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PROBATE SPECIAL MASTER

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

## STATE OF HAWAI'I

IN THE MATTER

OF

THE KALIMA CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT TRUST DATED JUNE 23, 2023.

T. No. 1CTR-23-0000142 (Trust)

FIRST SUPPLEMENT TO PROBATE SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT RE: PETITION FOR INSTRUCTIONS #2, FILED ON JANUARY 19, 2024; EXHIBIT "3"; CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Hearing:

Date: April 5, 2024 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Judge: Honorable Jeannette H. Castagnetti

# FIRST SUPPLEMENT TO PROBATE SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT RE: PETITION FOR INSTRUCTIONS #2, FILED ON JANUARY 19, 2024

COMES NOW, EMILY H. KAWASHIMA, ESQ. ("Master"), duly appointed Probate Special Master to examine the Petition for Instructions #2, filed January 19, 2024 (the "Petition"), and respectfully submits this First Supplement to Master's Report, filed March 14, 2024.

# J. STANLEY MANU AH TON AIKALA

Your Master contacted Mrs. Aikala on March 5, 2024 to inquire whether she had a copy of her husband's Will. She informed me that she had no interest in receiving any settlement funds and has told several people this previously. Your Master asked if she was sure since she is entitled to the funds. She asked that she not be contacted again about this topic and that she is sure she does not want any funds. She also informed that she would hire an attorney if we did not stop contacting her.

Your Master then contacted the estate planning attorneys who are listed on the Certificate of Trust, Richard J. Sakoda, Esq., with Sterling and Tucker, LLP. Your Master explained the circumstances and requested a copy of any Will or long form of Trust to see if there were other interested parties involved. On or about March 8, 2024, Mr. Sakoda informed your Master that Mrs. Aikala would not authorize their office to release copies of Mr. Aikala's long form Trust or Will. She reiterated that she does not want the Kalima settlement money and she does not want to be contacted or bothered about it. Mr. Sakoda asked her to submit something in writing to confirm that she does not want the Kalima award.

On March 12, 2024, your Master contacted Mr. Sakoda and asked him to inform Mrs. Aikala of the settlement award amount and to again confirm that she is refusing these funds. He advised that he informed Mrs. Aikala of the award and she still refused the funds. She told him that she was putting a letter in the mail to confirm her refusal. A true and correct copy of the letter dated March 12, 2024 is attached as Exhibit "3."

At this point, your Master finds and recommends that the settlement award for Mr. Aikala be returned to the general settlement fund, to be redistributed to class members at a later date should there be a surplus.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, on March 18, 2024.

/s/ Emily H. Kawashima EMILY H. KAWASHIMA PROBATE SPECIAL MASTER Probate Master Emily Kawashima 708 Bishop St., Stz 1700 Honolulu, Hawaai 96813

Ms Kawashema,

I, Joan K. Aikala, don't want the Kalima Award.

Yours truly Joan R. Gikala

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a file-marked copy of the foregoing document will be duly served by depositing the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on the following identified interested person(s) immediately after filing.

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