

INSTRUCTIONS
UNCONTESTED DIVORCE PACKET WITH CHILDREN
(for the Island of Kaua‘i)

WHO CAN FILE FOR DIVORCE?

In order to file a divorce action in the Family Court of the Fifth Circuit (on Kaua‘i), you must meet certain limited residency requirements. You must have been domiciled or physically present on Kaua‘i continuously for at least 3 months prior to the filing of the Complaint for Divorce **and** either you or your spouse must have been domiciled or physically present in the State of Hawai‘i continuously for at least 6 months prior to the filing of the Complaint for Divorce. The islands are divided into separate circuits. You must meet these limited residency requirements and file your Complaint for Divorce in the correct circuit.

- First Circuit = O‘ahu
- Second Circuit = Maui, Lāna‘i and Moloka‘i
- Third Circuit = Hawai‘i (Hilo and Kona Divisions)
- Fifth Circuit = Kaua‘i, Ni‘ihau

BEFORE YOU START.

Read through this entire instruction packet before you start to fill in the documents. This packet includes instructions, information and forms needed to obtain an uncontested divorce. The Uncontested Divorce (with children) Document Checklist contains information on how many copies of each document you need to submit and who signs the document. The checklist also helps you see what documents you have completed and which documents you still have to do.

The Divorce Decree in this packet contains provisions that covers most divorce situations. There may be other terms or provisions necessary for your case. You are strongly urged to talk to an attorney to discuss your legal rights and duties.

Most uncontested divorces are done by affidavit, with a Judge reviewing the documents you submit. This means that neither you nor your spouse appear at a Court hearing if your documents are properly completed and all the necessary steps have been followed. Therefore it is very important that you understand which documents are needed and what you must do before the Court will grant your divorce. If the Court has any questions or concerns, you and your spouse may be required to appear at a hearing or submit more documents.

It is important for you to realize that a divorce takes time. You will not be able to complete all your divorce documents in one day. Be sure to read each document thoroughly and make sure you understand what the documents says. **Do not sign any document you do not agree with or you do not understand.**

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE

The clerks of the Court are not allowed to give legal advice or assist you in the completion of the divorce documents.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other applicable state and federal laws, if you require reasonable accommodations for a disability, please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Family Court Office at Phone no. 482-2314, FAX 482-2509, or TTY 482-2533.

Legal Assistance

If possible, you should seek the assistance of an attorney. Even if you cannot afford to have an attorney to represent you for the whole divorce, you should try at least to talk to an attorney to discuss your legal rights and duties.

You can check the Yellow Pages of the telephone book for names of attorneys or you may contact the following organization for possible assistance.

HAWAI‘I STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Lawyer Referral Service

Telephone: 240-0872

Website: www.hawaiilawyerreferral.com

or www.hsba.org

The following organization offer assistance or self-help clinics to persons who fall within certain income brackets:

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF HAWAI‘I

Kaua‘i Office

Intake Hotline Telephone: 245-7580, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

and 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

If there have been incidents of Domestic Abuse, you may want to call the following organizations to obtain assistance:

YWCA Kaua‘i

Telephone: 245-8404

REFERENCE MATERIALS TO GUIDE YOU

The Following materials located at the Kaua'i Judiciary Complex Law Library, 3970 Kā'ana St., Līhu'e, may assist you.

HAWAI'I DIVORCE MANUAL

HAWAI'I REVISED STATUTES

HAWAI'I FAMILY COURT RULES

ON THE INTERNET

Judiciary Web Page - www.courts.state.hi.us

**FILING FEES (Cash or Money Order/Cashier's Check payable to:
CHIEF CLERK, FIFTH CIRCUIT)**

DIVORCE (FC-D)

Initial Filing Fee:	\$100.00
Surcharge:	+ 65.00
Computer System Surcharge:	+ <u>50.00</u>

TOTAL WITHOUT CHILDREN \$215.00

Parent Education Surcharge:	+ <u>50.00</u>
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(If either party has children
from this marriage or any prior
relationship)

TOTAL WITH CHILDREN \$265.00

Motions:	No Fee
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If you feel you cannot afford the filing fees, you may wish to contact the Legal Society of Hawai'i (Intake Hotline Telephone: 245-7580).

FILE-STAMPING OR FILING YOUR DOCUMENTS:

You will need to get almost all of your documents “filed,” or “file-stamped,” at the court house. Look at the Uncontested Divorce (with children) Documents Checklist for a summary of how many copies of each document you will need to submit to Court. Documents are file-stamped by the Court at the following location and during the following times.

LEGAL DOCUMENT SECTION

3970 Kā‘ana Street, Suite 207

Līhu‘e, Kaua‘i, Hawai‘i 96766

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday, excluding State/County holidays.

PLACING YOUR CASE ON THE COURT CALENDAR:

When you have completed all of your divorce documents, filed the necessary documents and serve your spouse with the correct documents, you will be ready to have your case placed on the court calendar for judge’s review. Refer to the Uncontested Divorce (with children) Documents Checklist for a summary of which documents are required.

AFTER THE JUDGE REVIEWS YOUR DOCUMENTS:

Once your case is set on the uncontested divorce calendar, your documents will be reviewed by the Court staff and the Judge. If the Judge grants your divorce and signs your Divorce Decree, the clerk will contact you to pick-up your file-stamped certified copies of your Divorce Decree.

The clerk will contact you if your divorce is “DENIED” or is not fully granted. You must follow the Judge’s instructions before your divorce can be completed.

<http://www.hsba.org>

Document Checklist For Uncontested Divorce (with children)

This is just a checklist. “You” are the Plaintiff, and “Spouse” is the Defendant.

A. FIRST: File these at the Legal Documents Branch of the Circuit Court:

Take these documents to the Legal Documents Branch of the Fifth Circuit Court (3970 Kā‘ana Street, Līhu‘e). A documents clerk will file-stamp each document, keep the original for the Court’s file, and return the copies to you.

NAME OF DOCUMENT	How Many	Signed by	Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE	Original + 3 copies	You	Filing this at the Legal Documents section of the Court starts the divorce process. The Documents clerk will assign a Case Number. Fill in this number on the other documents that you will file later.
<input type="checkbox"/> SUMMONS TO ANSWER COMPLAINT	Original + 3 copies	(Clerk will sign)	Staple a copy behind each copy of the <i>Complaint for Divorce</i> before you take them to be filed.
<input type="checkbox"/> MATRIMONIAL ACTION INFORMATION	Original + 1 copy	You	
<input type="checkbox"/> INITIAL PRE-TRIAL ORDER	Original + 2 copy		This Document need to be signed by the Judge and file-stamped before you can start serving your spouse.

If your spouse will not sign an *Appearance and Waiver*, you must properly serve the *Complaint for Divorce*, *Summons to Answer Complaint* and *Notice to Attend Kids First II* on your spouse and file one of the following:

<input type="checkbox"/>	PROOF OF SERVICE	Original + 1 copy	
	OR		
<input type="checkbox"/>	MOTION FOR SERVICE BY MAIL AND AFFIDAVIT; ORDER FOR SERVICE BY MAIL	Original + 2 copies	You (signed before a notary public)
	OR		
<input type="checkbox"/>	MOTION FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION; AFFIDAVIT; OF PLAINTIFF; ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION (AND MAILING OF NOTICE)	Original + 2 copies	You (signed before a notary public)

This document must be completed by the person who delivers the *Complaint for Divorce*, *Summons to Answer Complaint*, and *Initial Pre-trial Order* to your spouse. It cannot be file-stamped by the Documents clerk until the person who served the document completes filing it out.

**Documents can be served by personal services (a list of personal servers are located on the bulletin board located at the court house) or by any responsible person who is over 18 years old, and is not related to the Plaintiff or the Defendant.*

If your spouse lives off-island, you can send the *Complaint for Divorce*, *Summons to Answer Complaint*, and *Initial Pre-trial Order* by certified, registered mail, return receipt requested. This form asked the Court’s permission for you to do so. You must sign this document before a notary public, and submit it to the Legal Documents.

If you are unable to locate your spouse for service, you will need to publish a Notice of Hearing in the newspaper. This form asks the Court’s permission to do so. You must complete the form and sign the Affidavit before a notary public and submit it to Legal Documents. You will be responsible to take a filed copy of the document to the advertising agency for publication.

B. NEXT: Fill in the Case Number and file at the Legal Documents Branch:

NAME OF DOCUMENT	How Many	Signed by	Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT OF PLAINTIFF	Original + 2 copies	You	These documents must be dated 60 days current of the date you place your case on the calendar.
<input type="checkbox"/> ASSET AND DEBT STATEMENT OF PLAINTIFF (or BOTH PARTIES)	Original + 2 copies	You (and Spouse if both parties)	You and your spouse may prepare and sign a joint Asset and Debt Statement.
<input type="checkbox"/> INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT OF DEFENDANT	Original + 2 copies	Spouse	If your spouse did not complete these forms, you must tell this to the Court in you <i>Affidavit of plaintiff</i> , paragraph 10c.
<input type="checkbox"/> ASSET AND DEBT STATEMENT OF DEFENDANT	Original + 2 copies	Spouse	
<input type="checkbox"/> CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET	Original + 2 copies	You <u>and</u> Spouse	ON-LINE USERS: Please see Legal Documents clerk for instructions Guidelines sheet.
<input type="checkbox"/> SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT RE: DIRECT PAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT (OPTIONAL)	Original + 2 copies	Payer of Child Support	Use this document only if you elect to have child support payments sent directly to the recipient <u>and</u> if the payer of child support can meet the required conditions. This document must be signed before a notary public.
<input type="checkbox"/> APPEARANCE AND WAIVER	Original + 1 copy	Spouse	Your spouse must receive a file-stamped copy of the <i>Complaint for Divorce, Summons to Answer Complaint, Notice to Attend Kids First and Initial Pre-trial Order</i> <u>before</u> your spouse can sign this document.
<input type="checkbox"/> OR PROOF OF SERVICE	Original + 1 copy	Process server	To be completed by server before you can have it file-stamped.
<input type="checkbox"/> OR STATEMENT OF MAILING	Original + 1 copies	You	If you served your spouse by mail, complete this document when you receive the return receipt.

C. LAST: Fill in the Case Number and file at the Legal Documents Branch section:

NAME OF DOCUMENT	How Many	Signed by	Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> AFFIDAVIT OF PLAINTIFF (FOR UNCONTESTED DIVORCE)	Original + 1 copy	You (Signed before a notary Public)	This document is a sworn statement that you must sign before a notary public. It requires that you provide various information and dates. Do not complete this document until the other documents have been completed.
<input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCE DECREE (WITH CHILDREN)	Original + 3 copies	You <u>and</u> Spouse	Your spouse's signature is required if you are getting a divorce by agreement (and your spouse has signed an <i>Appearance and Waiver</i>).
<input type="checkbox"/> ORDER FOR INCOME WITHHOLDING	Original + 3 copies	Judge will sign	Unless certain conditions are met, child support payments must be paid through Child Support Enforcement Agency by way of an Order for Income Withholding.
<input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFICATE OF MAILING	Original + 1 copy	You	Proof to Court that Defendant was served copy of Divorce Decree.

Your divorce becomes final when the Divorce Decree is signed by the Judge and file-stamped. The clerk will contact you when the Decree is file-stamp or if it needs to be corrected.

STATE OF HAWAI'I FAMILY COURT FIFTH CIRCUIT	SUMMONS TO ANSWER COMPLAINT	CASE NUMBER FC-D NO.
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<p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PLAINTIFF, (Full Name)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VS.</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DEFENDANT, (Full Name)</p>	<p>This document is prepared by <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Atty. for Plaintiff</p> <p>Name</p> <p>Address</p> <p>City, State, Zip</p> <p>Phone</p>
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TO THE DEFENDANT

You are hereby summoned and required to serve a written answer to the attached Complaint within 20 days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the date of service.

Your written answer must be filed with the Chief Clerk of this Circuit at the following location or address.

A copy of your answer should also be served upon the Plaintiff's attorney, or in the event Plaintiff is not represented by an attorney, upon the Plaintiff at the address shown on the Complaint.

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH CIRCUIT
 KAUA'I JUDICIARY COMPLEX
 3970 KĀ'ANA STREET, SUITE 207
 LĪHU'E, HAWAI'I 96766

If you fail to file your written answer within the 20-day time limit, further action may be taken in this case, including judgment for the relief demanded in the Complaint, without further notice to you.

THIS SUMMONS SHALL NOT BE PERSONALLY DELIVERED BETWEEN 10:00 P.M. AND 6:00 A.M. ON PREMISES NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, UNLESS A JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT OR CIRCUIT COURTS PERMITS, IN WRITING ON THE SUMMONS, PERSONAL DELIVERY DURING THOSE HOURS.

FAILURE TO OBEY THE SUMMONS MAY RESULT IN AN ENTRY OF A DEFAULT AND DEFAULT JUDGMENT AGAINST THE PERSON SUMMONED.

DATE	CLERK OF COURT
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STATE OF HAWAI'I FAMILY COURT FIFTH CIRCUIT	MATRIMONIAL ACTION INFORMATION			CASE NUMBER FC-D NO.		
PLAINTIFF	PREPARED: <input type="checkbox"/> PLAINTIFF <input type="checkbox"/> DEFENDANT <input type="checkbox"/> ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF <input type="checkbox"/> ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT			DATE FILED		
DEFENDANT						
NATURE OF CASE <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCE <input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATION <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER						
ITEM	WIFE			HUSBAND		
FULL NAME						
BIRTH OR MAIDEN NAME						
ADDRESS STREET, APT. NO.						
TOWN, STATE, ZIP COUNTY						
PHONE	HOME	WORK			HOME	WORK
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (LAST FOUR DIGITS ONLY)	XXX-XX- _____			XXX-XX- _____		
DATE OF BIRTH						
PLACE OF BIRTH (State or Country)						
RACE						
HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED						
HAWAI'I RESIDENT SINCE						
CIRCUIT RESIDENT SINCE						
PRIMARY EMPLOYER (Name and Address)						
JOB TITLE						
WORK SCHEDULE						
LENGTH OF SERVICE						
GROSS MONTHLY INCOME (All Sources)	Primary	Secondary	Welfare	Primary	Secondary	Welfare
DATE OF THIS MARRIAGE	DATE			COUNTY / STATE		
DATE OF SEPARATION <input type="checkbox"/> NOT SEPARATED	DATE			COUNTY / STATE		

MATRIMONIAL ACTION INFORMATION (Continued)						CASE NUMBER
						FC-D NO.
	FROM MONTH/YEAR	TO MONTH/YEAR	TERMINATED BY			STATE
			DIVORCE	ANNULMENT	DEATH	
WIFE'S PRIOR MARRIAGES						
HUSBAND'S PRIOR MARRIAGES						
CHILDREN: ALL CHILDREN OF EITHER PARTY FROM YOUNGEST TO OLDEST						
CHILD'S FULL NAME	M/F	BIRTHDATE	LEGAL PARENT (HUSBAND, WIFE OR OTHER)	PRESENT CUSTODY (HUSBAND, WIFE OR OTHER)	SCHOOL AND GRADE	
INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR CUSTODY						
CHILD(REN)'S PRESENT ADDRESS:						
PLACES WHERE AND PERSONS WITH WHOM THE CHILDREN HAVE LIVED WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS AND DATES						
ADDRESS	CARETAKERS			FROM MONTH/YEAR	TO MONTH/YEAR	
WIFE <input type="checkbox"/> IS <input type="checkbox"/> IS NOT PREGNANT. EXPECTED DELIVERY DATE:						
THE UNDERSIGNED SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARES, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF HIS/HER KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF.						
DATE	SIGNATURE					

STATE OF HAWAI'I FAMILY COURT FIFTH CIRCUIT	APPEARANCE AND WAIVER	CASE NUMBER FC-D NO.
_____ PLAINTIFF, (Full Name)	This document is prepared by <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> Atty. for Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Atty. for Defendant	
VS.	Name	
_____ DEFENDANT. (Full Name)	Address	
	City, State, Zip	
	Phone	
<p>I, the Defendant, acknowledge receipt of a <u>filed</u> copy of the Complaint and Summons in the above-entitled action, submit myself to the Court's jurisdiction, and have agreed with the Plaintiff on the matters set forth in</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a signed agreement incident to divorce.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a form of Decree which I have approved by signature.</p> <p>I consent to a hearing of the complaint by a judge at any time without further notice and without my presence so long as the Decree issued incorporates the provisions I have approved. If such Decree is not entered by the Court, I request to be notified.</p> <p>I understand that I am not required to sign this paper and that by doing so I am permitting the Court without opposition from me to proceed with the above-entitled matter at this time unless there is reason for the Court to alter our agreement.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am not in the military service of the United States.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am in the military service of the United States, but I do not request a stay of proceedings herein, and I do waive any rights I may have under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. Sec. 521, et. seq.</p>		
DATE	DEFENDANT'S SIGNATURE	

STATE OF HAWAII
FAMILY COURT
FIFTH CIRCUIT

PROOF OF SERVICE

CASE NUMBER

FC-D NO.

PLAINTIFF,
(Full Name)

VS.

DEFENDANT,
(Full Name)

This document is prepared by

- Plaintiff Attorney for Plaintiff
 Defendant Attorney for Defendant

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

I served a certified copy of each document identified below by delivering to the following person(s):

PERSON(S) SERVED	DATE	TIME	PLACE

DOCUMENTS SERVED

- Complaint and Summons Initial Pre-trial Order Notice to Attend Kids First
- Motion and Affidavit for Temporary Relief; Order to Show Cause for Temporary Relief
- Motion and Affidavit for Order to Show Cause for Relief After Order or Decree; Order to Show Cause for Relief After Order or Decree
- _____

PLEASE EXPEDITE RETURN OF SERVICE TO FAMILY COURT

DATE	POLICE OFFICER'S SIGNATURE	BADGE ID NUMBER	
DATE	OTHER SERVING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE	NAME OF SERVING OFFICER	

UNSERVED DOCUMENTS: I certify that, despite due and diligent search, I was unable to locate the person to be served, and therefore the attached documents are being returned as unserved.

STATE OF HAWAI'I FAMILY COURT FIFTH CIRCUIT	MOTION FOR SERVICE BY MAIL AND AFFIDAVIT; ORDER FOR SERVICE BY MAIL	CASE NUMBER FC-D NO.
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<p style="text-align: center;">_____ PLAINTIFF, (Full Name)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ DEFENDANT, (Full Name)</p>	This document is prepared by: <input type="checkbox"/> Movant <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney for Movant Name Address City, State, Zip Phone
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MOTION FOR SERVICE BY MAIL AND AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned party to this action moves, pursuant to HRS 580-3(c) and Hawai'i Family Court Rule 4(e)(2), for an order authorizing service by registered or certified mail. In support of this motion the undersigned states that to his/her best information and belief the adverse party is outside the State and receives mail at the following address:

MOVANT'S SIGNATURE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS DATE:	NOTARY PUBLIC'S SIGNATURE STATE OF HAWAI'I, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:
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ORDER FOR SERVICE BY MAIL

It appears that service by mail is appropriate and reasonable. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that service herein may be made by forwarding certified copies of the

Complaint
 Summons
 Initial Pre-Trial Order
 Notice to Attend Kids First Program
 Motion and Affidavit for Temporary Relief; Order to Show Cause for Temporary Relief
 Motion and Affidavit for Order to Show Cause and Relief After order or Decree; Order to Show Cause for Relief After Order or Decree
 Income and Expense Statement; Asset and Debt Statement
 Other: _____

and of this Order to the Plaintiff Defendant by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested and a direction to deliver to addressee only and that actual receipt by the Plaintiff Defendant of the above document(s) sent in accordance with this Order shall be equivalent to personal service by an authorized process server as of the date of receipt.

DATE	JUDGE OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT
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STATE OF HAWAI'I FAMILY COURT FIFTH CIRCUIT	STATEMENT OF MAILING EXHIBIT "1" AND "2"	CASE NUMBER FC-D NO.
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_____ vs. _____	This document is prepared by: <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney for Plaintiff Name Address City, State, Zip Code Phone
PLAINTIFF, (Full Name)	
DEFENDANT, (Full Name)	

I REPRESENT THAT I caused one certified copy each of the Complaint for Divorce; Summons to Answer Complaint; and Motion for Service by Mail and Affidavit; Order for Service by Mail; and _____, to be mailed by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, restricted delivery to :

Defendant's Name: _____

Defendant's Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Defendant

At the time of mailing, the receipt attached hereto as Exhibit "1" was postmarked and dated. Thereafter, the return receipt attached as Exhibit "2" was received.

DATE	PLAINTIFF'S SIGNATURE	
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<p>STATE OF HAWAI'I FAMILY COURT FIFTH CIRCUIT</p>	<p>STATEMENT OF MAILING EXHIBIT "1" AND "2" (continued)</p>	<p>CASE NUMBER</p> <p>FC-D NO.</p>
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EXHIBIT 1

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EXHIBIT 2

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STATE OF HAWAII FAMILY COURT FIFTH CIRCUIT	MOTION FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AFFIDAVIT OF PLAINTIFF; ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION (and Mailing of Notice)	CASE NUMBER FC-D NO.
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<p style="text-align: center;">_____ PLAINTIFF, (Full Name)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ DEFENDANT, (Full Name)</p>	<p>This document is prepared by: <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney for Plaintiff</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City, State, Zip _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p>
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**MOTION FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION; AFFIDAVIT OF PLAINTIFF; ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
 (and Mailing of Notice)**

STATE OF HAWAII)
)
 COUNTY OF KAUA'I) SS.

Plaintiff moves pursuant to HRS 580-3(d) and Hawaii Family Court Rules 4 (e)(3)(i) and 88 for an order setting the time and place of hearing of the cause herein and authorizing notice of pendency of the cause and of such time and place of hearing by publication and mailing of notice to defendant to his last known address, and in support thereof submits the attached affidavit. This certification is made pursuant to rule 97 of the Hawaii Family Court Rules.

DATED: Lihu'e, Hawaii _____

 Plaintiff's Signature

STATE OF HAWAI'I FAMILY COURT FIFTH CIRCUIT	AFFIDAVIT OF PLAINTIFF	CASE NUMBER FC-D NO.
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_____ <div style="text-align: right;">PLAINTIFF, (Full Name)</div> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">VS.</p> _____ <div style="text-align: right;">DEFENDANT. (Full Name)</div>	
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AFFIDAVIT OF PLAINTIFF

STATE OF HAWAI'I)
)
 COUNTY OF KAUA'I)

SS.

_____ ,
 Plaintiff above named, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says:

That _____
 is married to Defendant above named; that _____
 last saw Defendant on _____ ; that the last address of Defendant known to Plaintiff is

that a certified copy of the Complaint for Divorce and Summons in the above cause was mailed to Defendant at the foregoing address by certified (registered) mail, return receipt requested, and was returned all as set forth in the Statement of Mailing heretofore filed in the above cause (attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; that Plaintiff has no other information as to the whereabouts of Defendant, nor any information as to any other persons who know or might know of the whereabouts of Defendant after making requests for such information of the following friends and relatives of Defendant, to wit: _____

(give full name and address)

STATE OF HAWAI'I
FAMILY COURT
FIFTH CIRCUIT

AFFIDAVIT OF PLAINTIFF

CASE NUMBER

FC-D NO.

The Plaintiff has made a due and reasonable inquiry and search for not less than 15 days and does not know and has not been able to ascertain the actual address or resident of Defendant.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT

Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME

this _____ day of _____,

in _____, Hawai'i

Notary Public, State of Hawai'i

My Commission expires: _____

STATE OF HAWAI'I FAMILY COURT FIFTH CIRCUIT	ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION (and Mailing of Notice)	CASE NUMBER FC-D NO.
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<p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PLAINTIFF, (Full Name)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VS.</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DEFENDANT. (Full Name)</p>	
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ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
(and Mailing of Notice)

STATE OF HAWAI'I)
)
 COUNTY OF KAUA'I)

SS.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the undersigned that service by publication is appropriate and reasonable,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the cause be set for hearing on _____
 at _____ a.m./p.m. of said day in the Family Court, Judiciary Building Courtroom # _____ located at
 3970 Kā'ana Street, Līhu'e, Hawai'i.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that notice of the pendency of this cause and of the above order time
 and place of hearing thereof be give to the Defendant above named by publication of such notice in _____
 _____ a newspaper suitable for the advertisement of notices of judicial
 proceedings, published in this State, which publication shall be at least once in each of three (3) successive
 weeks, the last publication to be not less than twenty (20) days prior to the time above set for hearing; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that such notice include the statement that in the event the Defendant
 fails to appear and defend as required, further action may be taken in this cause including judgement to for the
 relief demanded in the complaint without further notice to the Defendant.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT notice shall be mailed to the Defendant at his/her last know} address by
 regular mail.

STATE OF HAWAI'I
FAMILY COURT
FIFTH CIRCUIT

**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
(and Mailing of Notice)**

CASE NUMBER

FC-D NO.

There shall be filed in this proceeding prior to the time of hearing of the Complaint and affidavit of publication, pursuant to this order which shall constitute proof of service under the provisions of this order.

DATED: Līhu'e, Hawai'i _____

Judge of the above-entitled Court

STATE OF HAWAI‘I FAMILY COURT FIFTH CIRCUIT	NOTICE OF HEARING	CASE NUMBER FC-D NO.
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<p style="text-align: center;">_____ PETITIONER (PLAINTIFF),</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ RESPONDENT (DEFENDANT).</p>	
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NOTICE OF HEARING

TO:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above entitled case will be heard before the Presiding Judge of the Family Court, Fifth Circuit, Judiciary Building, Courtroom # ____ , 3970 Kā‘ana Street, Līhu‘e, Hawai‘i on _____ at _____ a.m./p.m. or as soon thereafter as the case may be heard.

IF YOU FAIL to appear at the hearing, the relief requested in the _____ filed _____ may be granted without further notice to you.

DATE	CLERK’S SIGNATURE
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Publish in “The Garden Island” on _____ .

Received a true copy of the foregoing notice for publication as indicated above, this _____ day of _____ .

KAUA‘I PUBLISHING COMPANY

BY: _____

STATE OF HAWAI'I FAMILY COURT FIFTH CIRCUIT	INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant	CASE NUMBER FC- NO.
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<p style="text-align: center;">_____ PLAINTIFF, (Full Name)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ DEFENDANT, (Full Name)</p>	This document is prepared by: <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> Atty. for Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Atty. for Defendant Name _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____
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Occupation: _____
JOB TITLE

Employer: _____

Address: _____

Length of service: _____ month/year.

Income Tax Withholding based on: _____ dependents.

INCOME

Gross income. Paid: monthly, 2 times per month, every 2 weeks, weekly or other _____

Gross per pay period \$ _____ Per month \$ _____

Payroll deductions per pay period:

Fed. income tax	\$ _____
State income tax	\$ _____
FICA (Social Security)	\$ _____
Union dues	\$ _____

a) Net per pay period \$ _____ Per month \$ _____

Other:

Retirement/401K	\$ _____
Credit Union	\$ _____
Direct Deposit	\$ _____
Income Assignments	\$ _____
Support Payments	\$ _____
Medical Insurance	\$ _____

b) Take home per pay period \$ _____ Per month \$ _____

Other regular monthly income, (rental income, 2nd job, interest, child support, welfare, food stamps, and any other source.)

Gross monthly receipt	\$ _____
Taxes paid IRS and State on above	\$ _____

c) Total other income net \$ _____

Total Monthly Income (Add per month income from lines *a* and *c* above) \$ _____

EXPENSES

Do not list expenses which are paid by payroll deduction.

Housing, expenses per month:

rent, mortgage, agreement of sale \$ _____
 insurance if not included above \$ _____
 Real Property taxes (if paid separately) \$ _____
 Utilities, gas, water, elec., telephone etc. \$ _____

Transportation, expenses per month:

Car payment, lease, rental \$ _____
 Insurance on vehicle \$ _____
 Maintenance (repairs) \$ _____
 Operating (gas, oil & tires) \$ _____

Total Housing and Transportation expenses \$ _____

Debt service (all monthly payments, eg. credit cards, charges, finance company, personal loans) \$ _____

Personal Expenses per month:

	Self	Children No.(_)
Food	\$ _____	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ _____	\$ _____
Medical and Dental	\$ _____	\$ _____
Laundry & Cleaning	\$ _____	\$ _____
Personal articles	\$ _____	\$ _____
Recreation (movies etc)	\$ _____	\$ _____
School (include food)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Household	\$ _____	\$ _____
Bus (on monthly basis)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (_____)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Payment to others for dependent care	\$ _____	\$ _____

Sub Totals \$ _____ \$ _____

Total Personal expenses \$ _____

Grand Total expenses: Housing, Trans., Debt & personal \$ _____

Savings, <Deficiency>: Income minus Expenses \$ _____

Explain in detail where savings are invested, or if there is a <deficiency>, who provides the funds to maintain the level of spending indicated in this income and expense statement. (Use separate sheet if more space is needed.)

CERTIFICATION

I hereby declare under the penalty of perjury that I have supplied the information used in this Income and Expense Statement and have reviewed this statement and I certify that the information is accurate, complete and correct.

DATE

PLAINTIFF'S DEFENDANT'S SIGNATURE

STATE OF HAWAI'I FAMILY COURT FIFTH CIRCUIT	ASSET AND DEBT STATEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> Both Parties	CASE NUMBER FC- NO.
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<p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PLAINTIFF, (Full Name)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DEFENDANT, (Full Name)</p>	<p>This document is prepared by: <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> Atty. for Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Atty. for Defendant</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City, State, Zip _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p>
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1. **Cash** (on hand or held by others for me) \$ _____

2. **CREDIT UNION ACCOUNTS:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title (H,W,J)*</u>	<u>Credit Balance</u>	<u>Debt Balance</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

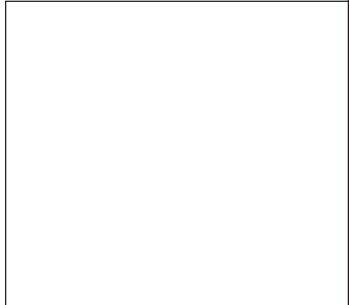
3. **BANK AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:** (Include Trustee Accounts)

<u>Company & Branch</u>	<u>Type of Account</u>	<u>Title (H,W,J)</u>	<u>Current Balance</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

4. **SECURITIES:** (Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, Certificates of Deposit, etc.)

<u>Company</u>	<u>Title (H,W,J)</u>	<u>Date of Acquisition</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Debt Owed Against</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

* H = Husband
 W = Wife
 J = Joint



5. **VEHICLES:** (Autos, Trucks, Motorcycles, Trailers, Campers, Boats, etc.)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Title (H,W,J)</u>	<u>Current Market Value</u>	<u>Debt Owed Against</u>

6. **REAL PROPERTY:**

<u>Address</u>	<u>Fee or Lease</u>	<u>Title (H,W,J)</u>	<u>Date of Acquisition</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Current Gross Value</u>	<u>Total Debt Owed</u>

7. **LIFE INSURANCE:**

<u>Company</u>	<u>Person Insured</u>	<u>Face Amount</u>	<u>Beneficiary</u>	<u>Title (H,W,J)</u>	<u>Cash Value</u>	<u>Debt Owed Against</u>

8. **RETIREMENT; PENSION; PROFIT SHARING ACCOUNTS:**

<u>Employer or Company</u>	<u>Title (H,W,J)</u>	<u>Type of Plan</u>	<u>Years in Plan</u>	<u>Total Value</u>

9. **ALL OTHER MAJOR ASSETS:** (Furniture, Household Effects, Art, Stamps, Coins, Tools, Equipment, Jewelry, Accounts Receivable, Investment Assets, Business Assets, Cemetery Plots or Niches, Tax Refunds Due, etc.)

<u>General Description</u>	<u>Title (H,W,J)</u>	<u>Estimated Gross Value</u>	<u>Debt Owed Against</u>

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Randal G.B. Valenciano CHIEF JUDGE	Calvin K. Murashige FAMILY COURT JUDGE
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DATE: July 21, 1999 (Updated July 2007)

TO: Fifth Circuit Judges, Attorneys, and Pro Se Litigants

FROM: The Honorable Randal G.B. Valenciano, Chief Judge

PROOF OF UNCONTESTED DIVORCE THROUGH AFFIDAVIT

Pursuant to Sections 580-5, H.R.S., the Family Court of the Fifth Circuit authorizes parties to an uncontested divorce to prove the case through an affidavit rather than by court appearance. Exact legal proof of every point is required in the affidavits.

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1999 the following process will be used in affidavit only cases.

1. The Affidavit of Plaintiff must be filed with the documents clerk before the case is set.
2. The Affidavit of Plaintiff must contain legal proof of every point required (see the sample affidavit attached). Utilize the attached sample as a guide and only include paragraphs in the affidavit which apply to your case. Be sure to include any other information in the affidavit which is necessary or would be helpful to the judge.

Such matters as circumstances justifying a variance from either child support guidelines or matters affecting the partnership model for division of property must be stated or you risk rejection of the proposed decree.

3. If not previously filed, the following documents must be filed with the Affidavit:
 - a. One or more of the following documents as proof of service:
 - (1) **Appearance and Waiver.** The Appearance and Waiver must be filed in all non-default uncontested cases. It must be both hand-dated and signed by the Defendant after the complaint has been filed. Family Court Rule 8(g) requires that the Appearance and Waiver "shall be filed within a reasonable time before the date of hearing." If the Appearance and Waiver is not current within six months of the time of setting, the Plaintiff must submit a Notice of Hearing to the Defendant and file the Notice of Hearing with the Family Court clerk at the time the case is set.
 - (2) **Proof of Service, Statement of Mailing or Affidavit of Publication:**
 - (a) Upon Defendant. If no Appearance and Waiver is filed, Proof of Service of the Complaint by personal service, Statement of Mailing with a return receipt signed by Defendant, or Affidavit of Publication must be provided if proceeding either by default or by agreement.

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- (b) Upon Corporation Counsel. Proof of Service of the Complaint upon Family Support Division of Corporation Counsel must be filed if any party has a child who is a recipient of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC).
- b. Income and Expense Statement and Asset and Debt Statements of Plaintiff and Defendant: Current financial statements must be filed by Plaintiff and Defendant if possible, as stated below. Each party must hand-date and sign in black ink each of his/her statements.
- (1) Plaintiff. Plaintiff's filed Income and Expense Statement and Asset and Debt Statement must reflect financial information that is current within 60 days of the setting date (not the hearing date) of the case. Plaintiff's statements should reflect all known assets held in the joint or sole names of the parties.
- (2) Defendant. Plaintiff must submit to the counter clerk either: (a) Defendant's filed Income and Expense Statement and Asset and Debt Statement current within 60 days of the setting of the case, or (b) A letter addressed to the Presiding Judge explaining why current financial statements are not available.
- c. Child Support Guidelines Worksheet (if applicable): Plaintiff must submit a filed copy of the child support guidelines worksheet in all cases where the parties have minor and/or dependent children. The worksheet must be signed by Plaintiff and Plaintiff's attorney and Defendant and Defendant's attorney if possible.
- d. Kids First Information Sheet (if applicable): Plaintiff must submit a Kids First Information Sheet in all cases where the parties have minor children between the ages of 6 and 17, reflecting that both parties and applicable children have attended the Kids First Program.
- e. Agreement Incident to Divorce (if applicable): All agreements must be filed, hand dated and signed by both parties in black ink. The agreement should be signed before a notary or signature of counsel should appear on the agreement.
- f. Paternity Judgment (if applicable): If any minor children born during the marriage are not fathered by the husband, the case must be placed on the contested divorce calendar unless the paternity of the natural father has already been adjudicated in a paternity action. See Hawaii Divorce Manual, 5th ed., Section 7 for appropriate procedures.
- g. Proposed Decree: A signed original decree and copies must be provided to the Family Court counter clerk.

Signatures: Stipulated decrees shall be signed by both parties and their attorneys. Each party must also hand-write the date in black ink next to his/her signature. If the decree incorporates an Agreement Incident to Divorce, only opposing counsel needs to sign the degree "approved as to form."

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- h. Order for Income Assignment (if applicable): Plaintiff shall submit an original of the Order for Income Assignment (OIA) and copies to the Family Court counter clerk together with the decree. If no OIA is submitted because the obligator has no periodic income, or the parties have elected direct payments to the custodial parent, and the defendants of the obligor parent are not receiving public assistance benefits, this should be explained in the Affidavit of Plaintiff. The Degree should nevertheless order that child support will be paid by OIA as soon as the obligor receives periodic income, and should further require the obligor to notify the Child Support Enforcement Agency in writing of the name and address of the employer or other payor as soon as he receives such income.
- i. Order Granting Motion: If Plaintiff is proceeding by default, a filed copy of the Order Granting Motion for Default must be submitted in all affidavit cases at the time the case is set. Otherwise, a hearing on a motion for default should be scheduled at the time of the uncontested divorce and the Notice of Motion will reflect the same date and time as the uncontested divorce.
- 4. In the affidavit only cases, the case file including all documents will be reviewed by the assigned judge on or about the date of the hearing. The judge, after a hearing without appearances, will note the disposition on the court's calendar as follows: a) granted; b) decree to be resubmitted (with corrections); or c) court hearing with appearances required

Original and Copies of the rejected decrees will be returned to the attorneys via attorney's jacket or to Plaintiff via mail along with Notification of Case Status/Deficiency notice. Corrections to be completed before resubmitting documents back to the Legal Documents Branch.

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<div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 20px;"> <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/> PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER, (Full Name) </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 20px;"> VS. </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/> DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT. (Full Name) </div>	<p>This document is prepared by</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff/Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant/Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney. for Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney. for Defendant </p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City, State, Zip _____</p> <p>Telephone No. _____</p>
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You are hereby notified that you are REQUIRED to attend the program on:

DAY: Wednesday

DATE:

TIME: 4:45 - 7:00 P.M.

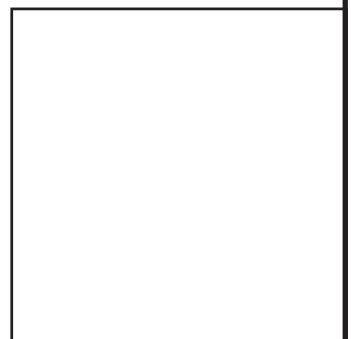
At the Judiciary Complex located at 3970 Kā'ana Street, Līhue, Hawai'i. (See Administrative Judge's Memorandum) Divorce parties are required to bring with them their children from the marriage who are from 6 to 17 years old. Paternity parties are required to bring with them their children who are subject to the custody dispute who are from 6 to 17 years old. **CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6 ARE NOT TO ATTEND.**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

All children are affected by divorce and separation in some way. Many children experience long term emotional problems after their parents separate. If you can recognize and help your child with the special problems associated with separation during this difficult time you will give your child a lasting gift. Unfortunately, most parents do not have the information about children, separation, and divorce that they need to help their children.

The Kids First Program, sponsored by an independant steering committee and the Judiciary, is designed to provide information to parents about how to best help children adjust to separation and divorce. Information about the divorce and separation process is presented through video tapes, lectures by experts, and group discussions. Your children will also have a chance to tour the courtroom.

We suggest that you and your children dress informally in light clothing. Do not attend the program while under the influence of alcohol or any illegal drugs. If you have any questions about the program, you need to reschedule your program date, you need special accommodations, or if a restraining order or protective order has been issued that affects you, please contact the Circuit court at 482-2330.



**NOTICE TO ATTEND
KIDS FIRST PROGRAM**

The divorce plaintiff and the party filing the OSC for custody in paternity cases must file two forms for Kids First Program, using this procedure:

- (1) Pick up three (3) ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE'S MEMOS, three (3) NOTICE TO ATTEND forms, and one (1) KIDS FIRST INFORMATION SHEET from the Circuit Court Clerk's office (these forms are included in the divorce packets)
- (2) Fill out the top portion of the KIDS FIRST INFORMATION SHEET
- (3) Go to the Circuit Court clerk's office to
 - (a) File the Complaint for divorce or the OSC; and the NOTICE TO ATTEND forms;
 - (b) Turn in the KIDS FIRST INFORMATION SHEET (Circuit clerk will fill in the case number and date on the NOTICE TO ATTEND forms and the KIDS FIRST INFORMATION SHEET).
- (4) Serve the Complaint for Divorce or the OSC upon the opposing party, along with one filed NOTICE TO ATTEND form with the ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE'S MEMO attached, within five (5) days of filing them.

NO COMPLAINTS FOR DIVORCE THAT ALLEGE THAT THE PARTIES HAVE MINOR CHILDREN NOR OSC's CONTESTING CUSTODY IN PATERNITY CASES MAY BE FILED AFTER MARCH 3, 1997, UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY:

- (1) Three completed NOTICE TO ATTEND and the ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE'S MEMO'S forms (one for the Court and one for each party); and
- (2) A completed KIDS FIRST INFORMATION SHEET.

Family Court Judges may refuse to grant a divorce or adjudicate a paternity petition where custody is contest until the parties have attended this program. Attendance is documented on the KIDS FIRST INFORMATION SHEET, which is place in the parties' divorce or paternity file.

If either party needs to reassign the date they attend the program (for example, if a temporary restraining or protective order has been issued), arrangements can be made by calling the Circuit Court clerk at 482-2330.

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FAMILY COURT
FIFTH CIRCUIT

**NOTICE TO ATTEND
KIDS FIRST PROGRAM**
(Supersedes April 14, 1997 Memorandum)

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Randal G.B. Valenciano
Chief Judge

Calvin Murashige
Family Court Judge

TO: All Fifth Circuit Attorneys; parties to divorce actions with minor children from the marriage; parties to contested paternity action in which child custody is contested.

FROM: The Honorable Randal G.B. Valenciano, Chief Judge

SUBJECT: Mandatory Attendance for the Kids First Program

DATE: updated to July 2007

Effective March 3, 1997, all Fifth Circuit divorce action parties who have minor children from the marriage, and parties to contested paternity cases (those with a filed Order to Show Cause, "OSC" regarding child custody) will be ORDERED to attend a session of the Kids First Program. This program is directed by a committee comprised of health professionals, court personnel, attorneys, and other volunteers. Divorce parties are FURTHER ORDERED to bring with them all children from the marriage who are 6 to 17 years of age. Paternity parties are FURTHER ORDERED to bring with them all children who are subject to the custody dispute who are from 6 to 17 years of age.

Attendance is mandatory in divorce cases even if there is no dispute about custody and visitation arrangements. There is a "good cause" exception to the mandatory attendance rule. Parties showing good cause to the Court why they should not be required to attend the program may have their attendance waved. A form is available at the Legal Documents office for this purpose. Persons residing on another island should contact the Family Court where they are residing and make arrangements to attend their program.

MOTHER

FATHER

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE/DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>LIVING w/ WHOM?</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

FOR STAFF USE ONLY

Program Date: _____

	<u>ATTENDED Y/N</u>	<u>NOTES</u>	<u>VERIFICATION (SIG)</u>
FATHER	_____	_____	_____
MOTHER	_____	_____	_____
CHILD 1	_____	_____	_____
CHILD 2	_____	_____	_____
CHILD 3	_____	_____	_____
CHILD 4	_____	_____	_____
CHILD 5	_____	_____	_____
CHILD 6	_____	_____	_____

COMMENTS: _____

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Randal G.B. Valenciano
CHIEF JUDGE

Calvin K. Murashige
FAMILY COURT JUDGE

DATE: December 21, 2001 (Updated July 2007)

TO: All Attorneys
Pro Se Litigants

RE: Initial Pre-Trial Orders and Case Status Reports

Effective January 2, 2002, all complaints for divorce shall include an “Initial Pre-trial Order” for the judge’s signature. After it has been signed by the judge, the Initial Pre-trial Order is to be served upon the opposing party along with the complaint. It is anticipated that the Initial Pre-trial Order will eliminate the need for the filing of motions and affidavits for temporary relief, thus, helping to expedite the case.

The “Case Status Report” is self-explanatory and is intended to help identify which issues, if any, are still in dispute. As set forth in the Initial Pre-trial Order, the Case Status Report is to be filed by the plaintiff within 90 days of the filing of the Complaint for Divorce.

Samples of the “Initial Pre-Trial Order” and “Case Status Report” are attached and may be copied.

STATE OF HAWAI'I FAMILY COURT FIFTH CIRCUIT	INITIAL PRE-TRIAL ORDER	CASE NUMBER FC-D NO.
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_____ PLAINTIFF, (Full Name) vs. _____ DEFENDANT, (Full Name)	This document is prepared by: <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney for Plaintiff Name Address City, State, Zip Code Phone
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A complaint for Divorce was filed on _____, and appears to the Court that it would be in the best interest of all parties that the following conditions be established during the pendency of this matter.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Both parties are prohibited from interfering with the established routine and activities of the child(ren), if any, of this marriage. Neither party shall remove child(ren) from Kaua'i or deny the other party normal custody involvement with the child(ren). However, any existing restraining orders, including those granted pursuant to HRS Section 580-10 and Chapter 586 or any other lawful court order must be followed;
2. If child(ren) are involved, both parties are prohibited from discussing the pending divorce action and any related subjects and from making direct or indirect disparaging statements to the child(ren) (including through third parties) about the other party;
3. Both parties are prohibited from transferring, encumbering, wasting or otherwise disposing of any property in their control, unless it is necessary to pay for ordinary business expenses and the usual living expenses after all of their current sources of income have been depleted. This prohibition means you are not to withdraw funds for any bank, credit union, retirement and/or stock accounts, charge beneficiaries or give away and/or sell anything of value to a third party, or to hide, throw away, or damage anything of value without prior court approval;
4. Both parties are prohibited from canceling or reducing any benefit or insurance that protects the other party or the child(ren), including all life, health, automotive, liability, disability, or homeowners' insurance;
5. Within thirty (30) days after the Complaint of Divorce is served on the Defendant, ***both*** parties must file with the Court an accurate, and complete "Asset and Debt Statement" and an "Income and Expense Statement". And, ***both*** parties ***must*** each sign their respective Statements;
6. Within ninety (90) days after the date that the Complaint for Divorce was filed, the Plaintiff must complete and sign a "Case of Status Report" and file it with the Court. A ***filed*** copy must be sent to the Defendant; ***and***,
7. Within seven (7) days after the Defendant has received a filed copy of the Plaintiff's "Case of Status Report", the Defendant may also complete and file a "Case of Status Report" with the court.

This Order Shall remain in effect until further order of the Court or upon the filing of a motion by either party to modify any of the foregoing orders.

DATED: Līhu'e, Hawai'i, _____

 Judge of the above-entitled Court

STATE OF HAWAI'I FAMILY COURT FIFTH CIRCUIT	CASE STATUS REPORT <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff's <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant's	CASE NUMBER FC-D NO.
_____ vs. _____	This document is prepared by: <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney for Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney for Defendant Name Address City, State, Zip Code Phone	
<p>1. a) The Complaint for Divorce was served on the Defendant on _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OR</u></p> <p>b) The Complaint for Divorce has NOT been served because _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>2. a) My "Assets and Debt Statement" and "Income and Expense Statement" <i>were filed</i> on _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OR</u></p> <p>My "Assets and Debt Statement" and "Income and Expense Statement" <i>have not been filed</i> because _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>3. Issues regarding the child(ren), if any including custody, visitation, and support are <input type="checkbox"/> resolved <input type="checkbox"/> NOT resolved</p> <p>4. Division of all assets and all debts is <input type="checkbox"/> resolved <input type="checkbox"/> NOT resolved</p> <p>5. This case is not ready for settlement or for trial because _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>		

6. The next step for this case is:

Mediation

by: _____

Discovery

by: _____

Uncontested Divorce

by: _____

Motion to Set

by: _____

Case Conference

by: _____

The answers on this Report are true and accurate to the best of my belief and knowledge.

DATED: _____

 Plaintiff Defendant

 Attorney for _____

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5. **Jurisdiction:** (Check all that apply)

- 5a. Plaintiff had been domiciled or physically present on the Island of Kaua'i for a continuous period of at least 3 months prior to the filing of the Complaint for Divorce.
- 5b. Plaintiff had been domiciled or physically present in the State of Hawai'i for a continuous period of at least 6 months prior to the filing of the Complaint for Divorce.
- 5c. Defendant had been domiciled or physically present in the State of Hawai'i for a continuous period of at least 6 months prior to the filing of the Complaint for Divorce.

6. Defendant resides in (city, state) _____, _____ .
(City) (State)

7. The parties were married on _____ .
(Mo/Day/Yr)

8. The parties last lived together in (city, state) _____, _____ ON
 _____ .
(City) (State) (Mo/Day/Yr)

9. Plaintiff believes that the marriage is irretrievably broken because:

10. **Financial statements:**

10a. Plaintiff signed Income and Expense and Asset and Debt Statements on _____ .
 To the best of Plaintiff's knowledge there have been no substantial
(Mo/Day/Yr)
 changes in Plaintiff's financial circumstances since that date.

10b. Defendant signed Income and Expense and Asset and Debt Statements on _____ .
 Plaintiff recognizes Defendant's signature on said documents. (Mo/Day/Yr)

10c. Defendant's Income and Expense Statement and Asset and Debt Statement are not filed because:

11. Plaintiff has carefully reviewed the proposed decree and agrees to the alimony, division of property and other provisions as provided in the proposed decree.

12. Plaintiff signed the proposed decree. Plaintiff recognizes Defendant's signature on the decree.

13. Wife wishes to resume the use of her birth surname former married name and be known as:

14. Husband wishes to resume the use of his birth surname former married name and be known as:

15. **Language Comprehension:**

15a. Plaintiff fully understands the English language.

15b. Although Plaintiff does not fully comprehend written English, this document has been explained to him/her by _____ and based on that explanation Plaintiff understands this document.

16. Plaintiff requests that the court grant this divorce and enter the decree without his/her appearance in court.
17. Plaintiff has read this document and signs it voluntarily and without coercion and duress and not because he/she was told to sign it.

18. Pregnancy:

- 18a. Wife is not pregnant.
- 18b. Wife is pregnant and her expected date of delivery is _____. Husband is is not the father of said child.
(Mo/Day/Yr)

19. Child(ren):

- 19a. Plaintiff and Defendant have no children together.
- 19b. The parties have _____ children together. The complete name and birthdate of each are listed as follows from the oldest to the youngest child (including adult child(ren)):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
_____	<small>(Mo/Day/Yr)</small>
_____	<small>(Mo/Day/Yr)</small>
_____	<small>(Mo/Day/Yr)</small>
_____	<small>(Mo/Day/Yr)</small>
_____	<small>(Mo/Day/Yr)</small>
_____	<small>(Mo/Day/Yr)</small>

- 19c. There is/are child(ren) conceived during the marriage fathered by someone other than husband. Their name(s) and date of birth is/are listed as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Judgment of Paternity entered</u>
_____	<small>(Mo/Day/Yr)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	<small>(Mo/Day/Yr)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

20. Prior or Pending Custody Proceedings:

- 20a. I have not participated in any capacity in any law suit or proceeding in any state concerning custody of any of the minor children of the Plaintiff and Defendant together. I have no information of any pending custody proceeding or of any person not a party to this proceeding who has physical custody or claims to have custody or visitation rights concerning any minor children of the Plaintiff and Defendant together.

- 20b. Prior court case involving the subject children:
- Case Name: _____
- Case Number: _____
- Location of Court: _____
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20c. Other court case involving the subject children which is still pending:
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21. Plaintiff agrees to the custody arrangement and child support amounts as provided in the proposed divorce decree.

22. Child Support:

22a. Plaintiff believes that the information provided in the completed Child Support Guidelines Worksheet is accurate, to the best of the Plaintiff's knowledge and proposed child support is consistent with the Child Support Guidelines Worksheet.

22b. Proposed child support varies from the Child Support Guidelines Worksheet because of the following exceptional circumstances: _____

23. Kids First:

23a. I attended the Kids First II Program (Wednesday Night) on _____ (Mo/Day/Yr).

23b. I was excused by Judge _____ from attending the Kids First II Program.

24. **Other:** _____

Plaintiff declares that he/she understands that his/her signature under oath before a notary public is his/her solemn statement that he/she read this Affidavit and knows and understands the contents and that these statements are true, correct and complete to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

PLAINTIFF'S SIGNATURE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS DATE: IN _____, Hawai'i	NOTARY PUBLIC'S SIGNATURE STATE OF HAWAI'I	MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:
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_____ PLAINTIFF, (Full Name)	This document is prepared by <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> Atty. for Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Atty. for Defendant
VS.	Name _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Telephone No. _____
_____ DEFENDANT. (Full Name)	

Presiding Judge	Date of Hearing
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A hearing was held before the Presiding Judge or an affidavit was submitted and the Court waived hearing on this matter. After full consideration of the evidence, the Court finds the material allegations of the Complaint for Divorce to be true. Plaintiff is entitled to a divorce from the bonds of matrimony. The Court has jurisdiction to enter this Divorce Decree. In this Divorce Decree, Plaintiff is referred to as Husband Wife, and Defendant is referred to as Husband Wife.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

1. Decree: A decree of divorce is granted to Husband Wife. The bonds of matrimony between Husband and Wife are hereby dissolved. The parties are restored to the status of single persons. Either party is permitted to marry after the effective date of this Divorce Decree.

2. Effective Date: This Divorce Decree is effective after it is signed and filed by the Court.

3. Alimony:

3A. Neither party shall be required to pay alimony to the other party.

3B. Beginning with a first payment on the ____ day of _____ (Month/Year)

Husband Wife shall pay to Husband Wife alimony of \$ _____ per month, to be paid

in one amount of \$ _____ by the _____ day of each month.

in two equal installments of \$ _____ by the _____ and _____ days of each month.

Alimony shall continue for ____ months and terminate with the payment due _____ (Mo/Day/Yr) .

Alimony shall terminate upon the death of either Husband or Wife.

Alimony shall shall not terminate upon the recipient's remarriage.

The foregoing shall be subject to the further order of the Family Court.

4. The parties have ____ child(ren) together:

Name (first, middle, last)	Date of Birth

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5. Custody:

5A. Legal Custody of the above-named minor child(ren) is:

- Awarded to Husband
- Awarded to Wife
- Awarded to Husband and Wife, jointly.
- Reserved for a court of competent jurisdiction.

5B. Physical Custody of the above-named minor child(ren) is:

- Awarded to Husband with a detailed visitation/time sharing schedule to Wife as described in paragraph 6.
- Awarded to Wife with a detailed visitation/time sharing schedule to Husband as described paragraph 6.
- Awarded to Husband and Wife, jointly, with a visitation/time sharing schedule as described in paragraph 6B below.
- Reserved for a court of competent jurisdiction.

6. Visitation/Time Sharing Schedule shall be as follows:

- 6A. The parties shall arrange reasonable visitation.
- 6B. Visitation/time sharing schedule shall be as follows: _____

- 6C. Supervised visitation: _____

- 6D. There shall be no visitation until further order of the Family Court.

7. Unless specified in paragraph 24 of this decree, Husband and Wife shall keep each other informed of his/her residence address and telephone number for so long as any child of the parties is a minor and for so long thereafter as there is a support order.

8. Child Support:

- 8A. Beginning with the first payment on the _____ day of _____, Husband shall pay to Wife for the support of the parties' child(ren) \$ _____ per child, for a total of \$ _____ per month.
- 8B. Beginning with the first payment on the _____ day of _____, Wife shall pay to Husband for the support of the parties' child(ren) \$ _____ per child, for a total of \$ _____ per month.
- 8C. Child support is reserved for a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 8D. Payments of child support shall continue for each child until the child attains the age of eighteen years, or graduates from high school, or discontinues high school, whichever occurs last. Child support shall further continue uninterrupted (including during regular school vacation periods) until the age of 23 as long as the child continues his or her education post-high school on a full-time basis at an accredited college or university or in a vocational or trade school.
- 8E. The Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) is made a party for the limited issue of child support.

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9. Method of Child Support Payment (Check either 9a **OR** 9b):

- 9A. All payments shall be made payable to and through the Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA), P.O. Box 1860, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96805-1860, and pursuant to the Order of Income Withholding which shall be filed with this decree.
- 9B. Direct Payment
 - Child support payments shall be paid by Husband directly to Wife.
 - Child support payments shall be paid by Wife directly to Husband.
- In all direct payment cases, either Husband or Wife may void the direct payment arrangement at any time and apply for services from the CSEA to receive payments through the agency. If the child(ren) of the parties receive(s) public assistance from the Department of Human Services, foster care payments or Social Security or if either parent applies to the CSEA, CSEA may immediately void a direct payment arrangement by sending notice by regular mail to both parents at their last known addresses as set forth in this Divorce Decree.

10. Post-High School Education Support:

- 10A. Husband shall pay ____% and Wife shall pay ____% of the educational expenses of the child(ren) for so long as the child(ren) is/are a full-time student at an accredited college or university or vocational or trade school and under the age of 23.
- 10B. For payment of expenses related to the child(ren) attending private school see paragraph 24 below.
- 10C. For these purposes, educational expenses shall be defined to include tuition, fees and the costs of necessary books and other course materials.

11. Child Health Care: For so long as Husband or Wife has an obligation to pay child support and/or educational support:

- 11A. Husband shall maintain medical and dental insurance for the benefit of the child(ren).
- 11B. Wife shall maintain medical and dental insurance for the benefit of the child(ren).
- 11C. Husband shall pay the medical and dental expenses of the child(ren) not paid by insurance up to \$_____ per calendar year. Any additional medical and dental expenses not covered by insurance shall be paid ____ % by Husband and ____ % by Wife.
- 11D. Wife shall pay the medical and dental expenses of the child(ren) not paid by insurance up to \$_____ per calendar year. Any additional medical and dental expenses not covered by insurance shall be paid ____ % by Husband and ____ % by Wife.

12. Life Insurance for the Benefit of Child(ren):

- 12A. Husband shall maintain life insurance on his life with a minimum death benefit of \$ _____ for the benefit of the child(ren) so long as there is a child support and/or educational support obligation.
- 12B. Wife shall maintain life insurance on her life with a minimum death benefit of \$ _____ for the benefit of the child(ren) so long as there is a child support and/or educational support obligation.
- 12C. If Husband or Wife dies without the required insurance, Husband's or Wife's estate shall be liable to the child(ren) to the extent that the required insurance was not maintained. Such obligation on the part of Husband's or Wife's estate shall be accorded the highest possible priority.

13. All provisions in paragraphs 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 are subject to further order of the court.

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14. Bank Savings, Checking, Credit Union Accounts and Securities (Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, etc.):

- 14A. There are none.
- 14B. Each is awarded those titled in their name alone.
- 14C. Husband is awarded: _____

- 14D. Wife is awarded: _____

15. Vehicles (Autos, Trucks, Motorcycles, Trailers, Campers, Boats, etc.):

- 15A. There are none.
- 15B. Each party is awarded the vehicles titled in their name alone.
- 15C. Husband is awarded: _____

- 15D. Wife is awarded: _____

- 15E. Necessary transfer documents shall be signed no later than ten days following the filing of this Divorce Decree. If either party fails to do so, then the Director of Finance of the County of Kaua‘i is authorized and directed to transfer the ownership of vehicle(s) if requested to do so.

16. Real Property:

- 16A. Neither party owns any interest of any kind in any real property.
- 16B. The real property shall be divided as follows: _____

17. Life Insurance:

- 17A. There is none.
- 17B. Each party is awarded the life insurance policy(ies) now held on his/her life, together with any cash value therein and subject to any debt thereon.
- 17C. The life insurance shall be divided as follows: _____

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18. Retirement Accounts/Benefits:

- 18A. There are none.
- 18B. Each party shall keep their own.
- 18C. The retirement accounts/benefits of the parties shall be divided as follows: _____

19. All Other Assets (Personal Belongings, Furniture, Household Effects, Art, Stamps, Coins, Tools, Equipment, Jewelry, Accounts Receivable, Investment Assets, Business Assets, Cemetery Plots or Niches, Tax Refunds Due, etc.):

- 19A. Each party is awarded the personal belongings and the household effects in his/her possession.
- 19B. Husband is awarded: _____

- 19C. Wife is awarded: _____

20. All Outstanding Debts:

- 20A. Each party shall pay all of the credit card and other debt, if any, now in his/her name alone.
- 20B. There are no joint debts.
- 20C. Husband shall pay: _____
- 20D. Wife shall pay: _____

21. Name Change:

- 21A. Wife shall resume the use of her birth surname former married name and shall be known hereafter as _____
(first, middle, last name)
- 21B. Husband shall resume the use of his birth surname former married name and shall be known hereafter as _____
(first, middle, last name)

22. There is a supplemental order filed concurrently with this Divorce Decree.

23. **Failure of Party to Perform:** If either party fails to execute any document in compliance with this decree, the other party may submit a motion to the Court, requesting that the Court appoint the Chief Clerk of the Court to execute said document on behalf of the non-compliant party. Said motion may be done without further notice to the non-compliant party. Such execution by the Chief Clerk shall have the same effect as if executed by the non-compliant party.

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<p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">vs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PLAINTIFF, (Full Name)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DEFENDANT, (Full Name)</p>	<p>This document is prepared by:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney for Plaintiff</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City, State, Zip Code _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p>
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Comes now _____ ,
 herein and hereby certifies that on _____ he/she caused to be mailed or
 delivered to _____
 at his or her last known address. _____ certified copy/copies of the _____

This certification is made pursuant to Rule 97 of the Hawai'i Family Court Rules.

Dated: _____

 Signature

