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From: Michael.A.Oki@courts.hawaii.gov

Sent: May 29, 2019

Subject: Email From Chief Justice Recktenwald Re Judicial Evaluations

Dear Attorney:

The Judiciary is conducting an online evaluation of Circuit Court Judges \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. The purpose of the evaluation is to help the judges improve their performance. The Judiciary encourages all active members of the Hawaii State Bar Association to participate in the evaluation process.

The judicial evaluation program is designed to give you an opportunity to provide input concerning these individuals. Judges are receptive to receiving your comments, suggestions, and feedback. Your evaluations serve to enhance judicial performance and improve the judicial skills and techniques of Hawai'i's judges. If an insufficient number of evaluations for a particular judge are received, then that judge will not be evaluated.

Please click on the Begin Evaluation button below to commence your judicial evaluations. The link is unique to your email address, so please do not forward this email. You may exit and later return to the evaluations simply by clicking this button. The judicial evaluations will remain accessible to you until June 14, 2019.

To ensure security and confidentiality, the evaluation process is conducted by SurveyMonkey. It is administered by the eHawaii.gov web portal, which is independent of the Judiciary. Only composite results are transmitted to the Judiciary. <u>Please reference http://www.courts.state.hi.us/courts/performance\_review/judge\_evaluations\_faqs for a list of Frequently Asked Questions.</u> To read the judicial evaluation reports, follow the link to the Judicial Performance Program.

The evaluation is designed to obtain fair assessments from <u>attorneys who actually had any</u> <u>cases or served in any other capacity with the judge</u>. Please ensure that your evaluation is based solely on your direct experience and not obtained through hearsay or through other means.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Oki at (808)539-4870.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Recktenwald Chief Justice Supreme Court of Hawai'i