



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

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### **JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION PRESS RELEASE** **FAMILY COURT OF THE THIRD 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 Family Judge, Family Court of the Third Circuit (island of Hawai‘i), State of Hawai‘i. The judicial office became vacant upon the elevation of former District Family Judge Melvin H. Fujino to the position of Circuit Judge of the Circuit Court of the Third Circuit.

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

Thomas A. K. Haia  
Kevin S. Hashizaki  
Peter K. Kubota  
Michelle K. Laubach  
Laureen L. Martin  
Jeffrey W. S. Ng

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

#### Statistics:

Total Applicants: 25; Females: 9; Males: 16

Government Attorneys: 11

Private Attorneys: 14

Per Diem Judges: 1

Age Range: (31-40): 7; (41-50): 5; (51-60): 11; (61-70): 2

Years Licensed Range: 6-½ years to 39 years

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