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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

In the Matter of the

RULES EXPEDITING CHILD PROTECTIVE APPEALS

ORDER AMENDING RULES EXPEDITING CHILD PROTECTIVE APPEALS
(By: Recktenwald, C.J., McKenna, Eddins, Ginoza, and Devens, JJ.)

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Form 2 is amended, as attached hereto, and shall be appended to the Rules Expediting Child Protective Appeals, effective January 1, 2026. The form replaces the prior form bearing the same Form number.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that trial courts are authorized to insert circuit and court identifiers, appearance information, addresses, and contact information in the form and to publish

the form in print or electronic format for the respective courts and circuits.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, July 9, 2025.

/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald

/s/ Sabrina S. McKenna

/s/ Todd W. Eddins

/s/ Lisa M. Ginoza

/s/ Vladimir P. Devens



RECPA Form 2. Counsel's Certificate of Diligent Search.

No. _____

IN THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HRS CHAPTER 587A (CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT) APPEAL

IN THE INTEREST OF

[INITIALS]

) FC-S No. _____

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) FAMILY COURT OF THE

) [specify circuit] CIRCUIT

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COUNSEL'S CERTIFICATE OF DILIGENT SEARCH

1. I, _____ [Name of Counsel] _____, am counsel for Appellant [Name of Appellant] _____ in the above-captioned case.

2. Since entry of the order in the child protective proceeding, I have attempted to ascertain the whereabouts of my client:

_____ (a) to discuss the merits of an appeal.

_____ (b) to retain their signature on the notice of appeal.

3. I have made the following efforts:

_____ (a) Sent a letter with proper postage affixed to the last known address of my client

_____ received no response.

_____ the letter was returned to me.

_____ (b) Ascertained through the United States Post Office in _____ [city] _____ that my client did not leave a forwarding address.

_____ (c) Telephoned my client at the number provided and received no response.

_____ (d) Investigated to determine if there is a new telephone listing and found none for my client.

_____ (e) Undertook the following additional inquiry into the whereabouts of my client:

4. I am unable to determine the whereabouts of my client.

I hereby declare that the above stated facts are true.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20__.

[Party's or Attorney's Signature]

[Party's or Attorney's machine printed name]

[Address]

[Telephone No.]

[Fax No.]

[Email Address]

Counsel for Appellant

No. _____

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CERTIFICATE OF CONVENTIONAL SERVICE

I certify that a paper copy of the foregoing Counsel's Certificate of Diligent Search was duly
served upon Appellee or Appellee's counsel (if represented)

___ in person at _____ [address] _____ on ___ [date] _____.
___ by mail at _____ [address] _____ on ___ [date] _____.
___ by certified mail at _____ [address] _____ on ___ [date] _____.

Dated this ___ day of _____, 20__.

[Party's or Attorney's Signature]

[Party's or Attorney's machine printed name]
Counsel for Appellant