

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

STATE OF HAWAI'I

In the Matter of the

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CIRCUIT'S ADDITIONAL RESPONSE TO
THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

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EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT'S
ADDITIONAL RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

This matter comes before the Court in light of the public health emergency in the State of Hawai'i. Pursuant to Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald's Order regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) filed in SCMF No. 20-0000152 on March 16, 2020, and Chief Judge R. Mark Browning's Emergency Order #5 Regarding District Court of the First Circuit filed in SP No. 1CSP-20-0000082 on March 16, 2020, and with authority as Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i, the Court hereby orders the following:

1. The Kāne'ōhe District Court, the 'Ewa District Court, the Wahiawā District Court, and the Wai'anae District Court shall be closed from March 23, 2020, through April 30, 2020.

2. The Traffic Violations Bureau and Legal Documents Branch on the second and third floors of the Honolulu District Court shall be closed to the public from March 23, 2020, through April 30, 2020. Petitions for Temporary Restraining Orders may be filed at the Information Booth, located on the plaza of the Honolulu District Court, outside the entrance to the courthouse. Filings in all other civil cases shall be filed electronically. In the event a party is unable to file a document electronically, the document may be filed at the Information Booth.

3. Beginning on March 23, 2020, the essential court proceedings referenced in SP No. 1CSP-20-0000082, Emergency Order #5 Regarding District Court of the First Circuit, shall be consolidated into four (4) court units. Four (4) courtrooms in the Honolulu District Court will be utilized for these proceedings.


4. For TRO cases filed between March 23, 2020, and April 30, 2020, no more than five (5) cases shall be set during any court session.

5. For cases involving defendants currently in the custody of the Honolulu Police Department, the Oahu Community Correctional Center, and/or the Hawai'i State Hospital, video conferencing shall be used to the extent possible.

6. While court proceedings remain open to the public, judges and court staff shall encourage persons present in the courtroom to be mindful of the need for social distancing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, March 20, 2020.



Melanie May
Deputy Chief Judge, District Court of the First
Circuit Court, State of Hawai'i