

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Kenny v. Lange

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SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i rejected Stephen Richard Kenny’s application for a writ of certiorari concerning an Intermediate Court of Appeals matter. The court also denied his request for an extraordinary writ, concluding that the arguments lacked merit when considered in context with the underlying case.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Chief Justice Vladimir P. Devens; Justice Sabrina S. McKenna; Justice Todd W. Eddins; Justice Lisa M. Ginoza; Circuit Judge John M. Tonaki, assigned by reason of vacancy
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i
DECIDED	May 11, 2026
DOCKET	SCWC-25-0000727
DISPOSITION	writ_denied
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner sought review by certiorari from the Intermediate Court of Appeals and also requested an extraordinary writ. The Supreme Court rejected the document insofar as it was construed as an application for writ of certiorari and denied the request for an extraordinary writ.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published
PARTIES	Stephen Richard Kenny v. Damara Hara Lange

TOPICS

- writ of certiorari
- appellate jurisdiction
- appellate procedure
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- appellate procedure
- civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Petitioner's March 30, 2026 filing should be treated in part as an application for writ of certiorari.
2. Whether Petitioner was entitled to an extraordinary writ.

HOLDINGS

1. The Supreme Court construed Petitioner's document in part as an application for writ of certiorari and rejected the application.
2. Petitioner was not entitled to an extraordinary writ because the arguments lacked merit when viewed in context with the underlying matter.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Also, Petitioner’s request for an extraordinary writ is denied because the arguments lack merit when viewed in context with 2DSS-XX-XXXXXXX.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion contains no substantive factual findings. It states only that Petitioner filed a document on March 30, 2026, which the Supreme Court construed in part as an application for writ of certiorari, and that the request was considered in the context of the underlying case.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The matter came before the Supreme Court on certiorari to the Intermediate Court of Appeals. The court rejected Petitioner's March 30, 2026 filing to the extent it constituted an application for writ of certiorari and denied the extraordinary-writ request because the arguments lacked merit in context with the underlying matter.

DISPOSITION

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