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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

STATE OF HAWAI‘I

IN THE MATTER OF THE

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST
CIRCUIT, STATE OF HAWAI‘I’S
RESPONSE TO THE MAUI FIRES

SP. No. 1CSP-23-0000911
(Special Proceeding)

EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 1
REGARDING MAUI FIRES – PROBATE
CASES

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 1 REGARDING
MAUI FIRES – PROBATE CASES**

On September 27, 2023, Second Circuit Chief Judge Peter T. Cahill issued Emergency Order No. 1 Regarding Maui Fire – Probate Cases. Now, the First Circuit Court hereby issues a substantially similar Emergency Order as follows:

The County of Maui and in particular the Island of Maui has seen death and destruction on a scale not imagined. Many have lost their lives leaving grief stricken family and friends.

Members of the Hawai‘i State Bar Association, probate section, and Maui Bar Association have stepped forward to assist families in dealing with the legal aspects of the deaths of so many of their loved ones. Many of these attorneys have provided their services at reduced fees and many completely free of charge.

In recognition of the legal services these attorneys provide and to afford relief to their respective clients, the Court orders as follows:

1. For any probate proceeding filed as a result of the direct or indirect death of anyone resulting from the Maui Fires, the Clerk of the Court is directed to file such matters without payment of filing fees.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the attorneys shall designate that the probate proceeding is filed on a pro bono or low bono basis; the purpose of this notice is to alert the Clerk of the Court upon filing so no fee is charged. (Please note “Pro Bono” or “Low Bono” below the case number.)

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that attorneys filing a probate matter arising directly or indirectly from the Maui Fires may request, by the filing of an ex parte petition, a waiver of the filing fee.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any self-represented party filing a probate matter arising directly or indirectly from the Maui Fires may request, by the filing of an ex parte petition, a waiver of the filing fee.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai‘i, September 29, 2023.

/s/ R. Mark Browning



JUDGE OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT

S.P. No. 1CSP-23-0000911; In the Matter of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai‘i’s Response to the Maui Fires; Emergency Order No. 1 Regarding Maui Fires – Probate Cases.