

March 2, 2018

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of Jill Otake to the United States District Court for the District of Hawai'i

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We are federal civil practitioners in the District of Hawai'i. We write in our individual capacities¹ to express our support for the nomination of Jill Otake to the United States District Court for the District of Hawai'i and to urge her speedy confirmation.

Ms. Otake is well-qualified to serve as a United States District Judge. She has dedicated nearly 20 years to public service, mostly in the U.S. Attorney's Office for both the Western District of Washington as well as the District of Hawai'i. Her distinguished career has included leadership positions as Deputy Supervisor of the Terrorism and Violent Crime Unit; Co-supervisor of the General Crimes Unit; and Deputy Chief of the Special Crimes Section.

Ms. Otake also has established herself as a skilled trial attorney. She has tried approximately four dozen cases to verdict. Hawai'i will benefit immensely from having a seasoned attorney such as Ms. Otake elevated to the federal bench.

Ms. Otake is active in the community, serving as co-chair of the Hawaii State Bar Association's Professional Responsibility and Risk Management Committee and devoting time to Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii. In 2016, she was selected for the Hawaii State Bar Association's Leadership Institute.

As members of the bar who practice regularly in the United States District Court for the District of Hawai'i, we believe it is critical that such a well-qualified nominee as Ms. Otake be confirmed as a federal district judge without delay.

Sincerely,

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¹ Although the undersigned include past and present directors, officers, and leaders of various state and federal bar organizations, we express our support of Ms. Otake in our individual, personal capacities—not on behalf of any organization with which we are associated.

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