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**DISTRICT JUDGE, FIRST CIRCUIT COURT NOMINEES**

Under the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, Article VI, 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 each of two judicial vacancies in the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii (O'ahu). The judicial offices were formerly held by District Court Judges William A. Cardwell and District Court Judge Russel S. Nagata, both of whom retired at the end of 2011.

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

Brian A. Costa  
Shirley M. Kawamura  
Alvin K. Nishimura  
Maura McDermott Okamoto  
Kevin A. Souza  
Paul B.K. Wong

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

Brian A. Costa  
Paula Devens  
Nelson W.S. Goo  
Shirley M. Kawamura  
James S. Kawashima  
Stephen H. Levins  
Linda S. Martell  
Alvin K. Nishimura  
Maura McDermott Okamoto  
Kevin A. Souza  
Paul B.K. Wong

Chief Justice Recktenwald has 30 days from his receipt of the lists today to make his appointments.

Stats: 33 applicants applied, 8 females and 25 males

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