



NATIVE HAWAIIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Chairman
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham, Ranking Member
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Letter of Support for the Nomination of **Honorable Judge Shanlyn A.S. Park** for the position
of United States District Judge of the District of Hawai'i

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

On behalf of the Native Hawaiian Bar Association (NHBA), we write in full support of Judge Shanlyn A.S. Park and recommend her confirmation to the United States District Court of the District of Hawai'i. The Native Hawaiian Bar Association (NHBA) is an association of lawyers, judges and other legal professionals of Hawaiian ancestry that seeks to promote excellence, unity, cooperation, education, and the exchange of ideas among its members and in the larger community. Our organization only endorses candidates of the highest caliber who possess the professional experience and qualities we believe are necessary to do the job. The NHBA strongly endorses Judge Park, a Native Hawaiian attorney and judge. If confirmed, Judge Park will become the first Native Hawaiian woman to be appointed to the Federal bench.

Judge Park has long been an influential and respected member of our legal community. She is well-known for her service as a Federal Defender in the District of Hawai'i. She honed her skills as a talented federal criminal practitioner assigned to handle cases that ranged from minor violations to felonies. Her work ethic, compassion and grit translated into a decades long career where she earned the respect of her peers and the judges she practiced before. Her next endeavor as a Partner at McCorrison Miller Mukai and MacKinnon expanded her experience to a wide range of civil litigation issues. She brought this combination of federal criminal and civil practice to her judgeship when she was appointed to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit in 2021. Since then, she's been a talented judge, presiding over numerous jury trials, motions, sentencings and

hearings on the criminal bench. Judge Park has demonstrated the highest levels of practice and decision-making throughout her legal and judicial career.

In addition to her work experience, Judge Park brings a dedication to public service and the ability to be fair and compassionate to the Federal bench. She served most of her career as a Federal Defender and public servant. When she transitioned to private practice, she still maintained her dedication to public service, taking on pro bono cases as well as federal CJA cases. As a sitting Circuit Court Judge, we have heard nothing but high compliments of her ability to remain fair, levelheaded, yet decisive in her rulings. The common theme is that she is fair and compassionate while equally being tough and holding others to high standards. We believe this is how she will approach her role as a District Court judge: fair and compassionate, with high expectations and the leadership to hold all parties accountable.

The NHBA is proud to support Judge Park's confirmation to the United States District Court of the District of Hawai'i. We urge her speedy confirmation to the bench. Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Na'u nō me ka ha'aha'a,

/s/ Summer Sylva

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