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COMMISSION SEEKS NOMINEES FOR U.S. DISTRICT COURT VACANCY

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Honolulu, Hawaii, August 3, 2009 - The Hawaii Federal Judicial Selection Commission today announced that it now seeks applications and nominations for the position of U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Hawaii. The vacancy occurred when U.S. District Court Judge Helen Gillmor took senior status. The Commission urges members of the public to nominate individuals for consideration by the Commission.

U.S. Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Daniel K. Akaka established this Commission to screen applicants to obtain the most qualified applicants available. The nine-member Commission includes members selected by the two U.S. Senators and the Hawaii State Bar Association.

The Commission will select a list of candidates from which Senators Inouye and Akaka will select and forward to the White House for consideration.

"The purpose of the Commission is to help ensure a strong, independent and qualified federal judiciary and to provide a fair process for selecting nominees with the highest professional qualifications and attributes," Inouye had said when forming the Commission with Senator Akaka, who had similar comments.

Nomination and application forms will be available at the following websites - <http://inouye.senate.gov/Press/Judicial-Selection.cfm>; <http://akaka.senate.gov/public/judicial.html>; www.hsba.org, or writing to the Commission at the address below. All names and completed application forms submitted to the Commission will be kept confidential by the Commission and must be delivered or mailed to the following address not later than September 4, 2009.

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