



October 1, 2023

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Letter of Support for Micah W. J. Smith

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association strongly supports Micah W. J. Smith to serve on the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawai'i.

NAPABA is the national association of Asian Pacific American attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students. NAPABA represents the interests of over 60,000 attorneys and over 90 national, state, and local bar associations. Its members include solo practitioners, large firm lawyers, corporate counsel, legal services and non-profit attorneys, and lawyers serving at all levels of government.

Micah W. J. Smith is a dedicated public servant and serves as an Assistant United States Attorney, Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division, and Criminal Civil Rights Coordinator in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii. He has also been the office's Chief of Appeals and Legal Strategy since 2022. Previously, Mr. Smith served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York from 2012-18.

Earlier in his career, he was an associate and counsel in the Supreme Court & Appellate Litigation Section at O'Melveny & Myers. Mr. Smith's first legal job was doing pro bono work with the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i during summer break from law school.

Mr. Smith previously clerked for Justice David H. Souter on the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge Guido Calabresi on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He is a magna cum laude graduate of

Harvard Law School and received his B.A., summa cum laude, from Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania.

Born and raised in Hawaii, Mr. Smith grew up in Hanamā'ulu and attended Kauai High School. Active in the Hawai'i community, he is Chair of the Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services to the Public with the Hawai'i State Bar Association and a Board Member of the Hawai'i Justice Foundation.

NAPABA proudly supports Micah W. K. Smith's nomination and urges the swift confirmation of his nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Priya Purandare". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
Executive Director