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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

In Re

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, TECHNOLOGY,
AND SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS

ORDER

(BY: Recktenwald, C.J.)

The mission of the Hawai‘i State Judiciary “is to administer justice in an impartial, efficient and accessible manner in accordance with the law.” In furtherance of this mission, the Judiciary has been a strong supporter of increased access to the courts and access to the legal information necessary to meaningfully participate in the civil justice system. The Hawai‘i Access to Justice Commission was created by Supreme Court Rule 21 in 2008. Since that time, numerous initiatives have resulted from the Hawai‘i Access to Justice Commission’s efforts and are being implemented in district courts across the state. In addition, the Judiciary has been developing programs and offering new resources to ensure that district court continues to meet the needs of self-represented litigants.

Efforts to increase access to the courts in Hawai'i mirrors efforts that are happening nationwide. In 2015, the Conference of the Chief Justices and the Conference of the Chief Court Administrators reaffirmed their commitment to meaningful access to justice for all when they passed Resolution 5, which "support[s] the aspirational goal of 100 percent access to effective assistance for essential civil legal needs and urge[s] their members to provide leadership in achieving that goal and to work with their Access to Justice Commission or other such entities to develop a strategic plan with realistic and measurable outcomes[.]"

NOW, THEREFORE, in furtherance of the Judiciary's mission and commitment to improving access to justice for all in the state of Hawai'i,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. A Standing Committee on Innovation, Technology, and Self-Represented Litigants (Committee) is hereby established, effective upon the filing of this order.

2. The purpose of this Committee is to develop and coordinate Judiciary efforts to increase access to justice in district courts throughout the state of Hawai'i:

a. The Committee is responsible for developing and coordinating implementation of the

Judiciary's internal access to justice efforts in district court.

b. In determining which other projects to implement, the Committee should:

(i) Consider the project proposals from the Hawai'i Access to Justice Commission that have been approved for implementation by the Hawai'i Supreme Court.

(ii) Consider recommendations and input from the Hawai'i Access to Justice Commission, civil legal services providers, members of the Hawai'i State Bar Association, and other interested stakeholders.

(iii) Consider recommendations and input from self-represented litigants and others who use the courts.

c. In implementing projects, the Committee should:

(i) Confer with judges from each circuit who may be impacted by the project.

(ii) Consult with Judiciary staff to discuss the use of technology and obtaining

other resources necessary for successful implementation.

(iii) Consider the best practices developed by the National Center for State Courts and other national organizations that seek to increase access to the courts.

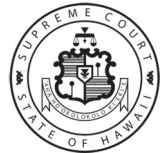
(iv) Consider projects and best practices implemented by other state courts directed at increasing access to the courts.

3. The individuals appointed as members of the committee are set forth in Appendix A. The Chief Justice may appoint additional members as may be necessary.

4. The Committee shall meet at the discretion of the Committee Chair.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawai'i, October 22, 2018.

/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald
Chief Justice



APPENDIX A

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, TECHNOLOGY,
AND SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS

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