

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Amendment
of the
Hawaii Family Court Rules

ORDER AMENDING RULE 45.1 OF THE
HAWAII FAMILY COURT RULES

(By: Moon, C.J., Levinson, Nakayama, Acoba, and Duffy, JJ.)

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Rule 45.1 of the Hawaii Family Court Rules, is amended, effective January 1, 2009, as follows (deleted material is bracketed and stricken; new material is underscored):

RULE 45.1. TESTIMONY OF MINOR CHILD.

Prior approval must be obtained from the court before any child is summoned to appear as a witness so that the court may determine whether to allow the testimony of the child and the form and manner in which the child's testimony will be permitted. The court may appoint a guardian ad litem [~~pursuant to HRS section 551-2~~] as provided by law before allowing such testimony.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, October 31, 2008.