



## Judicial Selection Commission – The Judiciary – State of Hawai‘i

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### **JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION PRESS RELEASE** **DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT NOMINEES**

Under the Constitution of the State of Hawai‘i, Article VI, Appointment of Justices and Judges, Section 3: “The chief justice, with the consent of the Senate, shall fill a vacancy in the district courts by appointing a person from a list of not less than six nominees for the vacancy presented by the judicial selection commission.”

The Judicial Selection Commission is pleased to announce a list of nominees for the judicial office of District Judge, District Court of the First Circuit (island of O‘ahu), State of Hawai‘i. The judicial office became vacant upon the elevation of former District Judge Shirley M. Kawamura [Shimizu] to the position of Circuit Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

The list of nominees selected by the Commission to fill the vacancy is as follows, in alphabetical order:

Brian A. Costa  
Timothy E. Ho  
Ronald G. Johnson  
James S. Kawashima  
Trish K. Morikawa  
Rowena A. Somerville

The Chief Justice has 30 days from his receipt of the list today to make his appointment.

#### Statistics:

Total Applicants: 31; Females: 9; Males: 22

Government Attorneys: 16

Private Attorneys: 14

Per Diem Judges: 9

Age Range: (31-40): 4; (41-50): 11; (51-60): 11; (61-70): 5

Years Licensed Range: 11 years to 36 years

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