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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAIʻI

In the Matter of the Judiciary's Response
to the COVID-19 Outbreak

ORDER REGARDING REMOTE COURT PROCEEDINGS
(By: Recktenwald, C.J., Nakayama, McKenna, Pollack, and Wilson, J.J.)

On March 5, 2020, Governor David Ige declared a state of emergency in Hawaiʻi in response to the public health threat posed by COVID-19. State and national public health authorities have continued to stress the need for social distancing and for avoiding large gatherings. Conducting court business by telephone or video conference, where appropriate, effectuates these recommendations while maintaining the Judiciary's obligations to the public. The court finds that hearings using available technologies should occur to the maximum extent possible in order to limit in-person contact during this time. Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, section 7 of the Hawaiʻi Constitution and Hawaiʻi Revised Statutes § 602-5(a)(6),

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that in an effort to allow telephonic or video conferencing hearings to the maximum extent possible in civil proceedings in the circuit courts, Hawai‘i Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 16.1 is hereby suspended effective from the date of this order to May 29, 2020.

This order may be modified or extended as necessary.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawai‘i, April 24, 2020.

/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald

/s/ Paula A. Nakayama

/s/ Sabrina S. McKenna

/s/ Richard W. Pollack

/s/ Michael W. Wilson