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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

In the Matter of the
HAWAI‘I APPELLATE PRO BONO PILOT PROJECT

ORDER ESTABLISHING A
HAWAI‘I APPELLATE PRO BONO PILOT PROJECT
(By: Recktenwald, C.J., Nakayama, McKenna, Pollack, and Wilson, JJ.)

Upon consideration of the Hawai‘i Appellate Pro Bono Pilot Project (hereinafter, the pilot project), approved by the Hawai‘i Access to Justice Commission and submitted to this court for review, we note with approval the goals of the pilot project; to provide (1) those in our community with limited financial means access to volunteer appellate counsel, (2) volunteer counsel the opportunity to gain valuable appellate experience, and (3) experienced appellate counsel in our legal community the opportunity to mentor the next generation of appellate attorneys. We also note with gratitude the vital role of Volunteer Legal Services of Hawai‘i in the practical administration of the pilot project. Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the Hawai'i Appellate Pro Bono Pilot Project is approved as a pilot project, effective as of the filing of this order and expiring on July 1, 2017, unless extended or made permanent by order of this court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Chief Staff Attorney of this court shall designate a staff attorney to file a report on the performance of the pilot project at least one year after the entry date of this order but no later than July 1, 2016.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the staff attorney so designated shall also work with the Judges and staff of the Intermediate Court of Appeals, the Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court Clerk's Office and her staff, and other individuals associated with the pilot project, in order to ensure its smooth implementation.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that the appellate clerks, upon notification by the designated staff attorney that the necessary administrative aspects of the program have been finalized, shall notify pro se litigants, upon the filing of a notice of appeal, of the existence of the pilot project and the relevant materials necessary for participation.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, August 7, 2015.

/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald

/s/ Paula A. Nakayama

/s/ Sabrina S. McKenna

/s/ Richard W. Pollack

/s/ Michael D. Wilson

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