

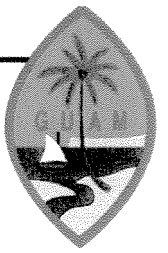
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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

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VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on the Appointment of Elyze McDonald Iriarte, as a Superior Court of Guam Judge

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the Doc No. 33GL-16-2002: The Confirmation Hearing of the Appointment of **Elyze McDonald Iriarte** as a **Superior Court of Guam Judge**, and which was referred to the Committee on Guam U.S. Military Relocation, Public Safety, and Judiciary on Monday, October 10, 2016, at 4:00 PM.

Committee votes are as follows:

- 9 TO CONFIRM
- 0 NOT TO CONFIRM
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Respectfully,

*[Signature of Frank B. Aguon, Jr.]*  
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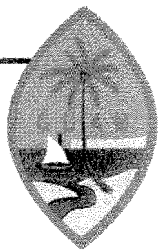
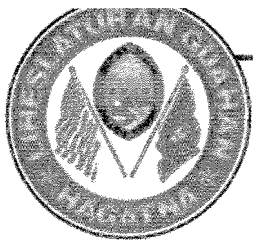
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**MEMORANDUM**

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Committee on Guam U.S. Military Relocation, Public Safety, and  
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**From: Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.**   
Committee Chairperson

**Subject: Committee Report on the Appointment of Elyze McDonald Iriarte as a  
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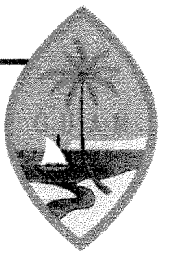
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This report includes the following:

- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Doc No. 33GL-16-2002
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony & Supporting Documents
- Subpoena to Honorable Chief of Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood
- The Independent Contractor Agreement
- Status Appointment of Elyze McDonald Iriarte
- Referral of Doc No. 33GL-16-2002
- Notices of Public Hearing
- Copy of Public Hearing Agenda

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this  
matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do  
not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase'!



**COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET**

Doc No. 33GL-16-2002: Confirmation Hearing on the Appointment of Elyze McDonald Iriarte as a Superior Court of Guam Judge, and which was referred to the Committee on Guam U.S. Military Relocation, Public Safety, and Judiciary.

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I. OVERVIEW

Doc NO. 33GL-16-2002: CONFIRMATION HEARING on the appointment of Elyze McDonald Iriarte as Superior Court of Guam Judge.

The Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Public Safety and Judiciary convened a confirmation hearing on Monday, October 10, 2016 at 4:00PM in I *Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room.

Public Notice Requirements

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Monday, October 3, 2016 (5-Day Notice), and again on Thursday, October 6, 2016 (48-Hour Notice).

Senators Present

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr., Chairperson  
Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Committee Member  
Vice-Speaker Cruz, Committee Member  
Senator Rory J. Respicio, Committee Member  
Senator Anthony V. Ada, Committee Member  
Senator Mary Camacho Torres  
Senator Tina Muna Barnes  
Senator Michael San Nicolas

The confirmation hearing was Called-to-Order at 4:00 PM.

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

Senator Aguon:

Elyze McDonald Iriarte as a Superior Court of Guam Judge is hereby convened, just for the information in compliance with the open government law, the initial notification was sent out by the committee on the third of October with the subsequent notification being sent to the stake holders as well as the community on the sixth of October. I'd like to as chair thank the media partners in our community for sharing and disseminating this particular confirmation hearing and would like to just thank them verymuch for assisting in this particular process. Ladies and gentlemen format will be, we will go according to those who have signed in, I do know a number of us have signed in and would not like to provide oral testimony

but you signed in to show your support for the nominee so just signify when in fact I call your name and we will proceed to the next individual on the list. Like I said a little earlier the only item on this confirmation hearing is the appointment of Elyze Iriarte as a superior court of Guam judge. I'd like to thank the senators who have joined us this afternoon, Speaker Won Pat who is to my far left, vice speaker Cruz, Senator Mike San Nicholas, Senator Tony Ada and Majority Leader Senator Rory Respicio, thank you very much senators, colleagues for joining us this afternoon. Just for the information of the public also, the background information was initiated immediately after we received notification of this particular appointment in which the legislature did receive the documents on the ninth of September by the governor of Guam to the Speaker, the background investigation was initiated prior to that, a draft has already been forwarded to the committee and has been made available to members of this committee for their personal view. Following to the conclusion of that particular report it will be inserted and incorporated into the committee report as we report out the nomination. Also I'd like to say that a legislative subpoena has been extended to the honorable chief judge of the US District Court, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco Gatewood because of her affiliation and her prior working relationship with the nominee receiving as much input from the community would be necessary in this case, so that was extended to her also I would like to say that the committee has received written testimony from the following individuals. The public utilities commission representative, Mr. Fred Horecky, also from attorney Dana Gutierrez, also have received written testimony from Sophia Diaz, confirmation hearing testimony also from attorney Donald Calvo, also from attorney Surge Quenga, and from the retirement fund Paula M. Blas and finally from Andrew Gale who has also submitted testimony on behalf of the nominee, so that being said we will proceed with the list of individuals who have signed in. Based on the initial invitees I'd like to invite the following individuals to please join us up front. Attorney Anita Arriola, Mayor Paul McDonald, Judge Frances Tydingco Gatewood and Chief Justice Torres, please if you can all join us up front? Again Attorney Anita Arriola, Mayor Paul McDonald, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco Gatewood and Chief Justice Torres. Attorney Arriola, if you can please identify yourself for the record and you can proceed. I'm sorry attorney Arriola is your mic on?

**Attorney Arriola:**

Is it on now?

**Senator Aguon:**

Yes.

**Attorney Arriola:**

TESTIMONY ATTACHED. Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to present my testimony today your . . . I was going to say your honor.

**Chief Justice Torres:**

I'm right here.

**Senator Aguon:**

The Vice Speaker is in our presence. Thank you very much Attorney Arriola.

**Attorney Arriola:**

You're welcome.

**Senator Aguon:**  
Madam Chief Judge?

**Chief Justice Tydingco-Gatewood:**

Thank you, Hafa Adai and good afternoon chairman Frank Blas Aguon Jr. and members of the committee, having received the subpoena to testify this is the only way I could testify for the nominee I appreciate having received that today it is my honor to do so. TESTIMONY ATTACHED. Si Yu'os Ma'ase Chairman Aguon for allowing me to speak today. Thank you.

**Senator Aguon:**  
Thank you very much Chief Justice Tydingco Gatewood. Chief Justice Torres?

**Chief Justice Torres:**  
Hafa Adai and good afternoon senators, chairman. TESTIMONY ATTACHED.

**Senator Aguon:**  
Thank you Chief Justice Torres for your testimony this afternoon. Mayor McDonald?

**Mayor McDonald:**  
Good afternoon Chair, Senators. I have known Elyze all through my life. Well let me go back again. I am Mayor Paul McDonald, I am the Mayor of Hagatna Heights.

**Senator Aguon:**  
Thank you Mayor.

**Mayor McDonald:**  
I'm here to testify and thank you. I have known Elyze all through my life and she's one of the McDonalds that have really worked hard and she's always been very very smart and I can attest to you guys that we were kept up with her progress when she was going through school by her grandma whenever she comes around she would update us with what's going on, and we're very proud of her. It should be a good nominee and again with the McDonald of Hagatna Heights I attest that everybody would be in support of her and thank you again.

**Senator Aguon:**  
Thank you very much Mayor McDonald. Senators any questions for members in the panel? If not Chief Justice Torres, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco Gatewood, Attorney Anita Arriola, Mayor McDonald thank you very much for your testimony this afternoon. I would like to invite the following individuals to join us up front, if by any chance I mention your name and you signed in to signify that in fact you're in support of the nominee and not necessarily provide oral testimony then please let me know. Ms. Elaine McDonald? Catherine McDonald? Odelia Jaime? Jane Flores? Jesusa



Quenga? Trina Perez? Mary Quinata? Davina Sayama? Pio Binando? James the 2<sup>nd</sup>? Sorry James. Like I said ladies and gentle, thank you very much for signing in and showing your support for the nominee. I will continue call out individuals if by any chance you're going to provide oral testimony then please you're more than welcome to join us up front. Jay Leon Guerrero? Mike Gatewood? Laling Pangelinan? Andrew Surge Quenga? Venita Isaac? Joseph McDonald? Elina McDonald or Evelina McDonald? I apologize. John McDonald? Vince Camacho? No? Patricia Terlaje? Meridith Sayre? Regina Biscoe Lee? Jobe McDonald? Jessica Stout? Andrew Gale? Loraine Okkada? Terry Alegarbus? We have one more seat, Shirley Harveystone? I'm sorry Shirley if I mispronounced your name. William Brenin? Gene Santos? Joe Mcdonald? Okay. Attorney Quenga Please identify yourself for the record and proceed.

**Attorney Quenga:**

Hafa Adai Chairman Frank Aguon Jr. and members of the committee, my name is Andrew Surge Quenga, a former assistant attorney general for Guam, former staff attorney for the judiciary, former Guam compiler of laws and current in house council for a large telecommunications program on Guam and member of the Guam bars association since nineteen ninety six. TESTIMONY ATTACHED.

**Senator Aguon:**

Thank you very much Attorney Quenga, Mr. Gayle?

**Mr. Gayle:**

Thank you Mr. Chairman. TESTIMONY ATTACHED.

**Senator Aguon:**

Thank you very much Mr. Gale for your testimony this afternoon, Ms. Okada?

**Ms. Okada:**

TESTIMONY ATTACHED.

**Senator Aguon:**

Thank you very much Ms. Okada for your testimony this afternoon. Mr. McDonald? Please identify yourself for the record and proceed.

**Mr. Joseph McDonald:**

Thank you Mr. Chairman, My name is Joseph McDonald assistant attorney general. Elyze is my niece, and I'm here to support her nomination and it is an amazing, a wonderful and wondrous site to see today that she has been nominated and now stands before the committee for this confirmation having known Elyze all her life I can tell you that her development has always surprised us about her wisdom at a very young age and her intellect at a very young age and how that has progressed all her life the professional that she has become is almost incomprehensible that this little girl that I have known since a very young age has really risen to such heights in her professional career, and I echo all the sentiments that the other witnesses have provided today. Her character is phenomenal, her work ethics is one of the strongest work ethics that you'll ever see and which is very necessary for

this court which is a very busy court. The depth of her knowledge in civil matters will be of great benefit to this court. Without belaboring the point which has been made by the other witnesses, I would just like to say that I whole heartedly support this nomination and I am in favor in it. I trust that the senators in the committee will also find favorably for Ms. McDonald Iriarte.

**Senator Aguon:**

Thank you very much Mr. McDonald. Any other questions for the panel members? If not, Mr. Quenga, Mr. Gale, Ms. Okada and Mr. McDonald thank you for testimony this afternoon. We will proceed to the additional members or individuals who have signed

**Senator Aguon:**

Mel Mendiola? Marleen Carbullido? Jonathen Deneit? Please join us up front if by any chance you will be providing oral testimony. Dana Gutierrez? Last individual prior to the nomine ladies and gentlemen, unless there are anyone else in the audience who would like to provide testimony I have Rossi Tolentino. Rossi, if you would like to provide oral testimony you're more than welcome to join us up front, if not it's just going to be Jonathan. Okay Jonathan please identify yourself for the record and proceed.

**Mr. Denight:**

Hafa Adai honorable senator's I'm Nathan Denight. Thank you for allowing me to share my testimony in favor of my friend Elyze McDonald Iriarte I have known Elyze since our middle school days in St. Johns, there were a lot of really really smart people in our class, but I would say Elyze was right at the top, in fact she's probably the smartest person I have ever met. She would go on to earn the international baccalaureate degree at St Johns which basically means you have no life and would have to study like crazy. So you can definitely character as hard working and committed even in high school. She went on to the University of Chicago for undergrad and USC for her JD. Both top notch schools. She then made partner at Carlsmith and Ball after only six years. Currently she is the founding member of her own firm, and she's done all of this before turning forty. Yes, I know it's hard to believe that I'm almost forty. It's obvious she has the legal ability and experience required to make a great judge, but what other qualities should a good judge have? So I went on line last night to look it up and came across the term judicial temperament. It says a candidate should be able to deal with people calmly and courteously and should be willing to hear and consider the views of all sides of the case. A good judge needs to be tempered yet firm, open minded yet willing and able to reach a decision, confident yet not self-centered. So basically this is the exact definition of Elyze's temperament, no joke. You could literally put her photo next to this definition in the dictionary. More, she has a reputation for excellent character and integrity, I was really trying to come up with some embarrassing story from our school days about Elyze and really couldn't think of anything. I even asked the question on our class chat and all I got was that she was a New Kids on the Block fan. So I guess the only real question mark here is that she's friends with me. But seriously I'm so proud of her, a successful attorney, dedicated wife and mother of two, and now judge to be. I asked her why she would give up such a successful private sector career for a life behind the bench and she said she was really inspired by her time as a law clerk at the district court. She felt it was her calling to serve the public and make a difference in her community, and personally I think becoming a judge is exactly what she was born to do. Thank you very much.

**Senator Aguon:**

Thank you very much Mr. Denight for your testimony this afternoon. If I can invite former chief justice Pete Siguenza? Please if you would like to join us up front. That's correct. Like I said ladies and gentlemen, if there any other individuals in the audience who would like to provide testimony prior to the nominee, please make sure that I have made aware of it, otherwise Pete Siguenza will be the final oral presenter prior to the nominee. Chief Justice? Please proceed.

**Chief Justice Siguenza:**

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I am here to support Elyze McDonald Iriarte as judge for the superior court, I've been down there, so has Senator Cruz, we know what it's like, I know what it's like. Having observed her pretty much her whole life, her parents and I were very close friends, her parents and my late wife would go camping together and watch movies together, and come at our place all the time, so I've seen her grow up and she's turned into a very smart person. The whole family is very smart, you could look at all the resumes and see what colleges they went to. Georgetown, Florida and University of Chicago, not like some of us who went to CAL State, but actually I'm here to answer any questions you might have concerning her qualifications to be Judge of the Superior Court. If you don't have any questions, well I encourage questions, anybody?

**Senator Aguon:**

Thank you for testimony this afternoon. Thank you everyone for signing in and signifying your support for the nominee and those of you who have also provided oral testimony. At this time I would like to invite the nominee, Attorney Elyze Iriarte, if you can join us up front? Please identify yourself for the record and proceed.

**Attorney Iriarte:**

Hafa Adai, my name is Elyze McDonald Iriarte, TESTIMONY ATTACHED.

**Senator Aguon:**

Thank you very much Ms. Iriarte for your testimony this afternoon. I know there will be several question posed, first of all I want to just thank you for visiting my office prior to this particular confirmation hearing because you gave me an opportunity to sit down with you and understand your perspective. To me, it is very commendable to see future colleagues or peers such as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco Gatewood, and a lot of your peers as attorneys and also the retired Chief Justice Siguenza step forward and really extend accolade with regards to your nomination and your appointment. Also to see family members, chances are it's expected as part of the process but certainly a lot of them illuminated your experience, your background and your upbringing. That is truly reflective with many things you have done. Our conversation has brought us up to the nature of the community, and you started up your statements on focusing on families and the impacts and decision it would ultimately make on impacting the families. To me, that already its home in terms of your perspective that you will bring to the bench, investigative reports just for your information, would be concluded shortly and I will continue to allow the committee to receive written testimony ten days subsequent to this hearing and then proceed to close the committee report

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so that in fact we can report your nomination to the main body and then consider it at that point in time. I want to first of all or additionally extend my appreciation to Governor Calvo, not only identifying a young individual but certainly someone that has all the qualities and the temperament of at least from my perspective, of serving in that particular capacity. I congratulate you on accepting this challenge because it the epitome of public service and to have all of the family members and all of the individuals who have provided testimonies speak very highly of your credentials, your experience and most importantly, the impact that you have had on their lives, so I congratulate you on your nomination. Barring any negative major incident which we know will not be anticipated you certainly have my support as chairman of this committee...

**Attorney Iriarte:**

Thank you.

**Senator Aguon:**

I would like to now open this floor to any individual who might have questions. Madam Speaker? Mr. Vice Speaker?

**Senator Cruz:**

I too just want to thank the nominee McDonald Iriarte for coming to my office to discuss this appointment, we had a very long talk and I was very happy, I told her I've been waiting for this for a long time. I like the former Chief Justice have known her since birth, I think she was that young when I first met her family. It has been great to watch her grow and all these assistances she's provided especially my committee in the preparation of retirement laws and so I am very, like Mr. Gayle, I am happy that she is going to the bench but I am sad that we are going to lose a very professional and intelligent young woman in Bar but I think the bench could use the assistance and I want to thank her for stepping up when it is not going to be as lucrative as the practice but it will allow you sometime and hopefully spend it with that beautiful little bright eyed child. So again, as I told you in my office, you have my full support.

**Attorney Iriarte:**

Thank you.

**Senator Aguon:**

Thank you very much Mr. Vice Speaker. Mr. Majority Leader?

**Senator Respicio:**

Thank you very much, I also had an opportunity to sit down with the judge nominee. Thank you for affording me that time to just have a very fruitful discussion on how it's possible for a civil litigator for fifteen years of legal experience to really support what the judiciary has been doing with respect to their jurisprudence. We had a very good conversation and it is very clear that you're going to be handling juvenile cases from time to time and we spend a lot of time talking about how, during that time the judges were very are still very supportive of the after care and jump start and other programs at the Department of Youth Affairs other than those programs dealing with the youth correctional facilities. I just want to give you a little bit of an opportunity to say those things up for the record that you really understand how the whole justice system has been progressing over the decade with respect not only adjudicating these offenders, juvenile and adults alike, but providing a

a holistic approach together with the community and the family, to have the principle restored to justice. I would have supported you anyway, but I was just so encouraged that, in your own thinking, you're certainly supportive of those programs.

**Attorney Iriarte:**

Thank you Senator Respicio for the opportunity to share some of my views on that. As we discussed, incarceration is not the answer to all crime, some crimes where we have rehabilitation as a proven method, we should try that method, we talked about how expensive it is to incarcerate people at DOC and some of my client are vendors to DOC so I have fist hand knowledge of the amount DOC pays on a daily basis, and it's quite astounding. I think if we have an opportunity to reintegrate people back into the community successfully, then we should be trying those options and I know the judiciary has many programs where it incorporates veterans back into the community, persons who are adult drug offenders, or even juvenile drug offenders, now that is not an area I have touched on much, if any, in my fifteen years of civil litigation practice. I am familiar with some of these new courts that the Superior Court of Guam has set up and I am very interested in getting to know more about how those programs operate and I fully support them and I will incorporate them should I be confirmed.

**Senator Respicio:**

Thank you. Also in our meeting I came to the conclusion right away that you were born to be a judge.

**Attorney Iriarte:**

Thank you.

**Senator Respicio:**

The people that came forward this afternoon to provide testimony really confirmed that. The Chairman eluted to some things that might come up to your background check, I think the only thing that may come up which Nate already spoke to, was that you're friends with him. That would definitely not stop me from moving forward and supporting you. Nate has done very well at GVB, my congratulations and also to your family, what a very proud moment for your entire family.

**Attorney Iriarte:**

Thank you.

**Senator Respicio:**

Thank you for accepting the Governors appointment.

**Senator Aguon:**

Thank you Senator Repscicio. Senator Tina Muna Barnes?

**Senator Barnes:**

Si Yu'os Ma'ase Mr. Chair. Elyze I just want to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak with you, we did talk for quite a while and I was impressed with your resume, and just being able to talk about all this experience you had. I was intrigued by your experience in the maritime law, and more importantly just the winning streak you've had with all the cases you were able to represent. More importantly, the work you did with the nonprofit organizations and I see some folks in the audience out here that are here for your support also. They are part of those nonprofit organizations and I just want to say thank you for stepping up to the plate, I know when the governor sent the

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representation down, the first thing that got me was you're a woman. Having to step up to the plate and work this knowing that you're very young and that your business was doing very well, and I know your partners are probably going to feel very bad about that. I know that this is a plus for the community, a plus for Guam and just having the judicial temperament to be able to be open to all the issues I think you're going to do very well. I have shared with you in private that you have got my support, I will share to you, in front of your family and your supporters that you will have my hundred percent support and I'm really hoping that it could get the next session agenda, but thank you so very much and to your family. John and I went to the SPG games back in nineteen ninety one I think, we were playing basketball and he was surfing. Thank you and congratulations to you and your family.

**Attorney Iriarte:**

Thank you, thank you very much.

**Senator Aguon:**

Thank you Senator Barnes. Senator Tony Ada?

**Senator Ada:**

Thank you Mr. Chair. Ma'am I would just like to thank you for taking the Governors nomination, accepting his nomination, for being the next Superior Court Judge of Guam. I know it's a tug and pull, the law firm that you have started, seeing where it was at and seeing where it is today and then stepping away from that and then stepping to the Superior Court, that must have been something to struggle with in support of your husband and your family, obviously made that decision with their support, you were able to come to the conclusion that this is the route that you want to take and where you want to be. Not only helping our island and our people but ensuring that the laws are well bedded adhered to and followed. I just want you to know that even though we did not have the opportunity to meet and sit down, I do look forward to sitting with you anytime just to talk about whatever is we could have talk about even if we didn't have that opportunity. I hope you're ready to run and roll because it look like Chief Justice Torres is ready to get you over there and get you started and get these cases rolling and get the courts back up to speed and hopefully be able to give you that case load that you're not looking forward to but you will take care of it anyway. You have my full support and you have my vote of confidence.

**Attorney Iriarte:**

Thank you Senator.

**Senator Aguon:**

Thank you Senator Tony Ada. Senator Mary Camacho Torres?

**Senator Torres:**

Mrs. Iriarte I just want to commend you for recognizing your calling. I also want to commend you for knowing that it also, your mission, and this success of your mission as a judicial officer is really by some form born in your family. The success of it. As a spouse of a judicial officer, just want to let you know that we are here, we will be there to support your family. The one consolation, good consolation, to that, is that is a wonderful way to raise young children because they grow up

self-discipline and self-regulation. regulation because those things are necessary for you to be a successful judicial officer as well so that is one best thing I guess behind all the sacrifice that they'll have to endure with you. I've heard nothing but good things about you and I just want to congratulate you and ensure you that you have my support and going forward you do have the support from me as a spouse of a judicial officer also. So Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

**Attorney Iriarte:**

Thank you very much.

**Senator Aguon:**

Thank you very much Senator Torres. Senator Mike San Nicolas?

**Senator San Nicolas:**

Thank you Mr. Chair. Elyze, as I was reviewing your nomination packet it occurred to me that you have graduated from high school just three years before I did. That has me really excited because I think that it is really great to have someone of our generation actually be on the bench, I think is going to offer a different kind of perspective and bring a unique set of talents and skills in the service of the community and that capacity. I wanted to ask because you have a whole lot of things going for you prior to you actually accepting this nomination, I remember, it made me think back to when I was pondering running for public office when I first ran. I have young children too. There was actually a very key turning point to me saying that I got to do this, I got to do this for the people of Guam and I have to serve. I appreciate your testimony, there has to have been something specific that inspired you to be able to walk away from all of things that you have worked hard for the past fifteen years and actually take this course, so what was that actual turning point where you said you know what? I'm actually going to do this?

**Attorney Iriarte:**

I think my decision at this point is culmination of all my experiences but if I was to draw on something very specific, it would be clerkship. Before I finished law school when I came back to Guam and I got to know better the attorneys who practiced here, I got to understand at that point there were a lot of other visiting judges, at the District Court and hearing cases and I got to know Judge Munson fairly well I got to know some of the ninth Circuit Judges, and I enjoy doing the work of the Judiciary writing memos, making recommendations, listening to arguments, sitting through trials. I think even though I left some people enjoy that work, they stay in clerkships and I knew I wanted to get out there and get some experience under my belt, which I did I even thought maybe it's not Guam, maybe it's California, so I took the bar there. I thought you know, I joined Carlsmith Law which is a Hawaii based law firm, and I even went to Hawaii and I thought maybe it's a career in Hawaii, and after two years I knew I had to come back home, even though y immediate family weren't here. I think its grounded in that experience I had as a clerk at the District Court of Guam where I Knew that I wanted to head back into the Judiciary, so when I came back to Guam I made partner. I was actually too young at that point to be considered as a judge at the Superior Court and there were openings but I always threw my name out there just in case people wanted to write my name in the blanks because sometimes they do surveys so I just continued to keep my name out there, I would mention my interest to the governor, and here I am, I think even though it has been fifteen years since that experience where I was really on that side of the courtroom I will always remember it. I do think I am going to do my best work on the bench for the island.

**Senator San Nicolas:**

Thank you very much for sharing that because I'm a very firm believer that often times people try and steer their course in life, but sometimes the highest calling in life are those that kind of materialize. We kind of go out there and have different experiences and something keeps calling us to a certain path, that is what I am hearing you share with us today. That for me is perhaps the most meaningful thing I have heard so far today because if you're answering calling then that means you're exactly where you're supposed to be. I am very excited about your nomination and I look forward to your confirmation.

**Mrs. Iriarte:**

Thank you very much Senator.

**Senator Aguon:**

Thank you Senator San Nicolas. Senator Morrison?

**Senator Morrison:**

Thank you Mr. Chairman, I want to thank all those who provide testimony this evening and I just want to quickly thank you for your many contributions to our community, I look forward to supporting your nomination and it was nice to see your wonderful family here and your little children running around, that was good to see. Thank you Mr. Chairman, all the best.

**Mrs. Iriarte:**

Thank you Senator.

**Senator Aguon:**

Thank you very much Senator Morrison. Well you got nine out of fifteen, at this moment, so you received the commitment of the majority of the members of the thirty third Guam Legislature. I just want to once again congratulate you on your appointment, thank you for and extending yourself to the people of Guam. Indefinitely into the future, especially in this particular capacity, it appears that in fact you understand the temperament, what is needed to sit in that judgeship, that particular seat and to serve our community, I am very proud to cast our vote and certainly look forward to casting it in your opinion. Thank you again, the committee now concludes the confirmation hearing on the appointment of Mrs. Elyze McDonald Iriarte and will continue to receive written testimony for the subsequent ten days, and the committee report will be closed concluded at that point and time. Thank you very much everyone, have a god evening.

**Mrs. Iriarte:**

Thnak you, Si Yu'os Ma'se.

The Confirmation Hearing was adjourned at 4:58 PM.



### III. WRITTEN TESTIMONIES:

Listed below are the individuals who have submitted written testimonies to the Committee on U.S. Military Relocation, Public Safety, and Judiciary before or after the scheduled confirmation hearing on Monday, October 10, 2016, at 4:00 PM in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room.

1. Anita Arriola, Attorney
2. Chief Justice Frances Tydingco-Gatewood
3. Chief Justice Robert J. Torres
4. Andrew S. Quenga, Attorney
5. Andrew S. Gayle, Attorney
6. Lorraine Okada
7. Elyze McDonald Iriarte, Esq.
8. Minaksi V. Hemlani, Attorney
9. Cory Chun
10. Francis E. Santos
11. Donald Calvo, Attorney
12. Frederick J. Horecky, Attorney
13. Antolina S. Leon Guerrero
14. Cynthia V. Ecube, Attorney
15. Dana A. Gutierrez, Attorney
16. Eduardo A. Calvo, Attorney
17. Michael A. Pangelinan, Esq.
18. Jennifer A. Calvo, Attorney
19. Rodney J. Jacob, Attorney
20. Janalynn Cruz Damian Esq.
21. Paula M. Blas
22. Sophia Santos Diaz, Esq.
23. B. Ann Keith
24. Ignacio C. Aguigui, Esq.

### IV. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee on Guam U.S. Military Relocation, Public Safety, and Judiciary hereby reports DOC NO. 33GL-16-2002, 'The Appointment of Elyze McDonald Iriarte as a Superior Court of Guam Judge' with recommendation to TO DO CONFIRM



**EDDIE BAZA CALVO**  
Governor

**RAY TENORIO**  
Lieutenant Governor

*Office of the Governor Of Guam.*

September 09, 2016

33-16-2002

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D  
Speaker  
*I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
155 Hessler Street  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Office of the Speaker  
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D

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Dear Madame Speaker:

It is with a deep sense of duty that I appoint Elyze McDonald Iriarte as a Superior Court of Guam Judge. Her appointment assures the Court that the best-qualified person was selected.

Judge-nominee Iriarte is a competent attorney who practices various aspects of the law. As a graduate of the University of Chicago and the University of Southern California, Ms. Iriarte's resume is impressive. She holds licenses in Guam, California, CNMI, Palau, and Hawaii, and has assisted both local and visiting Ninth Circuit and District Court judges during hearings and trials. Ms. Iriarte has even authored several columns in the Marianas Business Journal and gives back to her community by serving as president of the American Cancer Society, Policy & Advocacy Member of the Guam Comprehensive Cancer Coalition, and was on the Board of Trustees for St. John's School.

Judge-nominee Iriarte exhibits a passion for the law and a commitment to justice. She makes a difference in the lives of others as a legal strategist, and maximizes her litigation skills on behalf of her clients, with a consistent track record of victories in the courtroom. Attorney Iriarte has also served as a member of a pro bono committee for the Supreme Court of Guam, on a panel to reappoint a magistrate for the District Court of Guam, and as a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, Iriarte serves her community as a member of the Guam Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors. While I eagerly appoint Judge-nominee Iriarte as a Superior Court of Guam Judge, it is a bittersweet appointment because I know that it will be difficult to fill the void once she resigns from this Board.

I understand that sitting on the Superior Court bench is an indication of one's qualifications and contributions to the legal profession and the island. There is no doubt that Judge-nominee Iriarte meets these qualifications and has contributed to our community in her career as an attorney and as a daughter of Guam.

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I appoint Judge-nominee Iriarte to the Court because her leadership and integrity illustrate her aptitude and capacity for justice. Judgeship is perhaps the most prestigious of leadership positions in the government. It is a position that is not based on the whims of popularity or political campaign – but a position that is held in high regard, removed from popularity contests and politics. We entrust our judges to administer justice blindly and with true regard for the law.

I appreciate the Legislature's consideration of my appointment. I understand that there is a process for consideration of my appointment, and I ask that the Legislature act swiftly and unanimously confirm Judge-nominee Iriarte to the Superior Court of Guam bench.

Respectfully,



**EDDIE BAZA CALVO**  
Governor of Guam

cc: Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Guam  
Chairman, Legislative Committee on the Judiciary  
Members, *I Mina Trentai-tres na Liheslaturan Guahan*  
President, Guam Bar Association



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GUAM

**Nomination and Appointment Information**

The following information is required for submission to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* in accordance with Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Section 2103:

**NOMINEE INFORMATION**

Last Name **Iriarte** First **Elyze** M.I. Date **9/6/16**

Address [Redacted] Apartment/Unit #  
City [Redacted] State [Redacted] ZIP [Redacted]  
Phone [Redacted] E-mail Address [Redacted]

Position to which Appointment is Made **Judge, Superior Court of Guam**

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES  NO  If no, are you authorized to work in the U.S.? YES  NO

**EDUCATION**

High School **St. John's School** City/State **Tumon, Guam**  
From **09/91** To **05/95** Did you graduate? YES  NO  Degree **IB Diploma**

College **University of Chicago** City/State **Chicago, Illinois**  
From **09/95** To **06/98** Did you graduate? YES  NO  Degree **BA**

**EDUCATION**

Graduate School	University of Southern California		City/State	Los Angeles, California				
From	08/98	To	05/01	Did you graduate?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Degree	JD
Other Degree			City/State					
From		To		Did you graduate?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Degree	

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

(1) Present Employer	Iriarte Camacho Calvo Law Group LLC	Position	Principal Member
Address	134 W Soledad Ave Ste 401, Hagatna, Guam	Dates Held	04/16 to present
(2) Previous Employer	Carlsmith Ball LLP	Position	Administrative Partner
Address	134 W Soledad Ave Ste 401, Hagatna, Guam	Dates Held	10/01 to 03/16
(3) Previous Employer	U.S. District Court of Guam	Position	Law Clerk
Address	520 W. Soledad Ave. Fl. 4, Hagatna, Guam	Dates Held	1/01-9/01
(4) Previous Employer		Position	
Address		Dates Held	
(5) Previous Employer		Position	
Address		Dates Held	

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Agency	Guam Solid Waste Authority		Phone	671-649-3777
Address	542 North Marine Corps Drive Tumon, Guam 96913			
Job Title	Board Member	From:	02/2013	To present

**PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE**

Agency		Phone	
Address			
Job Title	From:	To	

**PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)**

Agency	US District Court of Guam	Phone	(671) 969-4501
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Job Title	Law Clerk	From:	01/01 To 09/01

Agency		Phone	
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**TRAINING**

Institute/Seminars/On-the-Job Training:	Date
Preparing for and Staying in Compliance with FLSA	2015
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Pacific Judicial Conference	2013
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**AWARDS**

List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:

**PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

List involvement on a local/national/international level, list organization, activities participated in, offices held:

Supreme Court of Guam Pro Bono Committee, Electronic Filing Rules Committee, Committee Regarding Amendments to the Rules of Civil Procedure; District Court of Guam Panel to Reappoint U.S. District Court Magistrate, Committee Regarding Amendments to the Local Rules of Practice, Ethics Committee; Guam Bar Association, Former Chairperson for the Committee on Legal Education;

**COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

List organizations, activities, participated in, offices held

Teach Money, Board Member  
American Cancer Society, Former President  
Guam Women's Chamber of Commerce  
St. John's School, Former Trustee and Secretary  
Guam Chamber of Commerce

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

List any published articles, papers delivered at professional meetings, etc.:

**MILITARY SERVICE (PLEASE ATTACH FORM DD-214)**

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Rank at Discharge		Type of Discharge	

**OTHER INFORMATION**

(1) Have you ever been found guilty of a felony in any court, whether within or without the United States?

YES

NO

If so, please specify in detail:

Address of the court: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Conviction: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific infraction committed: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Have you ever been declared mentally incompetent by any court, whether within or without the United States?

YES

NO

If so, please specify in detail the reasons and facts related to such declaration:

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(3) Have you ever been found not guilty or not punishable in any criminal proceedings by reason of insanity?

YES

NO

(4) Have you ever been confined to a mental institution for any reason?

YES

NO

If so, please specify in why the appointing authority believes you that you are not suffering from any mental illness or affliction:

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## Statement of Financial Interests

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TO: Governor Eddie Baza Calvo  
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex  
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FROM: Elyze Iriarte

- I have no financial interest in any business
- I do have interest(s) in the following business(es):

Name and address of business interest:	Type and amount of interest
Iriarte Camacho Calvo Law Group LLC	Principal Member (will withdraw upon confirmation of judicial office)

Elyze Iriarte  
Signature

8 September 2016  
Date



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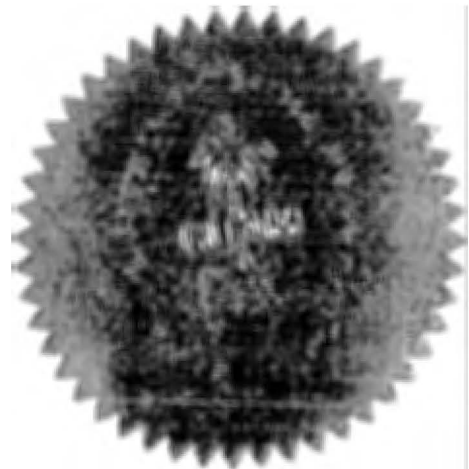
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City of Hagåtña )  
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I, **ROBERT J. TORRES**, Chief Justice of Guam, do hereby certify that the above-named applicant was admitted to practice before all courts of Guam on the **09th day of November 2001**, and is now and has been an attorney in good standing at the Bar of said courts continuously since the said date.

Dated: September 07, 2016.

  
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**ROBERT J. TORRES**  
Chief Justice






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September 7, 2016

**SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD**

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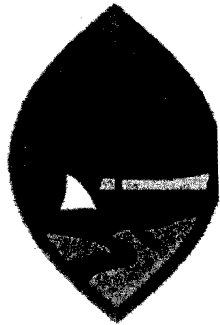
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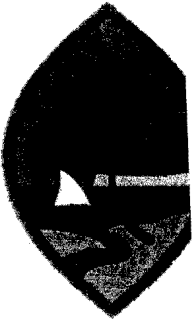
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Delia Taitano Jaime		483-7035			✓	
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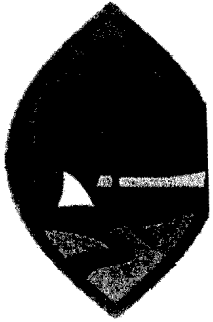
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Jane B. Florel	ICC Law Group	472-6813			✓	
Jesusa Quenega	ICC Law Group	472-6813			✓	
TRINA PENEZ	ICC Law Group	472-6813			✓	
Mary Quint	" "	472-6813			✓	
Davina Syams	" "	472-6813			✓	
Pido Bricardo	ICC Law Group	472-6813			✓	
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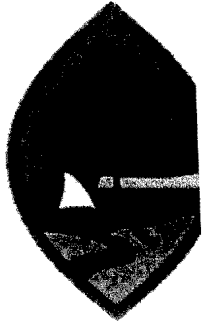
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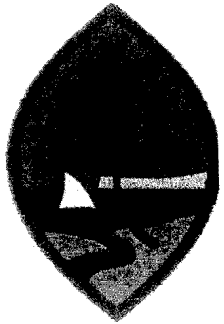
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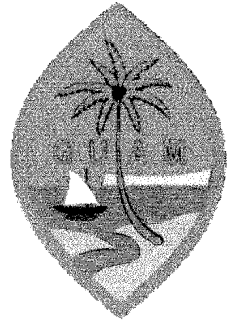
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Regine Biscoe Lee		988. 4642			X	
Jobe McDonald					X	
Chief Justice Torres	Judiciary	475 3278	✓	✓	✓	
Jessica Stout		483-4098			✓	

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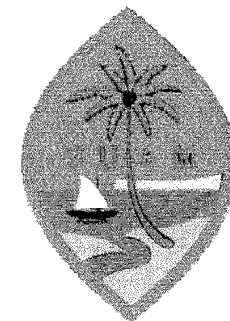
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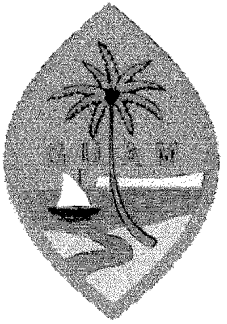
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Shirley Harveysme		487-7094			✓	
W. Brennan		777.2615			✓	
Jean Sants		687-4690			✓	
Joe McDonald		687-3897			✓	
Nel Mendola		4821823			✓	

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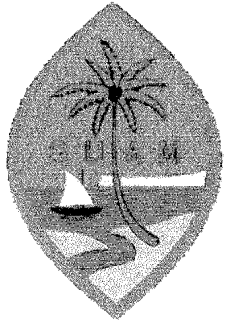
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<del>MARLENE CABALLERO</del>	<del>family</del>	<del>472-8568</del>			✓	
<del>DON NATHAN DENVINT</del>	<del>friend</del>	<del>687-7636</del>	✓		✓	
PRISCILLA Q. Santa	Family/Nisa	472-3377			✓	

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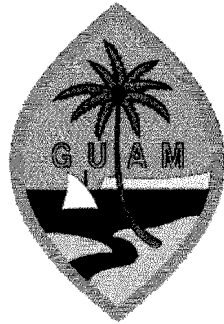
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Rossi Tolentino	ICC Law Group	472-6813			x	

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Relocation, Public Safety and Judiciary  
33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature  
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**Re: Confirmation Hearing of Elyze Iriarte, Esq.**

Dear Senator Aguon and Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of my entire law firm to support wholeheartedly the nomination of Elyze Iriarte as a judge to the Superior Court of Guam.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Elyze in her fifteen years of practice in Guam. I have worked with her on some cases and I have also been opposing counsel in other cases. She is a consummate professional. She is a very good, intelligent, and hard-working lawyer and I always knew that when I was against her in a case that I had to step up my game because she is a credible and worthy opponent. I saw her in court frequently. She is exceedingly comfortable in a courtroom, and she has a certain presence that commands respect. She represented her clients very well and it is because of her hard work and dedication to her practice that she was promoted to partner at Carlsmith, she formed her own law firm, and she is now appointed as a judge to the Superior Court.

I believe that Elyze has a deep respect for the law and a commitment to ensuring that litigants who come before her will be treated fairly and justly. It is for these reasons that I and all the other members of my firm strongly support her nomination to the Superior Court of Guam.

Very truly yours,

  
ANITA P. ARRIOLA



**Testimony from Federal District Court Chief Judge  
Frances Tydingco-Gatewood  
Confirmation Hearing for Attorney Elyze McDonald Iriarte  
for the position of Superior Court of Guam Judge  
Committee on the Guam U.S. Military Relocation,  
Public Safety and Judiciary  
Chairperson Senator Frank Aguon**

Guam Legislative Hall

October 10, 2016

**Hafa Adai and Good afternoon Chairman Frank Blas Aguon, Jr. and members of the Committee on the Guam U.S. Military Relocation, Public Safety and Judiciary.**

**Having received a subpoena to testify at this hearing, it is my honor to do so in support of Attorney Elyze McDonald Iriarte for the vacant trial judge position at the Superior Court of Guam, a position near and dear to my heart.**

**I have known Mrs. Elyze McDonald Iriarte for approximately 15 years. Specifically, I know her in my professional capacity as a Superior Court Judge, Supreme Court Associate Justice and currently as a Chief Judge for the District Court of Guam.**

**Mrs. Iriarte has appeared before me in my judicial capacities representing various types of clients. In each appearance, she was well prepared, very professional, and has had a great presence and demeanor. Her oral arguments were succinct and persuasive. She is a good writer, very clear and to the point. She always is very civil to opposing counsel, which is something I expect in my courtroom no matter how adversarial a proceeding can become. She has a quietness and calmness befitting of a judge.**

**One of my favorite quotes hanging in my chamber comes from *Socrates*:**

**FOUR THINGS BELONG TO A JUDGE:**

**TO HEAR COURTEOUSLY,  
TO ANSWER WISELY,  
TO CONSIDER SOBERLY, AND  
TO DECIDE IMPARTIALLY.**

**ELYZE already exhibits all of these important traits. Based on her extensive resume before you, I am confident she will be another daughter of Guam worthy of your confirmation vote.**

**Si yuus maase.**

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Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.  
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**RE: TESTIMONY ON NOMINATION OF ELYZE M. IRIARTE, ESQ.**

Dear Senator Aguon:

I thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony relative to the nomination of Ms. Elyze M. Iriarte, Esq. to serve as Judge of the Superior Court of Guam, filling a vacancy left by the resignation of Judge James L. Canto II.

We are here today in conjunction with the Legislature's reasoned and principled discharge of its "advice and consent" power. Our law envisions that the Legislature play a meaningful and constructive role in the judicial confirmation process by examining a nominee's competence, integrity, experience and judicial temperament.

Judges and justices usually do not appear at public hearings or otherwise consult with a legislative body except on matters concerning the law, the legal system or the administration of justice. A judge is also permitted to participate in the process of judicial selection by cooperating with confirming authorities and responding to official inquiries concerning a person being considered for judgeship. A judge can also make a recommendation or serve as a reference provided that the reference is based on the knowledge about the reference, is factual and directed to the factors relevant to performance of the office. It is in that vein that I testify before you today.

A few months ago, Governor Eddie Calvo nominated Attorney Iriarte to fill the vacancy on the Superior Court bench. Although Judge Pro Temp Ingles has been assisting in the transition in the interim, in the past few months, the lack of a seventh trial judge has had a significant impact on the caseload of the current sitting judges. It is our grave concern that the strain of additional cases absorbed by each judge will very soon have a negative impact on the efficiency of the court. It is imperative, therefore, that the Legislature act quickly upon the nomination of Ms. Iriarte.

Elyze has appeared before me at the Supreme Court of Guam. Based on my personal observations, she has displayed that she is an effective and competent advocate for her clients. Elyze has the

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Testimony of Andrew Serge Quenga on the  
Appointment of Elyze McDonald Iriarte as  
Superior Court of Guam Judge

Before the 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature  
Committee on Guam U.S. Military Relocation,  
Public Safety and Judiciary

Hafa Adai Chairman Frank Aguon, Jr.:

My name is Andrew Sergio Quenga, a former Assistant Attorney General for Guam, former Staff Attorney in Judiciary of Guam, former Guam Compiler of Laws, current in-house counsel for a large telecommunications provider in Guam and member of the Guam Bar Association since 1996. I thank you for the opportunity and honor to provide this testimony in support of the confirmation of Elyze McDonald Iriarte as a judge of the Superior Court of Guam.

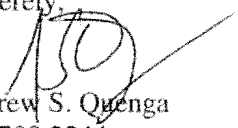
In twenty years of practicing law in Guam, I have come to know many lawyers who are very good at practicing law and representing clients. However, in my opinion very few have the temperament, objectivity, confidence and humility necessary to make an exceptional judicial officer. Elyze is one of the few. I have known Elyze personally since she started practicing law and professionally for the past five years through her representation of my company. I have worked closely with her and have come to trust her representation, professionalism and judgment without reservation.

I can say with utmost confidence that Elyze will make an excellent trial court judge. I base this on over ten years of working with the judges and justices in the Judiciary of Guam and on years of professional experience with her.

The Judiciary is in desperate need for another Judge. I respectfully urge the Legislature to confirm Elyze as soon as possible so that she can begin work as judge. Elyze will serve the people of Guam as a judge for many years to come and I have no doubt that history will show her to be one of the finest judicial officers that Guam has ever produced.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of Elyze's confirmation.

Sincerely,



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Confirmation Hearing for Elyze McDonald Iriarte

October 10, 2016. 4:00pm

Andrew M. Gayle, Jr.

Chief Operating Officer, GTA Teleguam

Chairman, Guam Solid Waste Authority

Hafa Adai, Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of the committee.

Thank you for affording me this opportunity to provide brief comments regarding Ms. Iriarte's judicial appointment. I have had the pleasure of working professionally with Elyze Iriarte in two separate capacities: as the Chief Operating Officer of GTA as well as Chairman of the Guam Solid Waste Authority. I believe she possesses the intelligence, wisdom, temperament, and demeanor to be a successful member of the judiciary to benefit of the island of Guam.

As outside counsel for GTA, Elyze has represented us successfully in court and demonstrated her mastery of the law as well as the rules and procedures of the court system. She offered prudent legal advice and strategy that has proven successful and beneficial to GTA as a client. I believe she will be a great asset to the bench for commercial and civil issues.

As a member of the GSWA board, Elyze has demonstrated her commitment to public service, in a situation that can be quite adversarial at times, based on the current legal status of the authority. Elyze has been able to review all the issues as presented and formulate guidance, advice, and opinions dispassionately and with great articulation. I've observed her calm demeanor and even temperament in sometimes heated board meetings and it is these qualities that will make her an excellent judge, it this lay person's opinion.

While I am here testifying on her behalf, I find myself slightly torn: if she gets confirmed, I will lose a great attorney for my company and an excellent board member. However, I believe in Elyze and I think that Guam will benefit from her being on the bench and I wholeheartedly recommend her confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Andrew Gayle



**Lorraine Okada**

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Committee on Guam U.S. Military Relocation, Public Safety and Judiciary  
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The Honorable Frank Blas Aguon Jr and members of the Committee,

I am honored to be here to express my support for Elyze McDonald Iriarte as Superior Court of Guam Judge. My name is Lorraine S. Okada, owner of Okada Managing Consulting Services. I reside at 146 Tiyan Pl. in the village of Barrigada.

I strongly support the nomination of Elyze McDonald Iriarte for Superior Court of Guam Judge. I have the unique opportunity to know her personally and professionally. Personally, I am her godmother by confirmation; and professionally, I worked with her while I was employed as Executive Manager for Carlsmith Ball LLP law firm and now under ICC, the Iriarte Camacho Calvo law firm.

On a personal level, I was honored that she chose me to be her godmother for confirmation in 2005. I know her to be a woman of faith. I know her as honest and forthright. I've had the opportunity to witness her growth, as the daughter of Jim and Genedine McDonald, then wife to Jan Iriarte, and mother of son Ignacio and daughter Sii. She is patient, humble and compassionate with a strong sense of dedication and family values.

On a professional level, I have first-hand experience working with her at Carlsmith Ball LLP law firm, now ICC, Iriarte Camacho Calvo, then as a client providing human resources consulting services to the law firm for over 15 years. During this period, I observed her professional growth, from first-year attorney right out of law school, to become a partner of the firm (I believe the youngest ever to become partner of this large firm) then as my client. She has strong work ethics, she's hardworking, attentive, diligent, intelligent, and a deep sense of fairness. She has one of the keenest legal minds I have ever encountered. She has the ability to quickly get to the heart of a legal issue. She deserved those promotions, every step of the way.

Elyze is a woman of integrity, her depth of knowledge is impressive, and her sense of wisdom surprises you, for someone of such a young age. Her decisions are based on the law and the facts, with a sense of wisdom, which has earned her the respect of other attorneys and clients.

Elyze has a strong sense of community and desire to contribute. She volunteers and supports organizations such as the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Girls Scouts, the Guam Chamber of Commerce, the Society for Human Resources Management and many more.

Hafa Adai Speaker Won Pat, Vice Speaker Cruz, Chairman Aguon, and Senators and members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Elyze McDonald Iriarte, and I thank you for your time and consideration of my nomination to the Superior Court of Guam.

Before I deliver some prepared remarks, please allow me to introduce some family members who have joined me here today. First is my husband of six years, Jan Iriarte. Most people know him as a three-time Olympian for Guam in the sport of windsurfing. At home he is known as "Dada" to our three year old energetic son Ignacio and our thoughtful two years old daughter Si'i. Also here with me is my grandmother, Josefina McDonald. Grandma was a long-time employee of the Legislature and the Judiciary. At 90, she still keeps all of us on our toes. Twenty years ago my parents left Guam, and they couldn't make it here for today's hearing. But in their place are their siblings from the McDonald and Taitano sides, and I am very grateful for their support.

I am in awe of the breadth of responsibilities that those who sit as trial judges undertake. If confirmed by you, I will be adjudicating over the break ups of families and then helping those children heal; I will be observing and determining whether a criminal defendant has committed a crime and then ensuring that the victim receives justice and restitution; I will be taking the laws that you write and deliberate over in this very building and interpreting them as best as I can for those litigants before me. These are heavy issues, and they are important for all those who would appear before me. A judge, and especially a trial judge in the Superior Court of Guam, must have both the intellectual capacity to handle the

variety and complexity of cases and issues, but also have the understanding of the impact that that decision is about to have and will have on all those affected. Making these decisions will take reasoned, and often quick thinking. I want to assure you that I will convey these attributes if I have the privilege to sit on the bench.

While I have been in the legal field for fifteen years, let me first talk to you about who I am, where I came from, and the foundations of my character. I grew up in Canada, Barrigada, one of four daughters to my parents, James and Genedine Taitano McDonald. Like many who lived in that era, we lived in a house with a tin roof, next door to my grandparents James and Josefina McDonald. I also spent many a summer with my maternal grandparents, Jesus and Isabel Quichocho Taitano, trying my best to help their operation of the Sinajana post office, which they managed for several decades. Those times were about family and community.

Of all the values my parents instilled, one in particular - the love of learning - will play a critical role in the task of adjudication. Growing up, my Mom was a young mother and a secretary. My Dad was college educated and a lover of reading. They taught me and my sisters the importance of education. While it may not be obvious, the love of learning is an inherent part of the practice of law. Every case is a new story, a new legal analysis, a new strategy and an outcome tailored to the facts. It's this background of love of education that will support my adjudication of cases.

My parents also taught us humility and respect, two attributes that somehow go undervalued when it comes to justice. A judicial position is a powerful one, that needs to be tempered with humility. A judge is not perfect and does not have all the answers. Like anyone else, a judge comes with inherent assumptions and biases about an issue. Should I be confirmed as a judge, I will be open-minded and endeavor to challenge my prior thinking on the issue, guided by the laws this honorable body drafts and the precedent set by the U.S. and Guam Supreme Courts.

Finally, respect is inherent in our community. Against my peers in the bar, I have always practiced with a demeanor that is polite and courteous. I've always believed and practiced the belief that cases are won with analysis and persuasive skills, not with nasty rhetoric. I will carry this same deportment as a judge.

Many people have asked how I ended up in the law. When I graduated from St. John's School in 1995, and went on to the University of Chicago, I chose an obscure major that interested me the most--Law, Letters & Society. As I approached the end of my college days after three brutal winters in Chicago, I decided I wasn't done learning about the law. I packed my bags for LA and enrolled in the University of Southern California Law School. During my first summer after law school, I already knew I wanted to test what it would be like to live, as an adult professional, back home. I signed up for an internship with Judge John Unpingco, then Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court of Guam. In 1999, even before the beautiful federal building had been finished, I spent a summer observing and analyzing cases under Judge Unpingco's tutelage. I suppose it was



there that I first formed the understanding that being on that side of the courtroom, and particularly in this island, may fit me best, because I came back home even before law school ended and starting clerking. It was a heavy criminal docket. The crime de jure of the early part of the millennium was alien smuggling. The court heard multiple multi-defendant alien smuggling cases, persons who bought an opportunity to get on a boat and swim to shore for a new life in this free country but were caught by law enforcement. But let me relate an experience where I learned that judge's decisions are often never easy. During my term, a heroin dealer sought to reduce his sentence and my research revealed his petition had merit. Judge Unpingco struggled with the issue as he had remembered convicting and sentencing this particular defendant who posed a real danger to society. I won't forget our hours of discussions and deliberations over this particular case.

After my clerkship I joined a law firm where I stayed for 14 years, until starting my own firm back in April. I want to share some of my more significant work with you today.

There are a few clients who have been with me since the beginning of my career, and one includes the Government of Guam Retirement Fund. In my work for the Fund, I have defended in court many of the Fund's action, including its abidance by PL 28-38. I am proud of my work as Fund counsel to refine its procedures in handling disability retirement applications, as well as the numerous forms of legislation I drafted to assist the Fund's operations.

In my past five years of practice, I have had a heavy concentration on an area of law frustrating to many Guam businesses, which is Government of Guam procurement. Among other cases, I prevailed in *Town House v. DOE*, which outlined how to file a procurement action in Superior Court. I also worked on *Teleguam v. GSA*, which forces the Government to follow laws requiring it to keep a complete procurement record.

I am most proud of the work I have done in employment law. Employment has been the cornerstone of my career in civil litigation. In 2008, I prevailed in *Quijano v. Atkins Kroll*, 2008 Guam 14, a case that affirms the applicability of the at-will doctrine to employment contracts on Guam. I have helped numerous clients understand and face allegations of discrimination. Through this work and through the employment law workshops I have conducted, I have helped Guam employers improve their discrimination, harassment and anti-retaliation policies.

My experience in civil litigation is not confined to Guam. I am licensed and have also practiced before the courts of Hawaii, CNMI, and Palau; I carry a law license in California; and I have appeared in cases in FSM particularly over the area of maritime litigation, another of my core practice areas. At the federal level I have practiced before the Ninth Circuit and Federal Circuit Courts of Appeal, and am licensed to practice in the U.S. Supreme Court. I will bring to the bench my knowledge of how these other courts efficiently administer justice.

My civil litigation career has been highly rewarding but I am here before you because I seek the opportunity to be of greater service to the people of Guam. I

bring with me not just my 15 years of litigation practice, but my perspective and experiences as a native Chamorro and a mother.

I lastly want to thank the Governor for having the confidence in me to take on this role, and to say how touched I am by the outpouring of support by friends and colleagues here today.

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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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**Re: Letter in Support of the Nomination of Elyze McDonald Iriarte, Esq. as Judge,  
Superior Court of Guam**

Dear Senator Aguon,

This letter is written to express my support for the nomination of Elyze McDonald Iriarte, Esq. to serve as Judge of the Superior Court of Guam. I have known Elyze as a friend and colleague for almost ten (10) years, so I am able to testify to her personal character and work ethic.

Elyze would be an asset to the Judiciary. Her work product is superior because she has a keen legal mind, and has demonstrated her ability to analyze complicated legal issues and apply the law appropriately. I am confident Elyze will make decisions that are just and fair.

Elyze also has a good sense of humor, self-discipline, and varied interests outside the law – which I think extremely important. The best judges possess qualities that Elyze has cultivated through her life experience, including compassion and integrity.

I whole-heartedly support Elyze's nomination and encourage you and all the senators of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature to confirm her as a Judge of the Superior Court.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

  
Minakshi V. Hemlani, Esq.



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October 7, 2016

The Honorable Frank B. Aguon, Jr.  
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**RE: Nomination of Elyze McDonald Iriarte**

Dear Senator Aguon;

I am writing to support the nomination of Elyze McDonald Iriarte to the Superior Court of Guam. Ms. Iriarte has a long history of community service with the American Cancer Society, which compliments her legal acumen and professionalism.

Ms. Iriarte began her volunteer service with the American Cancer Society by joining the advisory board in 2008. Our advisory board is responsible for making recommendations and shaping our patient services, outreach activities, and supporting Relay For Life. Ms. Iriarte continued service on the advisory board and was elected as Vice President in 2010-2011 and President at 2011-2012.

Public service and community service are important factors in determining the moral character and fitness of potential superior court justice. I would encourage you to consider Ms. Iriarte's time and dedication to serving Guam and using her energy and talents to help strengthen the Guam community.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the nomination of Elyze Iriarte.

Sincerely,

Cory Chun  
Hawaii Pacific Government Relations Director

October 10, 2016

Honorable Frank B. Aguon Jr.  
Chairman, Committee on Guam U.S. Military Relocation,  
Public Safety and Judiciary  
33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature  
Hagatna, Guam

**Re: Letter of Support for Elyze McDonald Iriarte**

Dear Senator Aguon:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of the nomination of Ms. Elyze McDonald Iriarte to the position of Judge in the Superior Court of Guam.

Let's skip the traditional verbiage citing the credentials and accolades of Ms. Iriarte. I'm confident that your staff has done it due diligence reviewing the credentials of Ms. Iriarte.

First, I strongly urge this esteemed committee and the Senators of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature to support the nomination of Ms. Iriarte and to vote favorably for her confirmation.

Secondly, we want to thank Governor Calvo for appointing Ms. Iriarte. There are many qualified and competent lawyers in our legal community and I commend him for selecting her.

When we speak of a judicial appointment, there are typical public responses which include, why Ms. Iriarte. What is her connection to the Governor? Does she meet the minimum qualifications to be appointed to this important position?

Personally, the one question that comes to mind is does she have the judicial temperament for this important job? The question of her character immediately comes into question. Is she decisive? Is she compassionate and fair in her decision making process? Does she have the courage to make the tough and difficult decisions?

I can speak from my personal experience, both personal and professional, that Ms. Iriarte has the judicial temperament needed for this important job. She was my primary legal counsel in a legal proceeding which she provided fair, balance and concise legal arguments which subsequently led to a favorable settlement.

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On a lighter note, and typical of Guam's familial ties, I will now disclose that Ms. Iriarte is my cousin. More importantly, she is married to one of my good friends and a longtime idol of my sons, Jon Iriarte. I remember hearing from several friends that Jon was dating Ms. Iriarte and I asked, how is that possible since they are complete opposites. Nevertheless, they are happily married and have two wonderful children.

In closing, I once again ask for your support and favorable vote for the confirmation of Ms. Iriarte.

Regards,

Francis E. Santos

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**Fwd: Confirmation Hearing - Elyze M. Iriarte**

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Subject: Confirmation Hearing - Elyze M. Iriarte

Dear Chairman Aguon,

I am submitting this testimony in support of Elyze M. Iriarte as the nominee for the position of judge for the Superior Court of Guam.

Since December of 2001, I've had the pleasure and privilege of working with Elyze. We started our employment with Carlsmith Ball LLP at virtually the same time. Elyze, at the time, was just commencing her legal career. From the very beginning, it was abundantly evident to me that Elyze possessed a sharp legal mind with the ability to identify complex and nuanced legal issues, an ability which is essential to an attorney's success and effectiveness in the practice of law. Over the years, Elyze has continually honed that skill which has translated into many successes on behalf of her clients. One thing in particular that stands out to me over the 15 years I have worked with Elyze is her unwavering interest, commitment and love for the practice of law. Today and over the last 6 months, I am honored to have been her partner in our current firm, Iriarte Camacho Calvo Law Group, LLC.

As she seeks to transition to the position of judgeship, it is my belief that Elyze is more than capable of meeting the obligations attendant with the position based on her experience and keen understanding and passion for the law. I truly believe she will be a tremendous addition to our bench and a great asset to the judiciary.

While I am sad that I will lose a great partner and a person whom I can rely upon to discuss complex and difficult legal issues should she be confirmed, I am comforted in knowing that the Superior Court will gain a person who possesses great legal ability, fairness in judgment, and a hard working ethic in her craft.

For these reasons, I offer my full support for her nomination to the position of judge for the Superior Court of Guam. Should you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance in the Committee's consideration of Elyze, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,  
Don



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RE: Appointment of Elyze McDonald Iriarte as a Superior Court of Guam Judge

Dear Chairman Aguon:

I hereby submit this testimony in favor of the appointment of Elyze McDonald Iriarte as a Superior Court of Guam Judge. This testimony is submitted in my capacity as an Administrative Law Judge for Telecommunications matters with the Guam Public Utilities Commission.

Since 2011, I have had the opportunity to observe the presentation and legal advocacy skills of Ms. Elyze Iriarte in numerous Telecommunications proceedings before the Guam Public Utilities Commission. Ms. Iriarte has appeared on behalf of Teleguam Holdings LLC in proceedings involving complex telecommunications issues.

She has ably represented her client in addressing such issues as whether Metro Ethernet Transport Service is an "interstate" or "intrastate" service, and the obligations of a carrier to provide access to unbundled Dark Fiber Inter Office Facility under an Interconnection Agreement.

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Ms. Iriarte has represented her client in a competent and professional manner. She has always been well prepared in such proceedings. She has developed a keen understanding and grasp of complicated telecommunications issues and is a dedicated advocate on behalf of her client.

Ms. Iriarte has a calm and deliberate manner in her representation, which is very effective. She has excellent skills in examination of witnesses, but always treats opposing witnesses and counsel with respect.

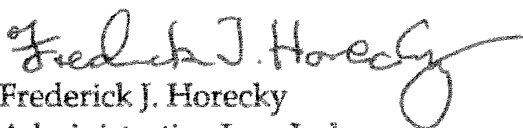
I believe that the qualities I have witnessed in Ms. Iriarte will make her a great asset to the Superior Court of Guam as a Judge. Her calm and thoughtful demeanor should enable her to decide cases fairly, without emotion, and in accordance with the proper legal standards and precedent.

I also had the opportunity to review many briefs written by Ms. Iriarte, and she has a writing style and logic that will be well suited for issuance of reasoned judicial decisions.

She is certainly highly qualified, both by temperament and educational background, to be a Judge. I would anticipate that she will have many successful years of service in a judicial capacity. I therefore urge you and the members of the Judiciary Committee to confirm Ms. Iriarte's appointment as Judge.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony and support for Ms. Iriarte's appointment.

Sincerely,

  
Frederick J. Horecky  
Administrative Law Judge  
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**Re: Support for Elyze McDonald Iriarte's Appointment to the Superior Court of Guam**

Buenas Senator Aguon and members of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature,

I am pleased to submit this letter in support of Elyze McDonald Iriarte's nomination to serve on the Superior Court of Guam.

As someone who was born and raised on Guam, I have a deep appreciation for young professionals like Elyze who return to Guam for their careers and give back to the community that raised them. Since her return, Elyze has been active in community and civic organizations. She and her husband are raising their two children here—a clear reflection of her commitment to our island.

I have also seen Elyze's commitment to the law in my role as a Trustee for the Government of Guam Retirement Fund Board. Elyze serves as legal counsel to the Retirement Fund Board and has always been well prepared to discuss all sides of the legal issues presented for the Board's consideration. She consistently conducts a thorough review of the legal arguments and answers the Trustees' questions. She has successfully represented the Board's position in court for the benefit of the Retirement Fund and our members, Government of Guam employees, retirees and survivors alike.

When she was nominated to serve in the Judiciary, Elyze and her colleagues had just formed a new partnership and started their own firm. I asked her about the decision to leave private practice and accept this nomination to the Court. Elyze's answer impressed me. "I think this is where I'm meant to do the most good."

Elyze McDonald Iriarte is a bright, young daughter of Guam who is looking to serve where she is meant to do the most good. I am grateful for her commitment to serve. I applaud her professional abilities. And I support Elyze's appointment to the Superior Court of Guam.

Sincerely,

  
ANTOLINA S. LEON GUERRERO

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October 10, 2016

Honorable Frank B. Aguon, Jr., Senator  
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Re: **Written Testimony on Behalf of the Confirmation of Elyze McDonald Iriarte to Serve as Judge for the Superior Court of Guam.**

Dear Senator Aguon:

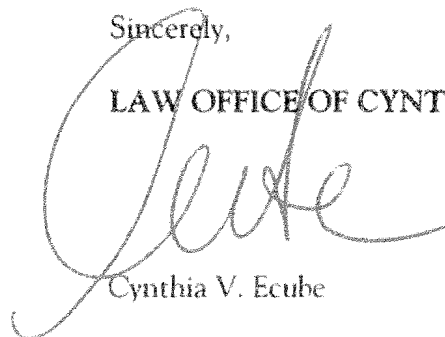
My name is Cynthia V. Ecube, Esq. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the local courts of Guam, the District Court of Guam, and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for approximately twenty six (26) years. I am pleased to present my written testimony in support of the confirmation of Elyze McDonald Iriarte to serve as Judge for the Superior Court of Guam.

I have known Ms. Iriarte for over ten (10) years as a private practitioner with the law firm of Carlsmith Ball. Ms. Iriarte has an extensive legal background in the area of civil litigation and has practiced in both local and federal courts. Ms. Iriarte possess qualities of leadership and strong work ethics. I am confident that her legal and professional experience will make her a valuable asset to the Judiciary of Guam. Therefore, I am requesting your favorable consideration for Ms. Iriarte's confirmation to serve as Judge for the Superior Court of Guam.

If you have any questions concerning this testimony, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

LAW OFFICE OF CYNTHIA V. ECUBE, ESQ.



Cynthia V. Ecube

Enclosure as stated.

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Re: **Letter in Support of the Nomination of Elyze M. Iriarte  
Judge, Superior Court of Guam**

Dear Senator Aguon:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Elyze M. Iriarte to serve as a Judge of the Superior Court of Guam.

I have known Elyze for over 15 years. Elyze and I originally met over the telephone as a result of attending the same law school—the University of Southern California School of Law. Elyze attended law school a couple of years after me and found out that there was another girl from Guam who had attended the law school before her. Being from Guam, we were novelties to those we met and, because of the pride we have in our island, always left an impression on those we interacted with while in school. Elyze tracked me down and we chatted about our experiences.

Little did I know at the time that we would soon be practicing law together at Carlsmith Ball LLP. Having practiced together, I am familiar with her legal work and her abilities as an attorney. In order to perform well as a Superior Court Judge, it is not enough to be smart. Aside from legal knowledge and skills, an individual must possess qualities such as attentiveness, commonsense, decisiveness, integrity, impartiality, and open-mindedness. Based on my experience working with Elyze, I know she possesses these qualities and will make an excellent Superior Court judge.

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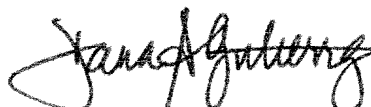
As with most working mothers, Elyze has learned to strike a balance between work and family life. Because of the nature of trial court work, this ability to juggle and multi-task will serve her well, as she will be faced with various types of cases on a daily basis such as criminal, civil, and family cases. The ability to move from topic to topic in a span of minutes, all while making difficult decisions, is a skill she has and will be an asset while she is on the bench.

Having recently worked at the Judiciary of Guam, I am familiar with the progress being made in the areas of juvenile justice reform and the reintegration of the formerly incarcerated back into our community. Additionally, the Judiciary is moving towards modernizing their systems in terms of case processing and e-filing. I believe that Elyze can be an asset in pushing these reforms forward and improving our local court to ensure access to justice for more island residents.

Lastly, Elyze's confirmation will result in a stronger and more diversified Superior Court, and I am proud we will be adding another female to our local bench. I support her nomination and encourage the senators in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature to confirm Elyze as the next Judge of the Superior Court of Guam.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at 646-9355.

Very truly yours,

  
DANA A. GUTIERREZ

cc: Elyze M. Iriarte, Esq.

October 11, 2016

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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Frank B. Aguon, Jr.  
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**RE: Nomination of Elyze M. Iriarte, Judge, Superior Court of Guam**

Dear Chairman Aguon and Distinguished Committee Members:

We write in full support of the nomination of Elyze M. Iriarte as Judge to the Superior Court of Guam. Lawyers in our firm have maintained professional and personal relationships with Attorney Iriarte for nearly fifteen years and we know Attorney Iriarte to be a person of integrity and intelligence. We are confident that she will be a strong asset to the Judiciary of Guam.

Attorney Iriarte is a valuable member of Guam's legal and judicial community. Aside from being knowledgeable about the law, she understands that the law must work for our community. We believe that Attorney Iriarte will continue, and be supportive of, the Judiciary of Guam's efforts at community engagement through programs such as Law Week, the Safe & Drug-Free Schools Project, and the School Resources Officers Program.

We know from experience that Attorney Iriarte is of solid character and is prepared to make tough decisions even if those decisions may sometimes be unpopular. We believe that Attorney Iriarte has the judicial temperament necessary to be a judge, and will take the time to listen completely and fully to understand the complexities of issues before making a decision. She has the qualities needed that will enable her to be a good trial court judge—decisiveness, open-mindedness, courtesy, patience, freedom from bias and commitment to equal justice. Moreover, she believes in the rule of law and as a judge, will strictly follow the law.

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Attorney Iriarte is a hard worker and has effective time management skills, qualities that will serve her well as a trial court judge. As an attorney in private practice, she has demonstrated over the years that she is able to handle a very large workload and is no stranger to working long hours. We are confident that as a trial court judge, she will carry out her public duties to improve the lives of those served by our local court.

We proudly support the nomination of Elyze M. Iriarte as a judge to the Superior Court of Guam. We hope that her nomination will proceed quickly so she may fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Judge James Canto and enable her to serve our people as a judicial officer of Guam's distinguished Judiciary.

Sincerely,

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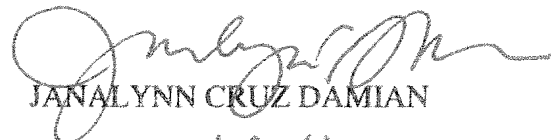
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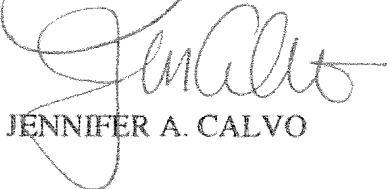
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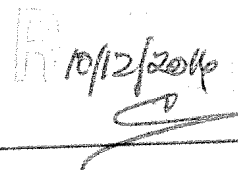


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Re: Testimony in Support of the Appointment of Elyze McDonald Iriarte as  
 Judge of the Superior Court of Guam

Dear Chairman Aguon:

It is a privilege to submit this letter in support of Elyze McDonald Iriarte for the position of Judge with the Superior Court of Guam. I have had the distinct pleasure of working with Elyze during my tenure as the Director of the Retirement Fund from May 2005 to present.

On a professional level, Elyze displays excellent policy and decision making skills. She is a devoted individual who is highly competent and capable, with exceptional work ethics and a drive for excellence.

Elyze is intelligent, articulate and possesses outstanding organizational and communication skills. She is diligent and compassionate in her interpersonal relationships.

Her multi-faceted experience within the legal system and community is a reflection of her commitment to the development and well being of our island. With Elyze's knowledge and expertise in the area of law, she will bring the requisite leadership, stability, and foresight to ensure that decisions are impartial.

I trust your favorable consideration of Elyze's appointment will be a step in the right direction in your effort to enhance the judicial system into one that will best serve the citizens of Guam.

Sincerely  
  
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October 10, 2016

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Dear Chairman Aguon and Senators,

Elyze McDonald Iriarte is smart, diligent and thoughtful. She is careful in word and deed and considers the consequences of actions before taking them. After graduating law school and beginning a promising career, she returned home because she is genuinely concerned in the well-being of our island community. Like many of her peers, she recognized that life in Guam is without comparison and has actively contributed to the community through participation in civic organizations and service.

Perhaps most importantly, Ms. Iriarte, together with her husband Jan, has started a family here. She is, quite clearly, *invested* in the island and dedicated to ensuring that life on Guam is better for those who come after us. She is ethical, professional and patient (as most mothers of young children have to be), and responsible.

For all these reasons, it is with great pride that I write in support of her appointment to the bench of the Superior Court of Guam. She has the appropriate judicial temperament and will be a competent jurist.

*Senseremente,*



Sophia Santos Diaz

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Re: Confirmation of Elyze MacDonald Iriarte as Judge for the Superior Court

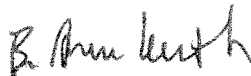
Dear Senator Aguon:

I write to submit comments in my personal support of the confirmation of Elyze MacDonald Iriarte to serve as a trial court judge at the Superior Court of Guam. I have had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Iriarte since she was a law student, when she performed an internship with the District Court of Guam, where I served as a law clerk. She was a precocious intern, performing far beyond students at the same level. She was very unassuming, but clearly possessed of a superior intellect. I can think of no better qualities to support her service as a Judge of the Superior Court of Guam.

She has always demonstrated restrained and humble temperament in every situation I have ever seen her in. She is a true intellectual and a compassionate community member. The Guam Judiciary would be fortunate to be served by her by his appointment.

Thank you for permitting me to submit these comments in support of the confirmation of Elyze MacDonald Iriarte to the position of Judge of the Superior Court of Guam.

Sincerely,



B. Ann Keith

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October 20, 2016

VIA FACSIMILE

The Hon. Frank B. Aguon, Jr.  
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**RE: Confirmation of Attorney Elyze McDonald Iriarte  
Judge Nominee, Guam Superior Court**

Dear Senator Aguon:

It is with great pleasure that I submit this letter in full support of Attorney Elyze McDonald Iriarte's nomination as judge to the Superior Court of Guam. I was unable to personally attend Elyze's confirmation hearing before your Committee on October 10, 2016. Therefore, I am submitting this written testimony of support on her behalf.

I have known Elyze for over a decade and have worked with her in several complex civil cases. I also know her personally. She is an incredibly intelligent and knowledgeable lawyer – extremely thoughtful, diligent, thorough, and meticulous in her work. She approaches her cases with perseverance and passion, while treating her colleagues, clients, and associates with respect, dignity, and fairness. I know her to be caring, compassionate, open-minded, and committed to equality and social justice in her professional endeavors.

It is recognized that one of the most important qualities that a judge should possess is “judicial temperament” which includes aspects such as commitment to equal justice under law, freedom from bias, ability to decide issues according to law, courtesy and civility, open-mindedness and compassion. Elyze undoubtedly possesses all of these qualities. I believe that, as a judge, she will treat those in her courtroom – litigants, jurors, witnesses, and attorneys alike – with respect, patience, compassion, and civility. This is an extremely important, but sometimes overlooked, quality that judges should have and continuously employ in their work.

In sum, Elyze is an exemplary attorney of intelligence, distinction and accomplishment, and an individual with exceptional personal qualities. Those same qualities, talents, and accomplishments will serve her well as a judge. I and many others would welcome her addition to our Superior Court.

Hon. Frank B. Aguon, Jr.  
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I respectfully urge *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to confirm Attorney Elyze McDonald Iriarte to the position of Judge, Superior Court of Guam.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of recommendation in support of Elyze. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Best wishes and regards.

Very truly yours,

THE LAW OFFICES OF  
IGNACIO CRUZ AGUIGUI

  
Ignacio C. Aguigui, Esq.



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September 12, 2016

### MEMORANDUM

**To:** **Rennae Meno**  
*Clerk of the Legislature*

**From:** **Senator Rory J. Respicio**  
*Chairperson of the Committee on Rules*

**Subject:** **Referral of Appointment**

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of the following appointment:

**Appointee:** Elyze McDonald Iriarte  
**Position:** Judge, Superior Court of Guam

For a copy of Ms. Iriarte's appointment packet, please visit the Guam Legislature's website at [www.guamlegislature.com](http://www.guamlegislature.com). Under the "Reports" menu select the "Messages & Communications" option and refer to:

**"Doc. 33GL-16-2002: Governor's message transmitting the appointment of Elyze McDonald Iriarte, to serve as a Superior Court of Guam Judge."**

Please ensure that the subject appointment is referred, in my name, to **Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr., Chairperson of the Committee on the Guam U.S. Military Relocation, Public Safety, and Judiciary**. I also request that the same be forwarded to all Senators of *I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

*Si Yu'os ma'åse'!*

*I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guahan*  
**Appointment Log Sheet**

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**1ST Notice – Roundtable at 1:00 PM, Public Hearing at 3:00 PM, and Confirmation Hearing at 4:00 PM on Monday, October 10, 2016**

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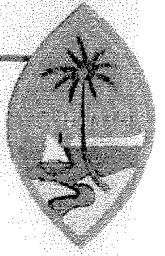
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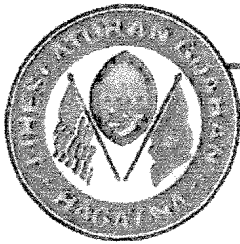
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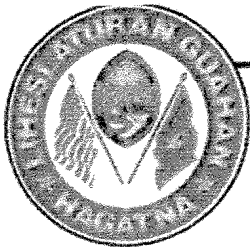
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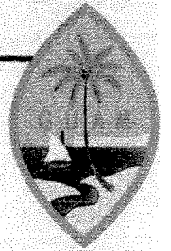
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- I. Call to Order 4:00 p.m.
- II. Opening remarks / Announcements
- III. Review of Doc No. 33GL-16-2002:
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- IV. Closing Remarks
- V. Adjournment

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Jojo Santo Tomas , jsantotoma@guampdn.com 11:17 p.m. ChST, July 10, 2016

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## Q&A with Elyze McDonald Iriarte

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Jacqueline Perry Guzman Aug 7, 2016

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Let's get to know her more.

If you were not a successful attorney and soon-to-be Superior Court judge, what would you be doing?

I've had a long-standing fascination with paleontology, so I'd like to think I'd be digging up dinosaur bones.

Rate your cooking prowess. Are you a novice? Chef? If you had to prepare dinner for a party of four, what would you make and why?

Cooking is my stress relief, so I'm not a novice but certainly not a chef. I find baking at 5 a.m. to be a good way to start the day.

For a party of four, I would make pad thai, kadun uhang, and a cheesecake. Pad thai satisfies my noodle addiction, kadu satisfies my love of Chamorro soup, and cheesecake can be a good baking challenge if you start from scratch.

Do you have any superstitions? Did you have any when you were younger?

Not now, though I may have abided by some traditional Chamorro ones when I was younger, such as not sleeping with my hair wet— so my finger does not become crooked.

What about compulsions? Do you have to have your linens folded a certain way? Is there a specific order in which you do things or else it isn't organized enough?

When I go to trial, I need my work organized a certain way. Otherwise, I am not picky.

Where was your favorite place you have traveled to and visited?

After taking the bar exam in 2001, I traveled to the Basque region of Spain, where I trace some of my roots. I had not been to Europe before. The trip opened my eyes to a world and culture I knew I had a connection with, and I was able to experience it firsthand.

Where do you plan on visiting next?

I cannot wait for the day my kids will be old enough to travel and appreciate the world with me. Shanghai is on my list and I hope my college Mandarin will still work.

What kind of music do you like?

The toddler radio station on Pandora is now my most often played station.

Which do you consider more likely to exist? Ghosts? Aliens? Neither?

I wasn't aware one could be more likely than the other, but I really don't pay attention to either.

Do you have pets?

Through marriage, I inherited a cat named Kitty and a dog named Doggie. No joke.

If you could possess a super power, which one would you choose?

The ability to travel in a flash so I could visit my parents and sisters on the mainland.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in the boonies of Kanada, Barrigada, back when there were “more taotaomona than people,” as my Dad remarks. The best part was growing up next to my grandparents.

Do you have any pet peeves?

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