

INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Grandinetti v. Sumera-Lee

Grandinetti · No. CAAP-XX-XXXXXXX · Decided January 23, 2026

SUMMARY

The Hawai‘i Intermediate Court of Appeals dismissed Francis Grandinetti’s appeal for lack of appellate jurisdiction because the notice of appeal did not identify a final judgment or appealable order. The court also dismissed all pending motions after noting that Grandinetti failed to respond to an order to show cause.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Intermediate Court of Appeals of the State of Hawai‘i
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per curiam; Katherine G. Leonard, 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	January 23, 2026
DOCKET	CAAP-XX-XXXXXXX
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Grandinetti appealed from a circuit court case without identifying a final judgment or appealable order. The Intermediate Court of Appeals dismissed the appeal for lack of appellate jurisdiction.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court reviewed the record to determine whether it had appellate jurisdiction and took judicial notice of the lower-court record under Hawai‘i Rules of Evidence Rule 201.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential; opinion marked not for publication in the West's Hawai‘i Reports and Pacific Reporter.
PARTIES	Francis Grandinetti v. Kealakai Sumera-Lee aka "Kai Lee", Michael Beazley, In Rem: 332 Kauila Street, Apt. 1, Hilo, Hawaii 96720, All Others, Equity Employees, County of Hawaii OHCD and ERAP Employees, Sheriffs and Police, County of Hawaii

TOPICS

- appellate jurisdiction
- final judgment rule
- appellate procedure
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

appellate procedure

civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Intermediate Court of Appeals had appellate jurisdiction when the notice of appeal identified no final judgment or appealable order.
2. Whether the appeal should be dismissed because the notice of appeal failed to designate the judgment, order, or part thereof being appealed.

HOLDINGS

1. The Intermediate Court of Appeals lacked appellate jurisdiction because no appealable judgment or order had been entered or announced when Grandinetti filed his appeal.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this appeal is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Grandinetti, appearing self-represented, filed a notice of appeal from a circuit court case. The notice did not identify a final judgment or order from which he sought to appeal. The appellate court found that no appealable judgment or order had been entered or announced at the time of the appeal.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Grandinetti filed a notice of appeal from Hawai‘i Judiciary Information Management System case no. 3CCV-XX-XXXXXXX. The appellate court ordered him to show cause why the appeal should not be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction, but he did not respond. After reviewing and taking judicial notice of the circuit court record, the court concluded that no appealable judgment or order had been entered or announced when the appeal was filed.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

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