

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Nielsen v. Char

Nielsen · No. SCPW-25-0000442 · Decided March 11, 2026

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i denied Jasen Nielsen’s petition for a writ of prohibition concerning proceedings in the Family Court of the Fifth Circuit. The court held that Nielsen had not demonstrated a clear and indisputable right to relief.

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; Lisa W. Cataldo, Circuit Judge assigned by reason of vacancy
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i
DECIDED	March 11, 2026
DOCKET	SCPW-25-0000442
DISPOSITION	writ_denied
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Original proceeding on a petition for writ of prohibition.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	A writ of prohibition requires the petitioner to demonstrate a clear and indisputable right to relief.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published opinion; precedential status is identified as published, although the decision is a brief order denying extraordinary writ relief.
PARTIES	Jasen Nielsen v. Stephanie Char, Judge of the Family Court of the Fifth Circuit, State of Hawai‘i, Jacklyn Perales

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- family law procedure
- remedies
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- appellate procedure
- family law
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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Nielsen demonstrated a clear and indisputable right to relief through a writ of prohibition.

HOLDINGS

1. Nielsen did not demonstrate a clear and indisputable right to relief; therefore, the petition for writ of prohibition was denied.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Petitioner has not demonstrated a clear and indisputable right to relief.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The petition arose from proceedings in the Family Court of the Fifth Circuit before Judge Stephanie Char. The order does not describe the underlying family-law dispute or the specific action challenged by the petition.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Jasen Nielsen filed a petition for writ of prohibition in the Hawai‘i Supreme Court on June 10, 2025, concerning proceedings identified by family-court case number 5DV211000119. The Supreme Court denied the petition because Nielsen did not demonstrate a clear and indisputable right to relief.

DISPOSITION

writ_denied

CASES CITED

- Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP v. Kim, 153 Hawai‘i 307, 319, 537 P.3d 1154, 1166 (2023)

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

Electronically Filed Supreme Court SCPW-XX-XXXXXXX 11-MAR-2026 08:27 AM Dkt. 6 ODDP SCPW-XX-XXXXXXX IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I JASEN NIELSEN, Petitioner, vs. THE HONORABLE STEPHANIE CHAR, Judge of the Family Court of the Fifth Circuit, State of Hawai‘i, Respondent Judge, and JACKLYN PERALES, Respondent. ORIGINAL PROCEEDING (5DV211000119) ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR WRIT OF PROHIBITION (By: McKenna, Acting C.J., Eddins, Ginoza, and Devens, JJ., and Circuit Judge Cataldo, assigned by reason of vacancy) Upon consideration of the petition for writ of prohibition filed June 10, 2025, and the record, Petitioner has not demonstrated a clear and indisputable right to relief.

See Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP v. Kim, 153 Hawai‘i 307, 319, 537 P.3d 1154, 1166 (2023). It is ordered that the petition is denied. DATED: Honolulu, Hawai‘i, March 11, 2026. /s/

Sabrina S. McKenna /s/ Todd W. Eddins /s/ Lisa M. Ginoza /s/ Vladimir P. Devens /s/ Lisa W. Cataldo 2

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