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Honolulu Attorney Nominated for Federal Judgeship

SAN FRANCISCO – The White House announced Tuesday (September 8) that President Obama has nominated Honolulu attorney Clare E. Connors to serve as a judge of the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii.

Upon Senate confirmation, Ms. Connors will fill a judicial vacancy scheduled to occur on November 6, 2015, when Chief District Judge Susan Oki Mollway takes senior status.

Ms. Connors, 41, has been a trial attorney practicing civil litigation with the Honolulu law firm of Davis Levin Livingston since 2011. From 2004 to 2011, she served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Criminal Division of the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the District of Hawaii, prosecuting white collar fraud, crimes against children, tax offenses, money laundering and other criminal matters. She also served as a trial attorney in the Tax Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, from 2003 to 2004, and as a special assistant U.S. attorney in the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Ms. Connors has served on the faculty of the William S. Richardson School of Law as a lecturer in law for its Small Business and Entrepreneurship Clinic. A member of the Hawaii State Bar Association, she has contributed to its Federal Appellate Practice Manual and been a presenter at the annual state bar convention. In 2014, Ms. Connors was appointed to be a lawyer representative for the District of Hawaii to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference and previously served as a lawyer delegate to the Hawaii District Conference.

Born in New York City but raised in Hawaii, Ms. Connors received her B.A. from Yale College in 1996, graduating cum laude, and her J.D. from Harvard Law School in 2002. After law school, she served as a law clerk to District Judge David A. Ezra of the District of Hawaii.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii had 837 new case filings in calendar year 2014. The court is authorized four judgeships and currently has no vacancy.

Appointed under Article III of the Constitution, federal district court judges are nominated by the president, confirmed by the Senate and serve lifetime appointments upon good behavior.

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