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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

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

ORDER AMENDING RULE 1.16(a) 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 1.16(a) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i is amended, effective January 1, 2023, as follows (deleted material are bracketed and stricken, new material is underscored):

Rule 1. ADMISSION TO THE BAR.

1.16. Limited Admission of Attorneys Employed by Non-profit Organizations Providing Civil Legal Services to Economically Disadvantaged Persons.

(a) Employees. An attorney employed by a civil legal service provider recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (“Legal Service Provider”) that is eligible to receive funds from the Indigent Legal Assistance Fund, who has been admitted to practice by the highest court of another state, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States, and whose license to practice in that jurisdiction is active, ~~and~~ who is a graduate of a law school approved by the American Bar Association Council on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, and who is in good standing in every jurisdiction where the attorney is licensed may apply for

limited admission and be accorded limited admission without examination. In all other respects the application shall be made, adjudged, and conditioned as provided by Rules 1.3(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (h), (i), 1.4 and 1.5 of this Rule 1. Pending completion by the Board, and approval by the court, of the full character and fitness report, limited admission may be provisionally granted upon submission by the applicant of a declaration containing the following information and declarations: [-]

- (1) the applicant’s contact information;
- (2) every state and federal jurisdiction to which the applicant has in the past been admitted to practice law and a statement attesting that the attorney is in good standing in those jurisdictions or has resigned in good standing;
- (3) a statement that the applicant is not currently, and has not been, suspended or disbarred from the practice of law before any court or otherwise disciplined, and if the applicant has been disciplined or is subject to a pending disciplinary proceeding, material information about those proceedings must be provided;
- (4) an affirmation that, if admitted, the applicant will comply with all applicable Hawai‘i statutes, laws, and rules of the courts including the Hawai‘i Rules of Professional Conduct and Guidelines of Professional Courtesy and Civility for Hawai‘i Lawyers; and
- (5) an affirmation that, if admitted, the applicant understands that the applicant is subject to all applicable Hawai‘i statutes, laws, rules of the court, and the Hawai‘i disciplinary process with respect to any acts or omissions occurring during representation pursuant to this Rule.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai‘i, September 9, 2022.

/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald
/s/ Paula A. Nakayama
/s/ Sabrina S. McKenna
/s/ Michael D. Wilson
/s/ Todd W. Eddins

