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SP. No. 1CSP-20-0000082

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

STATE OF HAWAI‘I

In the Matter of the

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT’S  
RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

) SP. No. 1CSP-20-0000082  
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) (Special Proceeding)

) TENTH AMENDED EMERGENCY  
) ORDER #2 REGARDING CIRCUIT  
) COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT,  
) CRIMINAL MATTERS  
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TENTH AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDER #2 REGARDING CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
FIRST CIRCUIT, CRIMINAL MATTERS

This matter comes before the Court in light of the public health emergency in the State of Hawai‘i.

In light of the recent increase in COVID-19 cases on the island of O‘ahu, Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Amended and Restated Order Implementing Tier 2 of Honolulu’s COVID-19 Recovery Framework, Emergency Order No. 2020-30 (COVID-19 [Novel Coronavirus]) dated November 19, 2020, the First Circuit Courts will continue to conduct remote proceedings when possible while also taking steps to further limit the number of people in Judiciary facilities.

To further protect the health and safety of First Circuit Court employees and all court participants, and pursuant to the Orders of Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald filed March 16, 2020, April 17, 2020, April 24, 2020, April 27, 2020, May 22, 2020, May 28, 2020, June 15, 2020, June 23, 2020, July 28, 2020, August 5, 2020, August 28, 2020, September 28, 2020, October 5, 2020, October 14, 2020, October 22, 2020, October 29, 2020, and November 25, 2020 under SCMF No. 20-0000152 regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) and with authority as Chief Judge of the above-entitled Court, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. No person shall enter First Circuit Judiciary facilities if they have: (1) a fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or other symptoms of respiratory illness; (2) had close contact with a person who has or is suspected to have COVID-19; or (3) traveled outside of Hawai'i in the past 14 days and have not satisfied the negative test exception to the mandatory 14-day quarantine, subject to any subsequent out-of-state travel restrictions imposed through Statewide or County emergency orders, rules, or proclamations. Further, any person entering First Circuit Judiciary facilities shall wear a face covering as described and recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and shall maintain appropriate social distancing of at least six feet (both inside and outside the courtroom).

2. Beginning December 14, 2020, jury trials requiring jury panels of no more than 36 prospective jurors may recommence, barring further public health or other developments that would make doing so imprudent. All jury trials shall comply with social-distancing mandates as ordered by federal, state, and county officials, and shall be conducted in a manner that ensures the safety of Judiciary personnel, jurors, and court users. Any jury trial that cannot be conducted in such a manner, (including jury trials where guidelines of social distancing prohibit the presence of

more than 36 prospective jurors) shall be further postponed until such time that all court users' safety can be adequately safeguarded.

3. Beginning December 1, 2020, non-jury trials and grand jury panels may recommence, barring further public health or other developments that would make doing so imprudent.

4. Beginning December 1, 2020, all criminal divisions shall conduct all other matters, motions and hearings (including evidentiary hearings), in compliance with all other court rules and orders, either remotely (i.e. telephone, WebEx, Zoom or other video conferencing) or in person, as the criminal divisions may require. If the criminal division requires in-person proceedings, the hearings shall be held on a staggered basis, and counsel and parties shall wear a face covering as described and recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and shall maintain appropriate social distancing of at least six feet (both inside and outside the courtroom).

5. This Order may be modified as circumstances warrant, but absent further action, this Order shall remain in effect.

It is so Ordered.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, November 30, 2020.

/s/ R. Mark Browning



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HON. R. MARK BROWNING, CHIEF JUDGE  
First Circuit Court, State of Hawai'i