

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Lipcon v. Hamman

Lipcon · No. SCPW-XX-XXXXXXX · Decided February 6, 2026

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i granted Lauren Lipcon’s request to withdraw her petition for a writ of mandamus. The court construed her October 28, 2025 filing as a motion to dismiss and dismissed the petition.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Sabrina S. McKenna, Acting Chief Justice; Todd W. Eddins, Justice; Lisa M. Ginoza, Justice; Vladimir P. Devens, Justice; James H. Ashford, Circuit Judge assigned by reason of vacancy
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i
DECIDED	February 6, 2026
DOCKET	SCPW-XX-XXXXXXX
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Original proceeding on a petition for writ of mandamus; petitioner subsequently requested withdrawal of the petition.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published order
PARTIES	Lauren Lipcon v. Kirstin M. Hamman, Judge of the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawai‘i, State of Hawai‘i

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- civil procedure
- remedies

PRACTICE AREAS

- Appellate procedure
- Civil procedure
- Extraordinary writs

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the petitioner's document requesting withdrawal of the petition for writ of mandamus should be construed as a motion to dismiss.

2. Whether the motion to dismiss should be granted and the petition dismissed.

HOLDINGS

1. The court construed Lipcon's October 28, 2025 document requesting withdrawal of the petition for writ of mandamus as a motion to dismiss.
2. The court granted the motion to dismiss and dismissed the petition for writ of mandamus.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“We construe the October 28, 2025 document as a motion to dismiss and grant the motion.” (2)

“It is ordered that the petition for writ of mandamus is dismissed.” (2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion concerns a petition for writ of mandamus filed by Lauren Lipcon in an original proceeding. Before the petition was resolved, Lipcon filed a document requesting that she withdraw it. The Supreme Court treated that filing as a motion to dismiss.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Lauren Lipcon filed a petition for writ of mandamus on October 24, 2025. On October 28, 2025, she filed a document requesting withdrawal of the petition. The Supreme Court of Hawai‘i construed that document as a motion to dismiss, granted the motion, and dismissed the petition.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

OPINION

Lipcon v. Hamman

PER CURIAM.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

LIPCON, Petitioner, vs.

THE HONORABLE KIRSTIN M. HAMMAN,

Judge of the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawai‘i, Respondent Judge, and STATE

OF

HAWAI‘I,

LAUREN

Respondent.

ORIGINAL PROCEEDING

(CASE NO. 2CCV-XX-XXXXXXX)

ORDER GRANTING DISMISSAL

(By: McKenna, Acting C.J., Eddins, Ginoza, and Devens, JJ., and Circuit Judge Ashford, assigned by reason of vacancy) Petitioner Lauren Lipcon (Lipcon) filed a petition for writ of mandamus on October 24, 2025. Lipcon subsequently filed a document on October 28, 2025, that requests withdrawal of the petition for writ of mandamus. We construe the October 28, 2025 document as a motion to dismiss and grant the motion. It is ordered that the petition for writ of mandamus is dismissed. DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, February 6, 2026. /s/ Sabrina S. McKenna /s/ Todd W. Eddins /s/ Lisa M. Ginoza /s/ Vladimir P. Devens /s/ James H. Ashford 2