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MEMORANDUM

TO: Attorneys & Pro Se Litigants practicing in Family Court

FROM:  Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Senior Family Court Judge

RE: Automatic Restraining Orders

Pursuant to ACT 213, which became law and effective July 10, 2018, "each party to a complaint for annulment, divorce, or separation shall automatically be subject to a restraining order that shall be effective with regard to the plaintiff upon the filing of the complaint and with regard to the defendant upon service of the summons and complaint or any other acceptance of service by the defendant." (See also Hawaii Revised Statutes (H.R.S.) §580 Automatic restraining order.)

Accordingly, all complaints for Divorce, Annulment and/or Separation shall include an AUTOMATIC RESTRAINING ORDER ("ARO") for the Judge's Signature. After the ARO is signed by the Judge, the ARO is to be served upon the opposing party along with the Complaint.

A copy of the ARO is attached and may be copied. A copy of this Memorandum and attached ARO is being made available for distribution at the Service Center and online on the Judiciary Internet/Intranet and will be included in Instruction Packets for Divorce/Separation/Annulment Complaints.