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For KAUAI PROSECUTOR

Prosecutor-elect Justin F. Kollar today announced his team of Deputies. The team will take Office on Monday, December 3, at noon.

Prosecuting Attorney:	Justin F. Kollar
1 st Deputy Prosecuting Attorney:	Kevin Takata
2 nd Deputy Prosecuting Attorney:	Rebecca Vogt
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney:	Melinda Mendes
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney:	Lisa Arin
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney:	Shauna Cahill
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney:	Timothy Tobin
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney:	Tracy Murakami
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney:	John Murphy
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney:	Ramsey Ross
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney:	Gary Nelson
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney:	Teresa Tumbaga
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney:	Jenelle Hughes
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney:	Ginger Grinpas

“This is an outstanding team. I'm honored and blessed to have the opportunity to work with such a talented group of attorneys as we seek to make a safer Kauai. I have every confidence, and every expectation, that they will undertake their duties with honesty, respect, and integrity,” Kollar said.

Kevin Takata was born on Lanai, and grew up on the windward side of Oahu. He graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1978 with a degree in Political Science. Kevin graduated from Case Western University School of Law in 1984 and returned to Honolulu, where he worked for several years as a civil litigator. In 1987, he joined the Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, where he worked for 23 years. During his tenure there, Kevin obtained more homicide convictions than any attorney in the State of Hawaii and worked for a decade as chief of the Trials Division. In 2010, Kevin joined the Department of the Attorney General, where he worked on cold case homicides. Kevin will work as the First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, responsible for day-to-day litigation operations as well as training and mentoring of younger attorneys. Kevin will also carry a caseload.

Rebecca Vogt will serve as the Second Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Rebecca has worked since 2010 as a Deputy Prosecutor in the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney handling domestic violence and felony property crimes. She also worked on Maui as law clerk to the Honorable Joseph Cardoza of the Second Judicial Circuit. She attended Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon. She will be responsible for daily supervision and training of District Court and Family Court attorneys. She will also carry a caseload.

Melinda Mendes has twenty-three years of experience as a prosecutor, working on Oahu and Maui as well as on the mainland, where she served in Arizona as an Assistant United States Attorney. Melinda

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is a graduate of Kahuku High School and attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the William S. Richardson School of Law. She will focus on felony trials involving serious crimes and firearms.

Lisa Arin is an experienced trial attorney and has been employed at the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney since 2010. She also spent sixteen years working as a deputy public defender and criminal defense attorney in California. She will focus on felony sexual assault cases.

Shauna Cahill is a graduate of Suffolk University Law School in Boston Massachusetts and has worked for several years on Kauai as a Deputy Prosecutor and in private practice. Her caseload will focus on crimes against persons.

Timothy Tobin is from a family based in law enforcement, with several family members serving on the Boston Police Department. Timothy has worked on Kauai for several years as a solo practitioner and will handle felony drug offenses.

Tracy Murakami worked in the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for eleven years as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney before recently leaving to enter private practice. She also worked for the County of Kauai as a legal analyst and clerked for the Honorable George M. Masuoka of the Fifth Judicial Circuit. She attended the William S. Richardson School of Law in Honolulu. She will resume handling appeals and asset forfeiture cases.

John Murphy worked as a Deputy County Attorney under three Mayors and as a Deputy Attorney General in Honolulu. He has worked for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney since 2009 handling felony trials, career criminal and property crime offenses. He will continue to work in Circuit Court as a trial attorney.

Ramsey Ross attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa Richardson School of Law, graduating in 2011. Before attending law school, Ramsey worked as a construction superintendent. Ramsey will continue to gain experience working in District and Circuit Court.

Gary Nelson attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa Richardson School of Law, graduating in 2011. He also served as an intern and extern at the Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney and served as a summer law clerk with the Honorable Michael F. Broderick of the First Judicial Circuit. He will continue to work in Family Court and Circuit Court handling domestic violence cases.

Teresa Tumbaga is a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar and attended Baylor Law School and the University of Notre Dame. She has worked since 2011 as law clerk to the Honorable Randal G.B. Valenciano of the Fifth Circuit Court. She also interned with the Office of the Public Defender in Lihue and with the Hawaii State Judiciary. She will work in District Court and Family Court.

Jenelle Hughes attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa Richardson School of Law, graduating in 2011. She was the valedictorian of her class at Kapaa High School and has worked as a law clerk to the Honorable Kathleen N.A. Watanabe of the Fifth Circuit Court since 2011. She will work in District Court and Family Court.

Ginger Grinpas has worked as a law clerk to the Honorable Randal G.B. Valenciano and as a legislative analyst for the County of Kauai Council Services Division. She will work in District Court and Family Court.

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