

Judicial Selection Commission State of Hawai'i

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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RETENTION HONORABLE HILARY BENSON GANGNES

The Judicial Selection Commission announces that the term of the Honorable Hilary Benson Gangnes as District Judge, District Court of the First Circuit (island of Oʻahu), State of Hawaiʻi, will expire on May 21, 2014.

In accordance with article VI, section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, Judge Gangnes petitioned the Commission to be retained in judicial office and to be renewed for an additional term. The Constitution of the State of Hawai'i empowers the Commission to determine whether Judge Gangnes should be retained in judicial office for an additional term of six years.

The Commission invites interested persons to submit written comments and/or fill out an evaluation form on whether Judge Gangnes should be retained in judicial office for a new term. All written comments and evaluations will be kept CONFIDENTIAL.

Please visit the Commission's website and fill out form JS-P-081, the <u>Judicial Evaluation Retention</u> Form. Written comments and/or form JS-P-081 must be postmarked or faxed by **Wednesday**, **February 19, 2014** to:

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