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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

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AARON WILLIAMS, Petitioner,

vs.

THE HONORABLE JAMES R. ROUSE,  
Judge of the Family Court of the Second Circuit,  
State of Hawai‘i, Respondent Judge,

and

ALENA WILLIAMS, Respondent.

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ORIGINAL PROCEEDING  
(CASE NO. 2DV211000420)

ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS OR PROHIBITION  
(By: Recktenwald, C.J., Nakayama, McKenna, Wilson, and Eddins, JJ.)

Upon consideration of Petitioner’s petition for a writ of mandamus or prohibition, filed on July 29, 2022, the documents attached and submitted in support, and the record, Petitioner has not demonstrated a clear and indisputable right to relief.

Petitioner has also not demonstrated that the respondent judge exceeded the court’s jurisdiction, committed a flagrant and manifest abuse of discretion, or refused to act on a matter

properly before the court under circumstances in which the judge

has a legal duty to act. Petitioner is thus not entitled to the requested extraordinary writs. See Kema v. Gaddis, 91 Hawai'i 200, 204, 982 P.2d 334, 338 (1999) (explaining that a writ of mandamus is an extraordinary remedy that will not issue unless the petitioner demonstrates a clear and indisputable right to relief and a lack of alternative means to redress adequately the alleged wrong or obtain the requested action; such a writ is meant to restrain a judge who has exceeded the judge's jurisdiction, has committed a flagrant and manifest abuse of discretion, or has refused to act on a subject properly before the court under circumstances in which the judge has a legal duty to act); Honolulu Advertiser, Inc. v. Takao, 59 Haw. 237, 241, 580 P.2d 58, 62 (1978) (a writ of prohibition "is an extraordinary remedy . . . to restrain a judge of an inferior court from acting beyond or in excess of [their] jurisdiction"). Accordingly,

It is ordered that the petition for a writ of mandamus or prohibition is denied.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, September 19, 2022.

/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald

/s/ Paula A. Nakayama

/s/ Sabrina S. McKenna

/s/ Michael D. Wilson

/s/ Todd W. Eddins

