In the Matter of the Amendment

of the

Rules of the Circuit Courts of the State of Hawaii

ORDER AMENDING RULE 25 OF THE

RULES OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS OF THE STATE OF HAWAI I (By: Moon, C.J.; Levinson, Nakayama, Acoba, and Duffy, JJ.)

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Rule 25 of the Rules of the Circuit Courts of the State of Hawaii is amended, effective January 1, 2005, as follows (new material is underlined):

RULE 25. ORDER FOR TRANSCRIPT OF EVIDENCE.

Upon the request of any person for a transcript of the evidence or other court proceeding, the official reporter shall furnish such transcript in the regular order of cases tried or in such order as the court administrator directs. The official reporter shall not furnish a transcript of a confidential proceeding without the court s written approval, unless otherwise authorized by law. The provisions of the Hawaii Rules of Appellate Procedure relating to transcripts shall govern requests for transcripts for purposes of appeal. Each request shall be in writing, filed, and a copy shall be served upon opposing counsel and the reporter, and shall be accompanied by a prepayment to the reporter or deposit with the clerk of the court, as provided by Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 606-13 of the approximate cost of the transcript fees as computed by the reporter in advance in writing at the rate established by the Rules Governing Court Reporting in the State of Hawaii. If a request is accompanied by a deposit with the clerk, the deposit shall be

further accompanied by directions to the clerk of the court to use it to pay for the reporter s fees when the transcript is complete. A reporter need not commence preparation of the transcript until the required prepayment is or deposit has been made.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, November 24, 2004.