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IN THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HOPE M. RASMUSSEN AND CECILIA F.M. RICHARDSON,
INDIVIDUALLY AND AS CO-TRUSTEES OF THE
HOPE M. RASMUSSEN TRUST DATED MAY 4, 2024;
WILLIAM RICHARDSON, Plaintiffs-Appellees,
v.
WILLIAM COWARD, Defendant-Appellant, and
DOES 1-10, Defendants.

APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT
HONOLULU DIVISION
(CASE NO. 1DRC-24-0008331)

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

(By: Nakasone, Chief Judge, Wadsworth and Gluck, JJ.)

Upon consideration of self-represented Defendant-Appellant William Coward's (**Coward**) letter, filed June 1, 2026, which the court construes as a motion for relief from default and a twelfth extension of time to file the opening brief (**Motion**), the papers in support and in response, and the record, it appears that:

(1) On May 22, 2026, the court granted relief from default of the opening brief for a third time in this appeal, and an eleventh extension of time for the opening brief to June 1, 2026, with no further extensions absent extraordinary circumstances. The court cautioned Coward for a third time that any further default of the opening brief may result in sanctions authorized by Hawai'i Rules of Appellate Procedure (**HRAP**) Rule 30, including, without limitation, monetary sanctions, the appeal being dismissed, or both;

(2) In the Motion, Coward seeks a twelfth extension of time for the opening brief because the "fly leaf should have included 'Opening Brief.'" Coward states he expects to complete the correction by June 2, 2026;

(3) Coward filed the Motion on June 1, 2026, and is in default of the opening brief for a fourth time in this appeal. See HRAP Rule 29(b) ("The submission of a . . . motion for extension does not toll the time for filing a brief."). Coward fails to demonstrate extraordinary circumstances for another extension of time to file the opening brief and has not taken any further action in this appeal.

Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion is denied and the appeal is dismissed. HRAP Rule 30.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, June 12, 2026.

/s/ Karen T. Nakasone
Chief Judge

/s/ Clyde J. Wadsworth
Associate Judge

/s/ Daniel M. Gluck
Associate Judge