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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND CIRCUIT

STATE OF HAWAIʻI

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| In the matter of the<br><br>CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND CIRCUIT, STATE OF HAWAIʻI'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19 OUTBREAK | )<br>)<br>)<br>)<br>)<br>)<br>)<br>) | SP. NO.<br>(Emergency Order)<br><br>EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 1 REGARDING CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND CIRCUIT, STATE OF HAWAIʻI |

EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 1 REGARDING
CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND CIRCUIT, STATE OF HAWAIʻI

This matter comes before the Court in light of the public health emergency in the State of Hawaiʻi.

Pursuant to the Order of Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald filed March 16, 2020, under SCMF No. 20-0000152 regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) and with the authority as Chief Judge of the above-entitled Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. All circuit court civil trials, jury and non-jury trials, shall be rescheduled to dates after April 30, 2020.
2. Except for civil proceedings deemed urgent by the presiding judge, all circuit court civil hearings or in-person conferences shall be rescheduled

for a later date, unless the assigned judge finds that the proceedings can be held through telephonic or video conferencing and can be electronically recorded, or the judge determines the hearing can be converted to a non-hearing matter suitable for disposition under Rule 8 of the Rules of the Circuit Courts of the State of Hawai‘i.

3. All Circuit and Family Court criminal trials, jury and non-jury, shall be rescheduled to dates after April 30, 2020.

4. All face to face conferences, hearings and motions, except motions regarding bail pursuant to HRS Chapter 804 (“Bail Hearings”) and matters deemed essential and urgent requiring Court action (“Essential Hearings”) will be rescheduled to a date after April 30, 2020 unless the assigned judges finds that the proceedings can be held through telephonic or video conferencing and can be electronically recorded. Second Circuit Courtrooms 1, 2, 3 and 4 staff will notify all affected parties of future hearing dates.

5. The following shall apply to all Circuit and Family Court Criminal proceedings:
   a. Arraignments, Extradition hearings, Bail Hearings, and Essential Hearings will proceed as scheduled.
   b. Grand Jury panels will not be convened until after April 30, 2020.
   c. The mental health calendar and HRS Chapter 704 hearings on (1) Orders for temporary hospitalization, (2) Motions to revoke conditional release and (3) any Essential Hearings will be proceed as scheduled. All other hearings shall be rescheduled until after April 30, 2020. The respective Courtroom staff will notify all affected parties of future hearing dates.

6. For all treatment and specialty courts, including Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Veterans’ Court, Environmental Court and the Special Services Unit’s cases, all face to face hearings except for Essential Hearings will be rescheduled until after April 30, 2020. The respective treatment and specialty courts will notify all affected parties of future hearing dates. Any

Essential Hearings will be heard on an individual case by case basis.

DATED: Wailuku, Maui, Hawai‘i, March 17, 2020

Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Chief Judge, Second Circuit Court.

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