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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

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In re Lāhainā District Court  
in the Second Circuit

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ORDER REGARDING JUDICIARY OPERATIONS AND EXTENDING  
TIME TO FILE ITEMS DUE TO BE FILED ON MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023  
IN THE LĀHAINĀ DISTRICT COURT IN THE SECOND CIRCUIT  
(By: Recktenwald, C.J.)

Effective through August 31, 2023, Governor Josh Green, M.D. has declared a state of emergency or disaster in Hawai‘i to address the wildfires that have caused catastrophic damage in parts of Maui County including Lāhainā. For the Judiciary, the operation of the Lāhainā district court in the second circuit is impacted by these wildfires, and adjustments to Judiciary operations are necessary to ensure the health and safety of court users and Judiciary personnel.

Under the authority of the Hawai‘i Revised Statutes § 601-2 and article VI, sections 6 and 7 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai‘i,

It is hereby ordered, effective August 11, 2023:

1. The chief judge of the second circuit shall implement plans for the operation of the Lāhainā district court, and the authority to implement these plans includes, but is not limited to, hearing Lāhainā district court cases in Wailuku at Hoapili Hale, and moving proceedings to a remote format as feasible.

2. The time for filing items in the Lāhainā district court of the second circuit due on Monday August 14, 2023 is extended to Friday, September 1, 2023, which may be extended by further order if deemed necessary. All documents due to have been filed shall be deemed to have been timely filed if they are filed by the close of business on Friday, September 1, 2023.

3. It is further ordered that hearings or trials cancelled due to the closure of Lāhainā district court in the second circuit, shall be rescheduled to the next available date with due regard for any statutory mandates.

This order shall be effective immediately and continue unless terminated or superseded by separate order.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawai'i, August 11, 2023.

/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald  
Chief Justice

