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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

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In the Matter of the  
RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

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ORDER AMENDING RULE 8.7 OF THE RULES OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

(By: Recktenwald, C.J., Nakayama, McKenna, Wilson, and Eddins, JJ.)

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Rule 8.7 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i is amended, effective July 1, 2021, as follows:

**RULE 8. JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE.**

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**8.7. Appointment of special counsel.** Upon determining that further proceedings should be had, the Commission shall request the supreme court to appoint special counsel to further investigate the matter. The supreme court, however, may also, upon receipt of the report from the Commission pursuant to Rule 8.6 of these Rules, review the record *de novo* and, in its discretion, appoint special counsel *sua sponte*. In either case, Counsel, upon further investigation, shall either report to the Commission that a formal hearing is not necessary or shall institute formal disciplinary proceedings as provided in Rule 8.9 of these Rules. The Office of Disciplinary Counsel may be appointed as special

counsel, subject to the approval of the Chairperson of the  
Disciplinary Board.

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DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, June 3, 2021.

/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald

/s/ Paula A. Nakayama

/s/ Sabrina S. McKenna

/s/ Michael D. Wilson

/s/ Todd W. Eddins

