NO. CAAP-15-0000951

IN THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS

OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

VONAH DITUS, FRED DITUS and STONE DITUS,
Petitioners-Appellees,
v.
ANGELA COURT and ROGER COURT,
Respondents-Appellants

APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD CIRCUIT (CASE NO. 3SS-15-1-0230)

ORDER DISMISSING THE APPEAL FOR LACK OF APPELLATE JURISDICTION (By: Foley, Presiding Judge, Reifurth and Ginoza, JJ.)

Upon review of records in CAAP-15-0000951, it appears that this court lacks appellate jurisdiction. Respondents-Appellants Roger Court and Angela Court, pro se (collectively Appellants) appeal from the August 10, 2015 Order Granting Mutual Injunction Against Harassment in District Court case no. 3SS-15-1-0230. A notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days after entry of an appealable judgment or order. HRAP Rule 4(a)(1). Appellants filed a Notice of Appeal on December 15, 2015. Therefore, the

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appeal is untimely. The failure to file a timely notice of appeal in a civil matter is a jurisdictional defect that the parties cannot waive and the appellate courts cannot disregard in the exercise of judicial discretion. <u>Bacon v. Karlin</u>, 68 Haw. 648, 650, 727 P.2d 1127, 1128 (1986). Accordingly, the court lacks appellate jurisdiction over the appeal.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the appeal is dismissed for lack of appellate jurisdiction.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, June 7, 2016.

Presiding Judge

Associate Judge

Associate Judge