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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

STATE OF HAWAI'I

IN THE MATTER)	T. NO. 1CTR-23-0000142
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OF)	ORDER REGARDING
)	VIDEOCONFERENCE HEARINGS
THE KALIMA CLASS ACTION)	
SETTLEMENT TRUST, DATED JUNE)	
23, 2023.)	
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ORDER REGARDING VIDEOCONFERENCE HEARINGS

The Court understands that interested persons or parties may be unable to attend hearings in-person on the Petitions for Instructions. While the attendance of interested persons or parties wishing to participate must be in-person pursuant to the *Omnibus Order Re: Kalima Class Qualified Settlement Trust Proceedings*, filed on December 29, 2023, the Court, in accordance with Rule 11 of the Hawai'i Probate Rules issues this Order outlining when an interested person or party's attendance in the courtroom is required and under what circumstances attendance by video will be allowed. This Order also sets forth the process and instructions for parties to follow when attending or observing a hearing by video so that these proceedings may be as orderly and expeditious for the parties as possible. Lastly, this Order provides information for members of the public who may wish to observe these proceedings.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Parties or interested persons who are not represented by an attorney (self-represented or *pro se* parties) and who do not oppose the Petition for Instructions may attend the hearing by video, in-person, or may choose not to appear at all.

2. Self-represented or *pro se* parties who oppose or object to the Petition for Instructions must attend the hearing in-person unless the individual falls within a category set forth in Paragraph 3 below.

Attorneys representing parties who oppose or object to the Petition for Instructions must attend in-person and their clients may observe the proceedings by video or attend in-person.

3. Notwithstanding the above, self-represented or *pro se* parties opposing the Petition for Instructions may appear remotely only if they:

- (a) Reside outside the State of Hawai‘i;
- (b) Reside on a neighbor island;
- (c) Are unable to attend a hearing due to a physical limitation or ailment that prevents them from attending in-person; or
- (d) Are unable to attend in-person due to an emergency or some other personal or unforeseen circumstance.

The Court, in its discretion, may require a self-represented party or interested person to attend any subsequent hearing in-person if the matter is contested or if the proceeding is too disruptive or inefficient by video.

4. The Court conducts remote hearings by Zoom. The Court's Zoom Meeting ID is **808 539 4025**. No password is required. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, please do not wait until the day of the hearing to learn how to use Zoom. Parties are encouraged to seek assistance from family or friends who have experience with the Zoom platform. Unfamiliarity with Zoom on the day of the hearing may only cause further delay to these proceedings for others and may frustrate the orderly processing of the Petitions.

5. Parties appearing by video on Zoom are directed to join the hearing and appear with their video camera turned on **at least 10 minutes** prior to the scheduled start time. Once checked-in by Court staff, parties may keep their video on or may turn their video off until their matter is called. When a self-represented party's matter is called, please remember to unmute the microphone and wait to speak until the Court asks or instructs those appearing by video to identify themselves.

6. Self-represented parties must enter a username in Zoom that sets forth their full name (First and Last), otherwise they will not be admitted into the hearing.

7. Appearances by telephone may only be allowed when it is not feasible for the individual to appear in-person or by video. Individuals permitted by the Court may contact the Probate Special Master, Emily H. Kawashima, Esq., at telephone number (808)744-4688, to obtain the separate dial-in instructions.

8. Members of the public who are not parties are welcome to observe the proceedings through Zoom and will be required to list their name as "COURT OBSERVER" followed by their First and Last Name. Court observers must keep their video turned off and must mute their microphone. Individual court observers who do not follow these instructions will not be admitted or will be removed from the remote proceeding.

9. Lastly, all parties and attorneys are reminded that **recording court proceedings is strictly prohibited unless permission is granted by the Court.** Sanctions may be imposed for failure to comply with this Order.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, March 5, 2024.

/s/ Jeannette H. Castagnetti
Judge of the above-entitled Court



T. No. 1CTR-23-0000142; In the Matter of the Kalima Class Action Settlement Trust, Dated June 23, 2023; Order Regarding Video Conference Hearings