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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

PUBLIC FIRST LAW CENTER,
Petitioner,

vs.

THE HONORABLE MATTHEW J. VIOLA,
Senior Judge of the Family Court of the First Circuit,
State of Hawai'i, Respondent Judge,

and

THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, STATE OF HAWAI'I;
NICOLE CUMMINGS, in her capacity as guardian ad litem for
interested minor children and personal representative of the
estate of Isabella P. Kalua formerly known as Ariel Sellers;
LEHUA KALUA; ISAAC KALUA, III; STEPHEN LANE in his capacity as
court appointed special master; DEAN NAGAMINE, ESQ., in his
capacity as guardian ad litem for interested minor children;
ARLENE A. HARADA-BROWN in her capacity as
guardian ad litem for interested minor children;
MELANIE JOSEPH also known as MELANIE SELLERS; ADAM SELLERS;
and COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES PROGRAM,
Respondents.

ORIGINAL PROCEEDING
(CASE NOS. 1FFM-24-0000018, 1FFM-24-0000019,
FC-S 18-00280, FC-A 21-1-6010)

ORDER

(McKenna, Acting C.J., Eddins, Ginoza, and Devens, JJ.)¹

Upon consideration of the objections filed by Respondents Department of Human Services, State of Hawai‘i and Guardian Ad Litem Arlene A. Harada-Brown on October 29, 2025, and the objection filed by the Court Appointed Special Advocates Program on October 30, 2025, and the record,

The Clerk is ordered to make the following docket entries publicly accessible by removing the in camera designation:

Docket 45 (Vol. 2),
Docket 47 (Vol. 3),
Docket 49 (Vol. 4),
Docket 51 (Vol. 5),
Docket 55 (Vol. 7), and
Docket 57 (Redacted 1AD21100610).

As to Docket 43 (Vol. 1), the Clerk is ordered to redact Docket 43:276 to harmonize it with the redactions at Docket 57:77.

As to Docket 53 (Vol. 6), the Clerk is ordered at Docket 53:44 to redact the four-word header that begins with the word “Disclosure” and precedes the entirely redacted paragraph at the top half of the page.

¹ Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald retired from the court on September 30, 2025 after the opinion was entered. See Hawai‘i Revised Statutes § 602-10 (2016).

With these additional redactions, the Clerk shall file publicly accessible versions of Volume 1 and Volume 6.

Petitioner Public First Law Center's Motion filed at Docket 94 is denied as moot.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, November 17, 2025.

/s/ Sabrina S. McKenna

/s/ Todd W. Eddins

/s/ Lisa M. Ginoza

/s/ Vladimir P. Devens

