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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

DONALD JEFFRIES, Petitioner,

vs.

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL, Respondent.

ORIGINAL PROCEEDING

ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS

(By: Recktenwald, C.J., McKenna, Eddins, Ginoza, and Devens, JJ.)

Upon consideration of Petitioner’s letter filed on July 8, 2024, which we construe as a petition for writ of mandamus, and the record, it is within the discretion of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) to investigate and dismiss complaints brought before it. See Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i (RSCH) Rule 2.6(b)(2) (2022); In re Disciplinary Bd. of Hawai‘i Sup. Ct., 91 Hawai‘i 363, 984 P.2d 688 (1999). This record does not reflect an abuse of that discretion. See Disciplinary Bd., 91 Hawai‘i at 371, 984 P.2d at 696.

It is ordered that the petition is denied.

We note that dockets 1, 2, and 3 have been sealed because they contain ODC letters that are confidential pursuant to RSCH Rule 2.22. See Disciplinary Bd., 91 Hawai'i at 363 n.1, 984 P.2d at 688 n.1. The appellate clerk shall refile dockets 1, 2, and 3 without the confidential ODC letters and with the names of the respondent attorneys in the disciplinary proceeding redacted.

The appellate clerk shall also seal dockets 8, 10, 12, 14, and 18 because they contain the names of the respondent attorneys in the disciplinary proceeding. The appellate clerk shall refile dockets 8, 10, 12, 14, and 18 in new docket numbers that redact the names of the respondent attorneys.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, January 2, 2025.

/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald

/s/ Sabrina S. McKenna

/s/ Todd W. Eddins

/s/ Lisa M. Ginoza

/s/ Vladimir P. Devens

