

INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Echineque v. State of Hawai‘i

Echineque · No. CAOT-15-0000953 · Decided February 4, 2026

SUMMARY

The Hawai‘i Intermediate Court of Appeals dismissed Arwin R. Echineque’s appeal for lack of appellate jurisdiction. The court concluded that it lacked original jurisdiction over any proposed civil claim and that the petitioner’s complaints could not be construed as appeals from a specific order or judgment in the identified civil or criminal cases.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Intermediate Court of Appeals of the State of Hawai‘i
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Katherine G. Leonard; Keith K. Hiraoka; Sonja M.P. McCullen
JURISDICTION	Intermediate Court of Appeals of the State of Hawai‘i
DECIDED	February 4, 2026
DOCKET	CAOT-15-0000953
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Intermediate Court of Appeals considered numerous self-represented filings in an appellate docket and dismissed the appeal for lack of appellate jurisdiction.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished; not for publication in the West's Hawai‘i Reports and Pacific Reporter.
PARTIES	Arwin R. Echineque v. State of Hawai‘i

TOPICS

- appellate jurisdiction
- appellate procedure
- subject matter jurisdiction
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- appellate procedure
- civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the Intermediate Court of Appeals had original jurisdiction to consider Echineque's attempt to initiate a civil claim.

2. Whether Echineque's filings could be liberally construed as a valid appeal from a particular order or judgment in either the underlying civil or criminal case.

HOLDINGS

1. The Intermediate Court of Appeals lacks original jurisdiction to hear a newly initiated civil claim for damages.
2. Filings that do not identify or challenge a particular order or judgment cannot be construed, even liberally, as an appeal from the underlying cases.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“To the extent Echineque seeks to initiate a civil claim, this court lacks original jurisdiction to hear his claims” (at 1)

“none of the "complaints" can be construed, even liberally, as appealing from any particular order or judgment entered in either case.” (at 1-2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Echineque alleged that he suffered weight-lifting injuries while imprisoned for a 2007 conviction for Assault in the Second Degree and Terroristic Threatening in the Second Degree. He sought one million dollars in damages. His filings referenced Civil No. 12-1-3182 and Criminal No. 06-1-1633 but did not identify a particular order or judgment from either case for appellate review.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Echineque identified a civil case and a criminal case from the Circuit Court of the First Circuit as underlying matters. He filed multiple documents characterized as complaints, seeking damages for alleged weight-lifting injuries sustained while imprisoned. The court concluded that it lacked original jurisdiction over any new civil claim and that the filings could not reasonably be construed as an appeal from any specific order or judgment in either underlying case.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

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APPEALS OF THE STATE OF HAWAII ARWIN R. ECHINEQUE, Petitioner, v. STATE OF
HAWAII, Respondent. APPEAL FROM THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

(CASE NOS. 1CC121003182; 1PC061001633) ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL FOR LACK OF APPELLATE JURISDICTION (By: Leonard, Presiding Judge, Hiraoka and McCullen, JJ.)

Upon consideration of self-represented Petitioner Arwin R. Echineque's numerous complaints filed in CAOT-15- 0000953,¹ the papers in support, and the record and files herein, it appears as follows: (1) Echineque identifies Civil No. 12-1-3182 (1CC121003182) and Criminal No. 06-1-1633 (1PC061001633) as underlying cases; (2) Echineque asserts he suffered weight-lifting injuries while imprisoned for a 2007 conviction for Assault in the Second Degree and Terroristic Threatening in the Second Degree in Criminal No. 06-1-1633; (3) Echineque seeks one million dollars in damages; (4) To the extent Echineque seeks to initiate a civil claim, this court lacks original jurisdiction to 1 Echineque filed "complaints" herein on December 24, 2015, January 27, 2016, July 25, 2016, February 13, 2017, and March 21, 2017.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION IN WEST'S HAWAII REPORTS AND PACIFIC REPORTER hear his claims, see Hawaii Revised Statutes 602- 57 (2016); and (5) To the extent Echineque seeks an appeal from a decision in Civil No. 12-1-3182 or Criminal No. 06-1-1633, none of the "complaints" can be construed, even liberally, as appealing from any particular order or judgment entered in either case.

Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that CAOT-XX-XXXXXXX is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the appellate clerk shall mail a copy of this order to Craig Iha, Deputy Attorney General, Supervisor, Public Safety, 425 Queen Street, Honolulu, HI 96813. DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, February 4, 2026. /s/ Katherine G. Leonard Presiding Judge /s/ Keith K. Hiraoka Associate Judge /s/ Sonja M.P.

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