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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

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STATE OF HAWAI'I, Petitioner,

vs.

THE HONORABLE ROWENA A. SOMERVILLE,  
Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit,  
State of Hawai'i, Respondent Judge,

and

RYAN ROMAN-PETER, Respondent.

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ORIGINAL PROCEEDING  
(1CPC-20-0001111)

ORDER DENYING PETITION

(By: Recktenwald, C.J., McKenna, and Eddins, JJ.,  
Circuit Judge Watanabe and Circuit Judge Ashford,  
assigned by reason of vacancies)

Upon consideration of the petition filed on April 19, 2023, the supplemental brief filed on May 23, 2023, the answer filed on June 6, 2023, and the record, it is ordered that the petition is denied. A petition for extraordinary writ is not meant to be used in lieu of normal appellate procedures, and the appeal in CAAP-23-0000276 is now before this court in SCAP-23-0000276.

See Kema v. Gaddis, 91 Hawai'i 200, 204, 982 P.2d 334, 338  
(1999).

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, July 25, 2023.

/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald

/s/ Sabrina S. McKenna

/s/ Todd W. Eddins

/s/ Kathleen N.A. Watanabe

/s/ James H. Ashford

