

appointed. The Board's rating system includes the categories of "qualified" and "not qualified".

Mr. Park received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Political Science from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. He later received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the William S. Richardson School of Law, where he served as the Comments Editor of the Asian-Pacific Law and Policy Journal and Vice President of the Pacific Asian Legal Studies Organization.

Mr. Park has been in private legal practice since 2011, and has practiced primarily in criminal defense and advocacy on behalf of criminal defendants on the mental health calendar who have been placed on conditional release or release with conditions. Since 2017, he has served as a *Per Diem* Judge in the District Family Court of the First Circuit while continuing his private practice. As a *Per Diem* Judge, Mr. Park has presided over trials and hearings of all types in the Family Court, including those matters involving involuntary hospitalization, juvenile criminal justice proceedings, child custody proceedings, and child welfare services proceedings. Prior to entering private practice, he served as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu.

Mr. Park has been actively involved in the legal community throughout his career. He has been a member of the Joint Committee of the Hawaii State Trial Judges Association and the Hawaii State Bar Association since 2016 and a member of the Hawaii Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers since 2012. He also serves as Director and Secretary of Mental Health America of Hawaii and a participant member of the Mental Health Task Force.

Testimony submitted in support of Mr. Park's appointment emphasizes his broad legal expertise, diligence, and objectivity. In his time serving as a *Per Diem* Judge, he has earned a reputation for fairness and judicial integrity. Additionally, numerous testifiers commended his calm and professional demeanor, as well as his outstanding character and eagerness to help others.

Your Committee finds that, based on the testimony submitted on his behalf, responses to questions asked by the members of your Committee, and your Committee's review of information about him and his qualifications, Andrew T. Park has the experience, temperament, and other competencies to be a District Court Judge of the First Circuit, and he has the legal expertise, integrity,



and demeanor to fully and faithfully discharge the duties associated with that judicial office.

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

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Gov. Msg./Jud. Com. No.:* JC 4	Committee Referral: JDC	Date: 10/5/20		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent 2347 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Consent 2349				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation:				
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<i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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