



**Judicial Selection Commission**  
**State of Hawai'i**

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**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RETENTION**  
**THE HONORABLE KATHLEEN N. A. WATANABE**

The Judicial Selection Commission, State of Hawai'i, announces that the term of the Honorable Kathleen N. A. Watanabe, as Judge, Circuit Court of the Fifth Circuit, (island of Kaua'i), State of Hawai'i, will expire on August 16, 2015. Judge Watanabe, in accordance with Section 3, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, has petitioned to be retained in office and to be renewed for an additional term. The Constitution of the State of Hawai'i empowers the Commission to determine whether Judge Watanabe should be retained in office for an additional term of ten years.

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

Please visit the Commission's website and fill out form JS-P-081, [Judicial Evaluation Retention Form](#). Written comments and/or form JS-P-081 must be postmarked or faxed by **May 15, 2015** to:

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