

INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Arwin R. Echineque v. State of Hawai‘i

Echineque · No. CAOT-16-0000220 · Decided February 4, 2026

SUMMARY

The Intermediate Court of Appeals of Hawai‘i dismissed Arwin R. Echineque's appeal for lack of appellate jurisdiction. The court concluded that it lacked original jurisdiction over any newly asserted civil claim and that the filings could not be construed as an appeal from an identifiable order or judgment in the underlying civil or criminal cases.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Intermediate Court of Appeals of the State of Hawai‘i
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Katherine G. Leonard; Keith K. Hiraoka; Sonja M.P. McCullen
JURISDICTION	Intermediate Court of Appeals of the State of Hawai‘i
DECIDED	February 4, 2026
DOCKET	CAOT-16-0000220
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner filed numerous complaints in the Intermediate Court of Appeals concerning underlying civil and criminal cases and sought damages. The court considered whether the filings invoked appellate jurisdiction.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	Arwin R. Echineque v. State of Hawai‘i

TOPICS

- appellate jurisdiction
- civil procedure
- appellate procedure
- subject matter jurisdiction

PRACTICE AREAS

- appellate procedure
- civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the Intermediate Court of Appeals had original jurisdiction to hear Echineque's proposed civil damages claim.

2. Whether Echineque's complaints could be construed as a valid appeal from a particular order or judgment in the identified civil or criminal cases.

HOLDINGS

1. The Intermediate Court of Appeals lacks original jurisdiction to hear a newly initiated civil claim for damages.
2. The complaints did not constitute a valid appeal because none identified or could be liberally construed as appealing from a particular order or judgment entered in either underlying case.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that CAOT-XX-XXXXXXX is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Echineque asserted that he suffered weight-lifting injuries while imprisoned for a 2007 conviction for Assault in the Second Degree and Terroristic Threatening in the Second Degree. He sought one million dollars in damages. His filings identified a civil case and a criminal case but did not identify any particular order or judgment from either case for appellate review.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Echineque identified Civil No. 12-1-3182 and Criminal No. 06-1-1633 as underlying cases and filed multiple complaints in the appellate proceeding. The Intermediate Court of Appeals concluded that it lacked original jurisdiction over any newly initiated civil claim and that the filings could not be construed as appeals from a particular order or judgment in either underlying case. The court dismissed the appeal for lack of appellate jurisdiction.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

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APPEALS OF THE STATE OF HAWAII ARWIN R. ECHINEQUE, Petitioner, v. STATE OF
HAWAII, Respondent. APPEAL FROM THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT
(CASE NOS. 1CC121003182; 1PC061001633) ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL FOR LACK OF
APPELLATE JURISDICTION (By: Leonard, Presiding Judge, Hiraoka and McCullen, JJ.)

Upon consideration of self-represented Petitioner Arwin R. Echineque's numerous complaints filed in CAOT-16- 0000220,1 the papers in support, and the record and files herein, it appears as follows: (1) Echineque identifies Civil No. 12-1-3182 (1CC121003182) and Criminal No. 06-1-1633 (1PC061001633) as underlying cases; (2) Echineque asserts he suffered weight-lifting injuries while imprisoned for a 2007 conviction for Assault in the Second Degree and Terroristic Threatening in the Second Degree in Criminal No. 06-1-1633; (3) Echineque seeks one million dollars in damages; (4) To the extent Echineque seeks to initiate a civil claim, this court lacks original jurisdiction to 1 Echineque filed "complaints" herein on March 23, 2016, April 27, 2016, May 24, 2016, August 25, 2016, October 7, 2016, and November 9, 2016.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION IN WEST'S HAWAI#I REPORTS AND PACIFIC REPORTER hear his claims, see Hawai#i Revised Statutes 602- 57 (2016); and (5) To the extent Echineque seeks an appeal from a decision in Civil No. 12-1-3182 or Criminal No. 06-1-1633, none of the "complaints" can be construed, even liberally, as appealing from any particular order or judgment entered in either case.

Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that CAOT-XX-XXXXXXX is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the appellate clerk shall mail a copy of this order to Craig Iha, Deputy Attorney General, Supervisor, Public Safety, 425 Queen Street, Honolulu, HI 96813. DATED: Honolulu, Hawai#i, February 4, 2026. /s/ Katherine G. Leonard Presiding Judge /s/ Keith K. Hiraoka Associate Judge /s/ Sonja M.P.

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