

INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

J.S. v. K.R.

No. CAAP-25-0000537, Intermediate Court of Appeals of the State of Hawai‘i (December 19, 2025)

SUMMARY

The Hawai‘i Intermediate Court of Appeals dismissed K.R.’s appeal from a Family Court of the First Circuit matter. The court found that K.R. failed to file the required statement of jurisdiction and opening brief, did not seek an extension or relief from default, and failed to update her address, warranting dismissal under the Hawai‘i Rules of Appellate Procedure.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Intermediate Court of Appeals of the State of Hawai‘i
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Keith K. Hiraoka, Presiding Judge; Sonja M.P. McCullen, Associate Judge; Kimberly T. Guidry, Associate Judge
JURISDICTION	Intermediate Court of Appeals of the State of Hawai‘i
DECIDED	December 19, 2025
DOCKET	CAAP-25-0000537
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Appeal from the Family Court of the First Circuit; the Intermediate Court of Appeals dismissed the appeal after the self-represented appellant failed to file the statement of jurisdiction and opening brief.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	K.R. v. J.S.

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- family law procedure
- default
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- appellate procedure
- family law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the appeal should be dismissed after the appellant failed to file the statement of jurisdiction and opening brief and took no further action.

HOLDINGS

1. The appeal was dismissed because K.R. failed to file the statement of jurisdiction and opening brief, did not seek an extension or relief from default, failed to update her address, and took no further action.

KEY QUOTATIONS

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

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

K.R., the self-represented defendant-appellant, failed to file the required statement of jurisdiction and opening brief by the applicable deadlines. Notices of default and of the matter being placed on the court calendar were returned by the Postal Service as undeliverable, and K.R. had not filed a change-of-address notice or otherwise participated after the record was filed.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The record on appeal was filed on September 15, 2025. The statement of jurisdiction and opening brief were due on September 25 and October 27, 2025, respectively, but K.R. filed neither and did not seek an extension. After the appellate clerk entered defaults and mailed notices that were returned as undeliverable, K.R. took no further action, and the court dismissed the appeal.

DISPOSITION

dismissed