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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

IN RE

COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RULES
PROMULGATED FOR CIVIL JUSTICE IMPROVEMENTS

ORDER ESTABLISHING THE COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF RULES PROMULGATED FOR CIVIL JUSTICE IMPROVEMENTS

(By: Recktenwald, C.J.)

Following extensive work by the Task Force on Civil Justice Improvements, on October 8, 2020 the Hawai‘i Supreme Court promulgated amendments to Rules 3, 4, 12, and 12.1 of the Rules of the Circuit Courts of the State of Hawai‘i (RCCH) and adopted new RCCH Rules 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, and 15.1, and promulgated amendments to Rules 16, 16.1, 26, and 29 of the Hawai‘i Rules of Civil Procedure (HRCP), and adopted new HRCP Rule 16.1. These new provisions were initially to take effect on January 1, 2021.

Upon consideration, however, of the issues and concerns that arose regarding the development of appropriate measures for the implementation of these new provisions, on November 5, 2020, the Hawai‘i Supreme Court extended the effective date of the new provisions from January 1, 2021 to July 1, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, in light of the delayed effective date of the new measures, and to ensure a smooth implementation of the aforementioned new rules,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. A Committee on the Implementation of Rules Promulgated for Civil Justice Improvement (the Committee) is hereby established, effective upon the filing of this order.

2. The purpose of the Committee is to review the new rules set forth in the Hawai'i Supreme Court's October 8, 2020 orders amending the RCCH and the HRCP, intended to improve the civil litigation process, and determine procedures and guidelines to ensure and promote a smooth transition to those new rules upon their effective date of July 1, 2021.

3. The following individuals are appointed to the Committee:

The Honorable James H. Ashford
The Honorable Peter T. Cahill
The Honorable Jeannette H. Castagnetti
The Honorable Henry T. Nakamoto
The Honorable John M. Tonaki
The Honorable Randal G.B. Valenciano

4. The Honorable Jeannette H. Castagnetti shall serve as Chair of the Committee, and may appoint additional members as deemed necessary for the Committee's work.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, December 24, 2020.

/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald
Chief Justice

