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SP. NO. 1CSP-20-0000082
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT
STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the

CRIMINAL CIRCUIT COURT DIVISIONS
OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT'S RESPONSE TO
THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

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

CRIMINAL CIRCUIT COURT
OPERATIONAL ORDER #1 REGARDING
OPERATIONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
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This matter comes before the Court in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite the relaxation of COVID-related restrictions through the State of Hawaii, the First Circuit Court of the State of Hawaii will continue to maintain certain mandates regarding our Court operations. The current volume of positive COVID-19 cases, the limited spacing in the Criminal Divisions' First Circuit Court facilities, the high transmissibility of the Omicron

variant, and the likelihood of new variants were considered in this latest Order.

The following mandates will remain in place to protect the health and safety of First Circuit Court employees and all court participants. This Order is made pursuant to the Order of Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald in SCMF No. 20-0000152, In re the Judiciary's Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak, and with authority as Chief Judge of the First Circuit Court.

In general this Order will state that remote proceedings will continue to be conducted with masking and social distance requirements in place.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. First Circuit Courts will continue to conduct remote proceedings while also maintaining current precautions to minimize the number of people congregating in Judiciary facilities.
2. The mask and social distance requirements in General Order #1 Regarding All Trial Courts of the First Circuit of the State of Hawai'i shall remain in effect.
3. This Order may be modified as circumstances warrant. Absent further action, the effective date of this Order shall be Monday, March 28, 2022 and the Order shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawai'i, March 21, 2022.

/s/ R. Mark Browning



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

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