INFORMATION REGARDING REGISTRY OF PRIVATE CHILD CUSTODY EVALUATORS

Pursuant to Act 103, the Family Court provides a Registry of Private Child Custody Evaluators to assist litigants and their attorneys in finding professionals who are willing and available to perform custody investigations and evaluations. Under Act 103, to be a child custody evaluator, the professional must be a

- Physician under HRS chapter 453 who has completed a residency in psychiatry, or
- Board Certified Psychiatrist, or
- Psychologist under HRS chapter 465, or
- Marriage and Family Therapist under HRS chapter 451J, or
- Clinical Social Worker under HRS § 467E-7(3) AND

have an active license from the Professional and Vocational Licensing (PVL) Division of the Hawai'i State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

The Registry of Private Child Custody Evaluators includes the names of the professionals, the circuit/island where they work, their addresses, telephone number, language(s) they speak and fee per hour.

NOTE: The Hawai'i State Judiciary/Family Court does not endorse any professional or agency on the Registry of Private Child Custody Evaluators. The professionals and agencies on the Registry are not employees or agencies of the Hawai'i State Judiciary or the Family Court. Arrangements to engage the services of any professional or agency on the Registry of Private Child Custody Evaluators are independent contracts between those professionals and agencies and the party engaging their services, to which the Hawai'i State Judiciary/Family Court is not a party. The court does not endorse, evaluate, supervise, or monitor the private child custody evaluators.

Any person currently licensed by the PVL in the professions enumerated above who wishes to be included in the Registry of Private Child Custody Evaluators must submit a "Declaration of Private Child Custody Evaluator Regarding Qualifications, Contact Information, and Fees" (Declaration Form) to each circuit where you are willing to work:

For First Circuit (O'ahu):

Honorable R. Mark Browning
Senior Family Court Judge
Family Court of the First Circuit
Ronald T.Y. Moon Kapolei Courthouse
4675 Kapolei Parkway
Kapolei, HI 96707-3272
Click here to download and print the
Declaration Form for First Circuit.

For Second Circuit (Maui, Moloka'i, Lāna'i):

Honorable Joseph E. Cardoza
Senior Family Court Judge
Family Court of the Second Circuit
Hoapili Hale
2145 Main Street
Wailuku, HI 96793
Click here to download and print the
Declaration Form for Second Circuit.

For Third Circuit (Island of Hawai'i):

Honorable Greg K. Nakamura
Senior Family Court Judge
Family Court of the Third Circuit
Hale Kaulike
777 Kīlauea Avenue
Hilo, HI 96720-4212
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Declaration Form for Third Circuit.

For Fifth Circuit (Kaua'i):

Honorable Randal G.B. Valenciano
Senior Family Court Judge
Family Court of the Fifth Circuit
Pu'uhonua Kaulike Building
3970 Ka'ana Street
Lihu'e, HI 96766
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Declaration Form for Fifth Circuit.