

HAWAI‘I INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS

A.S. nka A.J. v. B.S.

A.S. nka A.J. v. B.S. · No. CAAP-25-0000670 · Decided June 1, 2026

SUMMARY

The Hawai‘i Intermediate Court of Appeals dismissed A.S.'s appeal from the Family Court of the First Circuit. The court found that A.S. failed to file the required statement of jurisdiction and opening brief or seek further extensions after receiving a default notice.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Hawai‘i Intermediate Court of Appeals
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Katherine G. Leonard, Presiding Judge; Keith K. Hiraoka, Associate Judge; Sonja M.P. McCullen, Associate Judge
JURISDICTION	Hawai‘i Intermediate Court of Appeals
DECIDED	June 1, 2026
DOCKET	CAAP-25-0000670
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Appeal dismissed after the appellant failed to file the statement of jurisdiction and opening brief and failed to seek further extensions or relief from default.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential; the opinion is marked not for publication in West’s Hawai‘i Reports and Pacific Reporter.
PARTIES	A.S. nka A.J. v. B.S.

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- family law procedure
- default

PRACTICE AREAS

- Appellate procedure
- Family law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the appeal should be dismissed because the appellant failed to file the required statement of jurisdiction and opening brief and failed to take corrective action after notice of default.

HOLDINGS

- 1. An appeal may be dismissed when the appellant fails to file the required statement of jurisdiction and opening brief by the applicable deadlines and takes no corrective action after receiving notice of default.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the appeal is dismissed.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

A.S. failed to file the required statement of jurisdiction by November 6, 2025, and failed to file the opening brief by February 11, 2026. A.S. also failed to request additional extensions or seek relief from default after receiving the appellate clerk's February 17, 2026 default notice.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The appeal was taken from the Family Court of the First Circuit. The statement of jurisdiction was due November 6, 2025, and the opening brief was due February 11, 2026, following a second extension. The appellant filed neither document and did not request additional extensions. After the appellate clerk issued a default notice on February 17, 2026, the appellant took no further action, and the Intermediate Court of Appeals dismissed the appeal.

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OPINION

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