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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

STATE OF HAWAI‘I

In the Matter of the	)	SP. No. 1CSP-20-0000082
	)	(Special Proceeding)
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CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19 OUTBREAK	)	AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDER #6 REGARDING CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT, LAND AND TAX APPEAL COURTS
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AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDER #6 REGARDING
CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT, LAND AND TAX APPEAL COURTS

This matter comes before the Court in light of the public health emergency in the State of Hawai‘i and pertains to all civil proceedings filed in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

In light of the Judiciary's efforts to conduct remote proceedings, steps have been taken to increase technological capabilities and infrastructure for the courts to operate and maintain their respective dockets, while navigating the constraints of the rapidly evolving emergency situation. The necessary devices and teleconferencing programs are available now to allow for remote proceedings to be held. Thus, with this upgraded technological capability, and pursuant to the

Orders of Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald filed March 16, 2020, April 17, 2020, April 24, 2020, and April 27, 2020 under SCMF No. 20-0000152 regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) and with authority as Chief Judge of the above-entitled Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. All jury trials are postponed to dates after May 29, 2020.

2. The Land and Tax Appeal Courts shall be equipped to remotely conduct hearings and conferences by video beginning May 4, 2020.

3. Except as ordered herein, all hearings, including hearings on contested and dispositive motions, shall be remotely conducted by telephonic or video conference as scheduled. The audio from any remote hearing shall be electronically recorded through the court's electronic recording system.

4. In the discretion of the presiding judge, hearing motions may be converted to non-hearing motions pursuant to Rule 8 of the Rules of the Circuit Courts, State of Hawaii (RCCH), if the presiding judges determines the matter is suitable for disposition without a hearing.

5. All conferences, including trial setting, status, pretrial, and settlement conferences, shall be remotely conducted by telephonic or video conference as scheduled.

6. Evidentiary hearings may be remotely conducted by video, as permitted by the court.

7. Bench trials may be remotely conducted by video, as permitted by the court.

8. The audio from any evidentiary hearing or bench trial shall also be electronically recorded through the court's electronic recording system.

9. Courtesy copies of any filed motion, response to a motion, or other document pertaining to a motion under RCCH 7.2(g)(6) will not be required to be delivered to the assigned judge's chambers through May 29, 2020.

10. This Order may be modified or extended as circumstances warrant, but absent further action this Order shall expire on May 29, 2020.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai‘i, MAY 13 2020 .

Hon. R. Mark Browning, Chief Judge
First Circuit Court, State of Hawai‘i

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