

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

State v. Rodriguez

Rodriguez · No. SCWC-25-0000108 · Decided January 7, 2026

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Hawai‘i rejected Jesse G. Rodriguez’s motion to reinstate his appeal, construing it as an application for a writ of certiorari. The court also denied all pending motions as moot.

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; Rowena A. Somerville
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i
DECIDED	January 7, 2026
DOCKET	SCWC-25-0000108
DISPOSITION	writ_denied
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner sought review by the Hawai‘i Supreme Court after filing a motion to reinstate an appeal, which the court construed as an application for a writ of certiorari from the Intermediate Court of Appeals.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published
PARTIES	Jesse G. Rodriguez v. State of Hawai‘i

TOPICS

- writ of certiorari
- appellate procedure
- appellate jurisdiction
- criminal procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- appellate procedure
- criminal procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether Rodriguez's motion to reinstate the appeal should be construed as an application for a writ of certiorari and granted.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Petitioner’s “Motion to Reinstate Appeal” filed on December 1, 2025, which we construe as an application for writ of certiorari, is hereby rejected.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The available order contains no substantive factual findings about the underlying case. Jesse G. Rodriguez filed a motion to reinstate an appeal on December 1, 2025, and the Supreme Court construed that motion as an application for a writ of certiorari.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The matter arose from case number 3DTI-24-001835 and Intermediate Court of Appeals case number CAAP-XX-XXXXXXX. The Supreme Court construed Rodriguez's December 1, 2025 motion to reinstate the appeal as an application for a writ of certiorari, rejected the application, and denied all pending motions as moot.

DISPOSITION

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OPINION

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PER CURIAM.
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SCWC-XX-XXXXXXX
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

STATE OF HAWAI‘I,
Respondent/Plaintiff-Appellee, vs.
JESSE G. RODRIGUEZ,
Petitioner/Defendant-Appellant.

CERTIORARI TO THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS
(CAAP-XX-XXXXXXX; CASE NO. 3DTI-24-001835)
ORDER REJECTING APPLICATION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
(By: McKenna, Acting C.J., Eddins, Ginoza, and Devens, JJ., and Circuit Judge Somerville, assigned by reason of vacancy) Petitioner’s “Motion to Reinstate Appeal” filed on December 1, 2025, which we construe as an application for writ of certiorari, is hereby rejected. IT IS

FURTHER ORDERED that all pending motions are denied as moot. DATED: Honolulu, Hawai‘i, January 7, 2026. /s/ Sabrina S. McKenna /s/ Todd W. Eddins /s/ Lisa M. Ginoza /s/ Vladimir P. Devens /s/ Rowena A. Somerville

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