

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Slavick v. Kawashima

Slavick · No. SCPW-25-0000707 · Decided February 20, 2026

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Hawai‘i denied Chris Slavick’s petition for a writ of mandamus arising from circuit court proceedings. The court concluded that the petitioner had not demonstrated a clear and indisputable right to relief or a lack of alternative remedies, and noted that one cited case did not involve the petitioner.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Sabrina S. McKenna; Todd W. Eddins; Lisa M. Ginoza; Vladimir P. Devens; Kirstin M. Hamman
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i
DECIDED	February 20, 2026
DOCKET	SCPW-25-0000707
DISPOSITION	writ_denied
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Original proceeding on a petition for writ of mandamus seeking relief against a circuit court judge and the State of Hawai‘i.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	A writ of mandamus requires a clear and indisputable right to relief and a lack of alternative means to obtain the relief sought.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published
PARTIES	Chris Slavick v. The Honorable James S. Kawashima, State of Hawai‘i

TOPICS

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

PRACTICE AREAS

- appellate procedure
- civil procedure
- remedies

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether petitioner demonstrated a clear and indisputable right to mandamus relief.

2. Whether petitioner lacked alternative means to obtain the requested relief.

HOLDINGS

1. A petitioner is not entitled to mandamus relief without demonstrating both a clear and indisputable right to relief and a lack of alternatives to obtain the relief sought; because Slavick failed to make that showing, the petition was denied.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Petitioner has not demonstrated a clear and indisputable right to relief, nor a lack of alternatives to obtain the relief sought.” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The petition sought mandamus relief arising from proceedings in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit. The opinion notes that one case number cited in the petition did not involve Slavick as a party and identified that case as Kim v. State of Hawai‘i. The court denied the petition based on the absence of a demonstrated clear and indisputable right to relief and the availability of alternatives.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Chris Slavick filed a petition for writ of mandamus on October 13, 2025. The Hawai‘i Supreme Court considered the petition and record and denied relief because petitioner had not demonstrated a clear and indisputable right to relief or the absence of alternatives for obtaining the requested relief.

DISPOSITION

writ_denied

CASES CITED

- Womble
- Bond Dickinson (US) LLP v. Kim, 153 Hawai‘i 307, 319, 537 P.3d 1154, 1166 (2023)

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

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SLAVICK, Petitioner, vs. THE HONORABLE JAMES S. KAWASHIMA, Judge of the Circuit
Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai‘i, Respondent Judge, and STATE OF HAWAI‘I,
Respondent.

ORIGINAL PROCEEDING (CASE NOS. 1PR161000004; 1CPN-XX-XXXXXXX; 1CPN-XX-

XXXXXXX) 1 ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS (By: McKenna, Acting C.J., Eddins, Ginoza, and Devens, JJ., and Circuit Judge Hamman, assigned by reason of vacancy) Upon consideration of the petition for writ of mandamus filed October 13, 2025, and the record, Petitioner has not demonstrated a clear and indisputable right to relief, nor a lack of alternatives to obtain the relief sought.

See Womble 1 The petition for writ of mandamus cites to 1CPN-XX-XXXXXXX, but that case does not involve this Petitioner as a party. The case name for 1CPN-XX-XXXXXXX is Kim v. State of Hawai'i. Bond Dickinson (US) LLP v. Kim, 153 Hawai'i 307, 319, 537 P.3d 1154, 1166 (2023). It is ordered that the petition is denied. DATED: Honolulu, Hawai i, February 20, 2026. /s/ Sabrina S. McKenna /s/ Todd W. Eddins /s/ Lisa M. Ginoza /s/ Vladimir P. Devens /s/ Kirstin M. Hamman 2