each other, Greg always behaved ethically and never deviated from the rules of civility among attorneys. I have never seen him lose his temper, and never saw him behave unprofessionally. There is one particular instance which stands out among all others in my memory, and it was when Greg really embodied the rules of civility while still maintaining advocacy for his client. We were in the middle of a truly contentious and heated trial while I was far along in a high-risk pregnancy. At the beginning of one of our trial days, I began experiencing pregnancy-related complications right there in the courthouse, and I told Greg that I could not proceed any further on that day. He would have been well within his rights as an advocate for his client to react vociferously and prolong the situation while knowing that I was in a limited capacity to fight back, but he immediately worked with me to establish concessions which were favorable for both our clients and which allowed me to leave and seek medical treatment right away. (Greg went on to prevail in that matter when we concluded the trial).

Greg can always be counted on to pretty much know the Rules of Professional Responsibility verbatim, and he adheres strictly to them. Indeed, over the years I would sometimes reach out and ask him for advice if I was facing an ethical dilemma in a particular case, and his perspective was always sound.

He is clearly comfortable and beyond knowledgeable in both Family civil and all types of criminal matters. In fact, about two years ago I handled an appeal for a case in which he was the trial attorney; the impressive foundation he laid throughout the entirety of the pre-trial and trial proceedings—which spanned years—allowed for a meritorious appeal, which the Hawai'i Supreme Court found in favor of, resulting in the complete vacating of our mutual client's felony convictions in a published opinion. His work in that matter is reflective of the quality and persistence and thoroughness with which he approaches all of his cases, whether in the family court, criminal court, or civil court. It is worth noting that he was just very recently in the newspaper for yet another successful

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appeal, this time in the area of Child Welfare Services; this particular appeal is groundbreaking and has far-reaching implications in this particular area of Family law.

As a regular practitioner primarily in both the Kauai and Oahu Family Courts, as well as in other courts across the islands, I respectfully offer my opinion that Greg Meyers would be a tremendous as well as much-needed asset on Kauai, and a truly qualified judge. The distinct advantage to having him as a Family Court judge is that there would be no learning curve with him; Mr. Meyers has the knowledge, skills, and also the temperament to effectively run the courtroom literally from day one, across all dockets: criminal, divorce, juvenile, paternity, guardianship, child welfare, etc. I believe this is an absolutely crucial requirement that must be taken into consideration given the backlog of cases in the Kauai Family Court, and the unique needs, demographics, and characteristics of the community on Kauai. Mr. Meyers is very much in tune with the community and volunteers himself extensively in both law- and non-law-related community groups and activities. The judiciary would have in Mr. Meyers someone with an unrivaled command of the law of all cases on the Family Court dockets.

Combined with his background in other areas of law, such as education law, civil litigation at both the State and Federal level, Mr. Meyers can be relied on to bring a wealth of knowledge expected of a judge, particularly in cases that can touch upon multiple areas of law. Furthermore, I believe that Mr. Meyers would be of enormous benefit to the State judiciary in not only collaborating with various groups to facilitate dialogue and improvement with attorneys and other stakeholders, but also to mentor other judges in Family Court across the State.

I believe that the Senate will recognize that the Fifth Circuit is extremely fortunate to have Mr. Meyers as a candidate for the bench, and the State judiciary overall would in my opinion most definitely benefit from having his experience, perspective, and knowledge within its ranks.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my testimony.

Very Truly Yours,

Rosa Flores

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Submitted on: 6/15/2022 4:57:40 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emmanuel Guerrero	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I support the nomination of Greg Meyers to the Fifth Circuit Court bench. I have been a practicing attorney since 1990, and have known Greg since he was with the Legal Aid on Kauai, and have always known Greg not only as a brilliant lawyer, has a good sense of humor, is self-disciplined, and thoroughly enjoyed his helping and assisting others in their legal matters. Greg has always appeared in a just and fair manner with all, unbiased and impartial, intelligent, wise, and patient. Thank you.

Testimony in support of:
JC3- Gregory Meyers for District Court Position
Support letter

Submitted by:
Reiko Ayabe
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Dear Chief Justice Recktenwald and The Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Reiko Ayabe and I am born and raised on Kaua`i. I am currently the Diversion Program Coordinator (Teen Court) with Hale `Opio Kaua`i a non-profit organization that helps youth with treatment, community events, and guidance. Even though my experience with my position is quite new; I have seen the impact that Mr. Meyers has made when he volunteers in my program as a Judge. He has dedicated numerous hours to serve the program and the community. He shows passion and perseverance with each youth that comes through my program facing difficulty through this tough time of life. Without his knowledge and help I would not be able to depend on the accuracy of the program. He has also served as a board member on our agencies committee for some time.

I urge you to choose Gregory Meyers as the new District Court Judge so that the future of our youth can be coached as well as guided through the toughest years we have ever faced in the state of Hawaii. Thank you for your consideration.

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June 15, 2022

RE: JC3_ Judicial Nominee Gregory H. Meyers

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Walter J. Rodby and I write this letter to express my complete support for Gregory H. Meyers for the position of District Court Judge of the Fifth Circuit.

Through the years, I have come to admire Mr. Meyers for his candor, honesty, intelligence and his integrity.

Mr. Meyers has always treated others with the utmost respect, fairness and impartiality. He would make a fine addition to the district court bench. Thank you for considering my comments.

Very truly yours,

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June 15, 2022

Judicial Senate Committee

Re: Greg Meyers' Nomination

Aloha,

My name is Kai Lawrence and I am an appellate attorney here on Oahu. Prior to my appellate work on Oahu, I was a prosecutor and criminal defense attorney on Kauai for seven years. In that time, I had many occasions to work with and against Greg Meyers. In all my interactions with him, even those where we were adversaries, I found him very thoughtful, hardworking, and honest. I think that these qualities will serve him well as a judge on Kauai.

One experience that stands out to me regarding Mr. Meyers happened a few years ago on Kauai when I had a big Child Protective Services case that had been ongoing for over a year and we had a big hearing set before Judge Acoba. When I arrived at the hearing, to my chagrin a per diem judge was sitting, and that happened to be Greg Meyers. I was extremely upset because I thought there was no way a per diem would be able to get up to speed for the hearing. We had a chambers conference pre-hearing and, to my pleasant surprise, in talking with the other attorneys and Mr. Meyers in the conference, I found that Greg had completely done his homework. It seemed he knew the case back to front, he had a solid grasp of the issues, and he made a well-reasoned ruling at the end of the hearing. This was incredibly impressive and gives me full confidence that Greg will be an asset to the judiciary, and he will uphold the offices' duties.

Thank you for your time and let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kai Lawrence,
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Submitted on: 6/15/2022 9:16:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tom S. Tanimoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I am a partner in the family law firm of Coates Frey Tanimoto & Gibson, AAL LLC, and write -- in my individual capacity -- in support of the nomination of Gregory H. Meyers as Fifth Circuit District Court Judge. I first met Mr. Meyers, many years ago in 2012, when we had a trial together in Lihue Family Court. He was calm, professional and courteous -- all of which are great judicial attributes. We have had other cases since then as opposing counsel, and he was always looking for a fair resolution, but ready to fight hard in court for his client, if necessary. Greg has experience not only in family law, but criminal defense and civil litigation, which arguably makes him a well-rounded attorney. Moreover, his prior experience as a per diem judge makes him a great candidate to serve as a full-time judge. Thank you for your consideration.

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RE: JC3 - Confirmation of Gregory H. Meyers to serve as Judge, District Court of the Fifth Circuit

Senate Committee on Judiciary
June 16, 2022
10:30 AM HST
Room 016

Chair Rhoad, Vice-Chair Keohokalole, and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

Aloha, I am pleased to submit this testimony in **SUPPORT** of the nomination and confirmation of Gregory H. Meyers to serve in the position of Judge for the District Court of the Fifth Circuit.

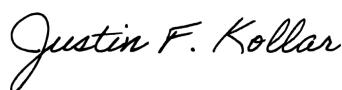
I have known Mr. Meyers in a professional capacity for more than 14 years. I moved to Kauai in 2008 to work as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Kauai. From 2009 to 2012 I served as a Deputy County Attorney for the County of Kauai and from 2012 to 2021 I served as the Prosecuting Attorney for County of Kauai. In those roles, I was opposing counsel to Mr. Meyers in many cases in the District, Family and Circuit Courts of the Fifth Circuit. I had occasion to be in court with Mr. Meyers on a nearly daily basis for a number of years and I also know Mr. Meyers and his family as social acquaintances in the community. Although I recently relocated to outside Hawaii, I continue to serve Hawaii's legal community as a volunteer attorney with Hawaii Innocence Project and serve on the Hawaii Board of Bar Examiners.

Based on my lengthy and substantial experience working in the courtroom with Mr. Meyers, I believe he is qualified to serve as a Judge and possesses the legal knowledge, temperament, experience, and ability to serve well on the bench. He has the necessary compassion and wisdom to adjudicate the myriad breadth of difficult and complicated matters that come before Judges of the District and Family Courts.

I humbly submit that your Honorable Committee should **APPROVE** this nomination and **CONFIRM** Mr. Meyers to serve in this role of crucial importance to the Kauai community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance whatsoever regarding this matter.

With aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin F. Kollar". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JUSTIN F. KOLLAR

JC-3

Submitted on: 6/15/2022 9:45:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Ching	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I have known Mr. Meyers for many years. He is a well rounded and fair person. He would make an excellent Family Court Judge. He's had years of experience in family practices. Please consider approving of his nomination. Thank you. Michael Ching

JC-3

Submitted on: 6/15/2022 10:05:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noah Gibson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: Aloha Chair & Committee members, I write today in STRONG SUPPORT of Judicial Nominee, GREGORY H. MEYERS in consideration and confirmation to the District Court of the Fifth Circuit, for a term to expire in 6 years. As a family law practitioner I have had the opportunity to work with GREGORY H. MEYERS on a number of different matters, both collaboratively, and as an opposing counsel. In all my experiences with GREGORY H. MEYERS, he has shown unyielding integrity, diligence to the process, and always a passion for those who he is helping. GREGORY H. MEYERS is not only a good person with high moral standards and compass, he is also very compassionate and caring. GREGORY H. MEYERS would be an asset to the courts, but more so the families of Kauai. I would highly encourage this honorable committee to confirm the nomination of GREGORY H. MEYERS, as he is outstandingly well suited for this appointment. With Respect and Aloha, Noah

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Honorable Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee
State of Hawaii

Re: Judicial Nominee Greg Meyers, Esq.

Honorable Members,

I am writing this letter to oppose the selection of Attorney Gregory Meyers, Esq. as judge to the District Court of the Fifth Circuit Court, State of Hawaii. The reason for opposing his appointment is that Attorney Meyers is currently under a criminal investigation initiated by our office for Witness Tampering in a criminal case. The Kauai Police Department is currently investigating this as a criminal matter with the investigation ongoing. Furthermore, I have filed a complaint with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel pursuant to Hawaii Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 8.3(a). If this Honorable Committee requires further information, please contact our office. Mahalo for your time.

/s/ Robert J. Christensen

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June 15, 2022

TO: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice-Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Re: JC3, Testimony in Support of the Confirmation as District Court Judge of the
Fifth Circuit, Judicial Nominee Gregory H. Meyers

Hearing: Thursday, June 17, 2022, 10:30am
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Rhoads, Senator Keohokalole and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

I support the confirmation of Gregory H. Meyers to the District Court of the Fifth Circuit. I know Mr. Meyers primarily as opposing counsel in a case, and I found him to be fair, forthright and honest in our dealings. We had a very contentious case, and despite the temperature in the room getting heated at times, he maintained civility and professionalism while he advocated fiercely on behalf of his client. Through that experience, we have maintained contact and I regularly refer Kaua'i clients to him for assistance.

I believe that he will serve the Island of Kaua'i well as a judge. He knows the community well and is a dedicated family man who is invested in seeing the people of his community thrive. He will make an excellent addition to the bench.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email
crystal@glendonponce.com or at (808) 762-7643.

Thank you kindly for your time.

Me ka ha'aha'a,



Crystal K. Glendon



McCORRISTON MILLER MUKAI MACKINNON LLP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

David J. Minkin, Partner
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June 15, 2022

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee:

I and many of my colleagues at the firm have had an excellent working relationship with Gregory Meyers. Over the years, as a litigator, he has proven to be a worthy adversary. Whether we have worked alongside Greg or as opposing counsel, we have uniformly found him to be competent, reasonable, fair, and not only an advocate for the court, but the judicial economy as well.

Greg is always willing to help, whether it be the bar association or a person in need of legal services.

We support unequivocally his nomination as a Family Court Judge in the Fifth Circuit.

Very truly yours,
McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP

David J. Minkin

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Submitted on: 6/15/2022 10:22:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sean Hartlieb	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: Aloha, My name is Sean Hartlieb. I became licensed as an attorney in Hawaii in 2018. I've practiced on Kauai for about two years. I've known Mr. Meyers from having done CPS and landlord tenant cases where Mr. Meyers represented tenants and parents. I think Mr. Meyers would be a great judge. He is diligent, thorough, and efficient in looking at all issues of a case while sensitive to the needs of the parties. Although I do not have many years of experience as an attorney, I can say that the qualities I mentioned are the ones I think are expected of any judge and I definitely believe Mr. Meyers excels in each of them. Mahalo, Sean Hartlieb

JC-3

Submitted on: 6/15/2022 10:24:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frederick Lwee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: My name is Fred Lwee and I have known Greg Meyers for over 3 years now through the Junior Achievement of Hawaii ("JAH") non-profit organization where he and I both serve as volunteer board members. Greg has displayed a great degree of integrity and care in helping oversee JAH in executing its strategies to support and enhance financial literacy, entrepreneurship and job readiness for the keikis in Hawaii---consistent with the primary mission of the organization. Greg has paid close attention to the reach and impact of JAH's programs especially to the kids in the island of Kauai. I believe that he would be a great asset to the judicial system in Kauai as a judge, especially in Family Court, because he has displayed with consistency that he cares about the well-being of the keikis in his community. This perspective will contribute greatly to his success in Family Court cases as I can imagine that the well-being of the children will be one of the most important factors in many of the cases that come before a family court. He has also shown that he is someone who listens well and someone who seeks to understand the whole story before making decisions or providing his thoughts and comments. I believe that he will be successful as being a judge, and I hope that the Senate Judiciary Committee will confirm him as a District Court Judge.



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June 15, 2022

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol
415 Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Chief Justice Appointment Letter NO. 2022-5: GREG MEYERS

Dear Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

I am writing to support the confirmation of Gregory H. Meyers to the District Court of the Fifth Circuit.

In my 34 years of legal practice in the State of Hawaii, I have met very few individuals with the knowledge, skill, and integrity of Gregory Meyers. Mr. Meyers exemplifies the professional standard that all practicing attorneys should strive to meet.

Mr. Meyers' professional accomplishments speak for themselves. As someone who has worked directly with Mr. Meyers on numerous cases, it is unsurprising to witness Mr. Meyers forge such a stellar legal career. Because of his talent and hard work, Mr. Meyers is my go-to attorney for any case I have in the Fifth Circuit of the State of Hawai'i.

Mr. Meyers' service to his community shows that he cares deeply about the people of this state. Most importantly, Mr. Meyers' community outreach illustrates that he will put in the work for the people of the State of Hawai'i.

There is no other potential candidate as qualified as Gregory H. Meyers, and it would be a disservice to the people of this state if he is not confirmed to the bench,

Very Truly Yours,



MYLES S. BREINER

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Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kainani C Alvarez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: My name is Kainani Alvarez and I am a member of the Hawaii State Bar Association and also practice family law regularly in Kauai. I have worked closely with Greg Meyers as opposing counsel and also as co-counsel on a number of cases. Mr. Meyers is an excellent attorney and he has always upheld to the ethical standards while practicing law. I am in support of his confirmation and I believe that he would make an excellent addition to the Family Court Bench in Kauai. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at kainanialvarez@gmail.com or (808) 535-8468. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 6/15/2022 11:17:48 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ian K Jung	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I am writing in support of Gregory Meyers for his judicial nomination. Mr. Meyers' experience with the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii and in his private practice has given him the training necessary to handle a host of Family Court matters. He is honest and transparent with his practice. I have worked with him and against him on legal matters and his composure never waivers and he always sticks to the issue at hand. Composure is a quality that is needed in Family Court and I believe his personality and legal approach to issues will serve the Fifth Circuit Court well.

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June 15, 2022

Daryl W. Kaneshiro
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Honorable Members of the Senate:

My name is Daryl Kaneshiro and I write this letter in support of Greg Myers for the Kauai Judge position. I have lived on Kauai all my life and come from a family of farmers and ranchers. I have spent many years representing the people of Kauai and Niihau on the Kauai County Council and through other endeavors. I consider myself lucky to have gotten to know Greg over the past several years. He helped my business partner (a local Kauai Attorney) and I go through a contentious business dissolution, which also included a couple unemployment benefit appeals. Greg has always been upfront and honest. His reputation in Kauai is second to none for the way he helps people and treats everyone with respect. I watched him deftly handle the administrative hearings and came away very impressed by how he stays calm when things get heated and able to maintain his focus in the face of adversity. I strongly believe Greg would be a great asset to the Judiciary and cannot think of anyone else better situated to help Kauai's people.

Sincerely,

Daryl W. Kaneshiro

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Shanti Kay Manzano, LCSW

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June 15, 2022

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I write to you in support of the confirmation of Gregory H Meyers for the Fifth District Court judge position. I have known Mr. Meyers for over 10 years and in that time I have come to respect him immensely as a person and as an attorney. I have witnessed his dedication to his family, his clients and to our respective community.

Mr. Meyers is an intelligent, fair and ethical man. I have observed Mr. Meyers demonstrate an unwavering dedication to justice and exhibit the compassionate temperament necessary to perform the duties and responsibilities of a Judge.

In addition, I have had the privilege to know Mr. Meyers not only professionally but on a personal basis. He is a devoted husband, father and friend. He is extremely patient and generous with his time and his friendships.

In my opinion, you will not find a better candidate for this district court judge than Mr. Meyers.

Respectfully submitted,


Shanti Kay Manzano, LCSW

June 15, 2022

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Senate Judiciary Committee

RE: Gregory H. Meyers Nominee

This letter of support is for Nominee, Attorney Gregory H. Meyers for the position of Family Court Judge for the County of Kauai.

Over the last 13 years, I have had the pleasure of knowing Gregory Meyers in his capacity as an attorney on Kauai and close family friend. As a business owner on Kauai and resident for 36 years, I would like to extend my personal and business support for Mr. Meyers for the appointed judgeship position for the County of Kauai.

Mr. Meyers always exhibits excellent temperament and judgement in all situations he encounters. He is an amazing husband and father to his two children. He has a good sense of humor and self-discipline. His work product is exceptional because he has a sharp legal mind and has demonstrated his ability to analyze complicated legal issues and apply the law appropriately. He makes decisions that are just and fair. He is unbiased and impartial. He is intelligent, wise, and patient.

Gregory Meyers has all the credentials, experience, and knowledge to be a fine Family Court Judge for the County of Kauai and State of Hawaii. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Colby Ayonon
President
Kauai Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, Inc.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew Mannisto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I have known Greg for about 8 years, and he's the perfect candidate to be a judge. I first met him as an employee, and he was consistently fair in his management of my responsibilities and supervision of my work. As an attorney who has worked both with and against him, he has never resorted to some of the cheap tactics that are all-too-common in this job. Likewise, his commitment to fair settlements and courtesy bode well for litigants before him in court. As a side note, I note that I was eager to give live testimony, but I have a scheduling conflict that prevents me from providing it. All told, I can't think of a better candidate for a judicial position.

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Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cynthia Ayonon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I strongly support the nomination of Gregory Meyers to serve as a judge in the County of Kauai. Greg possess and has demonstrated the knowledge and expertise fitting for this position. I am certain he will serve well in this capacity. Thank you for your consideration in supporting his confirmation.

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Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Max W.J. Graham Jr.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I support without reservation the appointment of Gregory H. Meyers to the District Court of the Fifth Circuit, State of Hawaii. He has the appropriate judicial temperament, is intelligent, compassionate and fair-minded, and will make an excellent judge.

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May 14, 2022

Chair Karl Rhoads
Supreme Court of Hawaii
417 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96766

Dear Honorable Judiciary Chair Karl Rhoads,

It is with great pleasure that Gregory H. Meyers has been appointed to the District Court of the Fifth Circuit (Kauai). I would like to congratulate Greg for this prestigious and honorable position. I did not know any of the other worthy candidates. However, I do know Greg the humble, family centered man, who possesses a "servant's heart." It has been his life-long dream to serve our community as a Judge, and I am confident that he will be an exceptional choice.

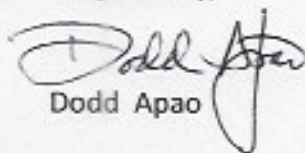
As a business owner and Fire Hazmat Captain with the Kauai Fire Department, serving my community for nearly 24 years, I understand the importance of having a passion for what I do, serving with integrity and fostering the "One Team Approach." Gregory Meyers embodies this. He knows our island, the community and understands what it takes to bring people together for a common good.

I have known Greg Meyers and his family for the past 17 years. We are united through our community outreach and Isle Hoops, a community basketball team Greg has coached for the past 6 and a half years. I have watched him interact with his teams of various age groups, for which my son was a member, and found Greg to be others centered, compassionate, fair, encouraging and committed. Coach Greg is patient and is very thorough in his approach to coaching. He continues to learn new and innovative approaches to the game and shares it with his players. This is how Gregory Meyers is fashioned, and he carries that same passion into everything he does. Most importantly, Coach Greg instills positive values, stresses the importance of education and builds those he coaches up, to be future leaders. He is thoughtful and intentional in his serving. Coach Greg has organized fundraisers for community outreach and secured grant -funding to take a group of middle schoolers to experience the NBA's Los Angeles Clipper's basketball skills camp, on Oahu. Many of these participants, would not have had this special opportunity if it were not for Coach Greg and his efforts. He has helped instill confidence for my son, through his encouragement and guidance through the years.

If you refer to Gregory Meyers resume, you will see he is highly educated and is an influential community leader. What Greg has achieved has been the result of hard work, dedication, perseverance, with a vision and passion to serve and impact our community in a positive way. It is this drive to "do the right thing," his role as a husband, father, business owner, coach, volunteer and being grounded in his community that will allow him to stand out from the rest of the deserving nominees. Greg is a man of integrity working with children and families. He will be an asset and humble steward of the Court.

With this brief letter of recommendation, I salute Coach Gregory H. Meyers in his accomplishments and his judicial appointment to the District Family Court of the Fifth Circuit (Kauai). I am confident he will continue to bring a fair, consistent and balanced perspective to the Kauai District Family Court. Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,


Dodd Apao

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Submitted on: 6/15/2022 6:31:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Lansdell	Individual	Comments Only	Written Testimony Only

Comments: Aloha. I have known Gregory Meyers for over 15 years. He has been a servant to our community. I believe he will be a great steward of the courts power. He is fair, honest, and a “straight shooter”. I am not qualified to say what makes a good judge. However, if I ever had to rely on a court’s decision, I would feel good knowing the judge had to the character of Mr. Meyers.

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Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Luke Evslin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I am writing in strong support of Greg Myers' confirmation to the District Court. While I am sure that he is great at his job as a Family Law Practitioner, I will admit that I do not know Greg in his capacity as a lawyer. But, I have known Greg for over a decade as a friend, a fellow father of young children, and a pillar of our community. There are few people on island who have committed themselves so wholly to the work of helping families as Greg has. Based on his experience, intelligence, and compassion, there is nobody I could recommend more strongly for the position of Family Court Judge. His commitment to Kaua'i families is clear in all that he does, from his notable service-oriented career, to his volunteer work as the former President of Niumalu Canoe Club, to his service on the Board of Directors for Hale 'Ōpio. He lives to serve our community, and I know that all of Kaua'i would benefit from his service as a Judge.

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June 15, 2022

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
Senate President
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415 S. Beretania Street
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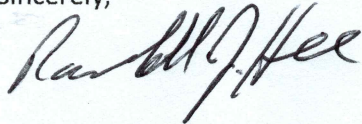
Re: JC3 - Testimony in Support for consideration and confirmation to the District Court of the Fifth Circuit Judicial Nominee, Gregory H. Meyers, for a term to expire in 6 years.

Dear President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

By this letter I am providing Testimony in support of Judicial Nominee, Gregory H. Meyers, for consideration and confirmation to the District Court of the Fifth Circuit. I know Gregory Meyers primarily because our mutual involvement with Hale 'Opio Kaua'i as members of its governing board. I currently serve as the Board President and Greg serves as our Treasurer. I have always found Greg to be enthusiastically helpful, responsive, respectful, knowledgeable, trustworthy, and humble. His actions and demeanor have made him a valuable member of the Hale 'Opio board and I am sure that this extends to whatever Greg is involved in.

I am certain that Gregory H. Meyers will be a benefit to the judicial system, Kauai and the State of Hawaii. I support his Judicial Nomination and ask that the Members of the Hawaii State Senate confirm his Judicial Nomination.

Sincerely,



Randall J. Hee

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Submitted on: 6/16/2022 4:20:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Steiner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I am in support due to the positive community member that this candidate has demonstrated.

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Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald
Supreme Court of Hawaii
417 South King Street
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March 27, 2022

Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald,

I am a life-long Kaua'i resident and the High School Division Director at Island School. I first met Greg Meyers over 10 years ago through the friendship of our children and I would now consider him a good friend.

Over the years of knowing Greg one thing that has really impressed me is his dedication to the youth of Kauai. As a lawyer my guess would be that there is not a lot of free time involved, but somehow Greg is able to spend most afternoons at the basketball courts coaching two separate teams. Most coaches that I know do it because their kids are on the team, but not Greg. He is doing it for the love of the children of Kauai and the game itself. Both of my sons are able to participate on his teams and I am really able to see the calm way that Greg interacts with his players. During games, you would see the opponents' coaches yelling and screaming at their players, but that was not Greg's style. Even though his teams are full of a bunch of first-time players he would calmly take them to the side and explain the game to them and what they needed to do to improve. Through his style of coaching, I have seen great improvement in his players.

Greg's calm and level-headed demeanor has really impressed me over the years. I work with the high school students at Island School as the disciplinarian and what I have seen as the most successful way to work with kids is to reach them on their level and to understand the "why" behind what they did. I see this quality in Greg and I know that he can reach the people of Kaua'i on their level and get to know their "why" as Family Court Judge.

As a friend, I have also come to learn of Greg's passion for the law and family court (which I admittedly know very little about). I know how excited he was when appointed as a Per Diem Family District Court Judge for the State of Hawaii. I could tell in the way that he talked about it that this was something that he was passionate about doing. You can tell he wants to become a judge for the same reasons that he coaches youth basketball he has a passion for law and wants to help our community.

Greg's passion for the youth of Kaua'i and his experience as a lawyer and judge allows me to write this letter in support of him without any hesitation. I hope that you will consider him as the next Family Court Judge for Kauai.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nathaniel Evslin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'N' and 'E'.

Nathaniel Evslin

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Submitted on: 6/16/2022 8:38:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 6/16/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Addison Bonner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and committee members: I am writing to support the appointment of Greg H. Meyers to the vacancy in the District Court of the Fifth Circuit. I have known Mr. Meyers for approximately five years. I have come to know Mr. Meyers through working both with and against him in various litigation involving construction and business disputes. He consistently demonstrates a keen legal acumen, knowledge of the law, and a reserved, firm demeanor, all of which would serve him well as a judge. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony in support of Mr. Meyers. Respectfully, Addison

Testimony Regarding Judicial Candidate Gregory Meyers

Laura Barzilai <lbarzilai@kauai.gov>

Thu 6/16/2022 8:34 AM

To: JDC Committee <JDCCommittee@capitol.hawaii.gov>

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Aloha,

Please accept this late testimony in support of judicial candidate Gregory Meyers. I have been informed of certain allegations pending against Mr. Meyers. During the 14 years in which I have known Mr. Meyers within the Kaua'i legal community, I have found his character to be ethical and honest. He is a very bright, knowledgeable attorney and a dedicated community member. I support his appointment to the bench of the Fifth Circuit District Court.

Thank you,

Laura K. Barzilai
Deputy County Attorney

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May 5, 2022

Judicial Selection Committee

Dear Judicial Selection Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I offer this letter of recommendation for Greg Meyers as a potential judge. I have the privilege of knowing Greg for roughly 15 years and can attest to his character and abilities.

Greg has shown me on numerous occasions how he puts others first. Greg has went the extra mile when assisting my son as his client. Greg is a great communicator and has a really strong ability to build relationships. Greg did a lot of pro bono work for us and I appreciate his assistance & integrity through the process. Greg has stayed committed to our case until the end and still follows through.

Greg Meyers would be an outstanding judge and I wholeheartedly recommend him for this position.

If you have any questions, please contact me and i'll happily explain in detail more of what Greg Meyers has done for us.

Sincerely,

David Moranz



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

Gregory H. Meyers
District Court Judge of the Fifth Circuit (JC3)

TO: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice-Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Shannon S. Sheldon
President, Hawaii State Bar Association

Hearing: Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 016 & Videoconference
State Capitol

The Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Association (HSBA) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the nomination of Gregory H. Meyers for the position of District Court Judge of the Fifth Circuit.

The HSBA Board of Directors followed its multi-step process to inform the confirming authority of its findings on this appointment.

- Notification to the nominee of the HSBA appointment review process, which includes a questionnaire requesting educational credentials, legal and other professional work experiences, personal references; a resume; a copy of the JSC application; and an interview with the HSBA Board of Directors.
- Notification via electronic transmission to the HSBA membership of the appointment and a request for comments on the nominee.
- Appointment of a three-person review subcommittee of HSBA Board members by the President which serves as a neutral fact-finding body to: review documentation submitted by the nominee, contact references submitted by the nominee, review comments received from the HSBA membership, and conduct follow-up member contact for clarification, if necessary, for presentation to the HSBA Board.

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- Submittal of a report by the three-person review subcommittee to the President, and subsequently to the entire Board.
- Meeting of the President, the Executive Director, and the Nominee prior to the scheduled interview of the nominee by the Board.
- Interview of the nominee by the HSBA Board.
- Deliberation of the HSBA Board to determine if the nominees is qualified or unqualified.
- Submittal of the HSBA Board's recommendation to the confirming authority.

The HSBA President and the Executive Director met with Mr. Gregory Meyers on June 13, 2022 to discuss the subcommittee's findings. On June 14th, Mr. Meyers was interviewed by the HSBA Board of Directors in executive session.

Documentation submitted by Mr. Meyers was reviewed and the references listed were contacted for their personal opinions and observations. The categories of the HSBA criteria used include:

- Integrity
- Diligence
- Legal knowledge and ability
- Professional experience
- Temperament
- Financial responsibility
- Public service
- Ability to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of the position

The task of the HSBA was to determine the qualifications and suitability of the Nominee utilizing in large part, the judicial appointments criteria of the American Bar Association. The criteria are not ranked in terms of importance as it is used universally to review the qualifications of appointees for trial and appellate positions. The determination of qualified or unqualified is based on a totality of the documentation received, member and reference comments, and the interview of the individual appointed.

Greg Meyers began his legal career in Hawaii as an AmeriCorps attorney with the Hilo Legal Aid Society of Hawaii (LASH). He was then appointed as Managing attorney for the LASH Kauai office. At the LASH, the Nominee focused on public benefits work assisting clients with welfare, general assistance, disability, and unemployment benefits. He handled family cases involving paternity, custody and visitation, guardianships, adoption, child support, and civil cases involving landlord-tenant and consumer issues. He also started the Equal Justice Center for low income pro se litigants and provided community outreach and educational seminars.

As an attorney in private practice, Mr. Meyers gained experience in complex civil litigation including contract disputes, derivative lawsuits, commercial lease negotiations, wills and estates, real estate and property disputes, products liability, fraud and misrepresentation, wrongful death, and civil rights litigation.

Mr. Meyers has served as a per diem family judge for the Fifth Circuit presiding over divorce, custody, child support, adoption, guardianship, involuntary hospitalization cases and all other civil family matters. The Nominee is currently a partner in a firm which specializes in family law, criminal defense, civil litigation, personal injury, and administrative law.

The Nominee has significant contacts with the broader Kauai community outside the practice of law. Kauai organizations the Nominee has or is currently participating in include Junior Achievement, Hale Opio (nonprofit dedicated to nurturing Kauai youth), Hoike Community Television, Niumalu Outrigger Canoe Club, and the Garden Isle Arts Council.

After a review of all documentation submitted and the interview of the Nominee, which included dialogue and questioning relating to his background, experiences, and reasons for pursuing the position of District Court Judge of the Fifth Circuit, the Board of the Hawaii State Bar Association found Mr. Gregory Meyers to be **QUALIFIED** for the position of District Court Judge of the Fifth Circuit.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments for consideration during the deliberations and decision making of your Committee.