

INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Roxanne Edayan and Justin Goree v. Associa Hawaii, Gwenn Bresslauer, and Daniel Kawai

Edayan · No. CAAP-23-0000529 · Decided December 19, 2025

SUMMARY

The Hawai‘i Intermediate Court of Appeals affirmed the district court’s order enforcing a mediated settlement agreement and dismissing the case with prejudice. The court rejected arguments that defendants were subject to default judgment and that the appellant’s due process rights were violated by counsel’s appearance or by a hearing-date change. The court also denied a motion for retention of oral argument.

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	December 19, 2025
DOCKET	CAAP-23-0000529
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Roxanne Edayan appealed from the district court's order enforcing a mediated settlement agreement and dismissing the case with prejudice.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The opinion does not expressly identify a standard of review.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	Roxanne Edayan, Justin Goree v. Associa Hawaii, Gwenn Bresslauer, Daniel Kawai

TOPICS

- default judgment
- due process
- mediation
- appellate procedure
- contracts

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- appellate procedure
- contracts
- constitutional law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court erred by failing to enter a default judgment against Associa and the other defendants.
2. Whether Edayan's due process rights were violated because she was not separately notified that counsel would appear for Associa at a hearing or that a later hearing had been scheduled for February 21, 2023.

HOLDINGS

1. Default judgment was not warranted because the record showed that attorney Melanie Oyama appeared by Zoom on behalf of the defendants on the date specified in the summons.
2. Edayan's due process rights were not violated because the record showed that the defendants appeared as required and that Edayan was present when the court ordered the February 21, 2023 pretrial conference.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"[D]ue process is not a fixed concept requiring a specific procedural course in every situation. Rather, due process calls for such procedural protections as the particular situation demands, but its basic elements are notice and an opportunity to be heard at a meaningful time and in a meaningful manner." (at 5)

"Notwithstanding, we address the issues raised to the extent we can discern in an effort to provide access to justice." (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Edayan alleged that she had worked for Associa and was terminated, and she filed a complaint seeking the return of personal property. The parties participated in mediation and reached a settlement agreement identifying property Edayan was entitled to receive, subject to stated exceptions. After Edayan refused to sign a stipulation of dismissal, Associa moved to enforce the signed settlement agreement and dismiss the case with prejudice.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Edayan filed a complaint for return of personal property in November 2022. After the parties reached a mediated settlement, Associa moved to enforce the signed agreement and dismiss the action with prejudice; the District Court of the First Circuit granted the motion on August 28, 2023, and entered its order on September 28, 2023. Edayan timely appealed, and the Intermediate Court of Appeals affirmed.

DISPOSITION

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CASES CITED

- Morgan v. Planning Department, County of Kaua'i, 104 Hawai'i 173, 180-81, 86 P.3d 982, 989-90 (2004)
- Davis v. Bissen, 154 Hawai'i 68, 82, 545 P.3d 557, 571 (2024)

OPINION

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HONOLULU DIVISION

(CIVIL NO. 1DRC-XX-XXXXXXX)

SUMMARY DISPOSITION ORDER

(By: Leonard, Presiding Judge, Hiraoka and McCullen, JJ.) Self-represented Plaintiff-Appellant Roxanne Edayan appeals from the District Court of the First Circuit's September 28, 2023 order granting Defendants-Appellees Associa Hawaii, Gwenn Bresslauer, 1 and Daniel Kawai's (collectively, 1 We note that Defendant-Appellee Gwenn Bresslauer is variably identified in the record as "Gwenn Bresslauer," "Gwen Bresslaer," and "Gwenn Phillips." For purposes of this disposition, we adopt the spelling in the Complaint.

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Associa) motion to enforce the mediated settlement agreement and dismiss with prejudice. 2 We first note that Edayan's opening brief does not comply with Hawai'i Rules of Appellate Procedure (HRAP) Rule 28. Notwithstanding, we address the issues raised to the extent we can discern in an effort to provide access to justice. *Morgan v. Plan. Dep't, Cnty. of Kaua'i*, 104 Hawai'i 173, 180-81, 86 P.3d 982, 989-90 (2004). On appeal, Edayan appears to contend the district court erred by failing to enter a default judgment against Associa and her due process rights were violated. Upon careful review of the record and the briefs submitted by the parties, and having given due consideration to the issues raised and the arguments advanced, we resolve this appeal as discussed below and affirm. According to Edayan, she worked for Associa but was terminated. Edayan states "[t]his case is about [her] getting her things back after being terminated." 2 The Honorable Timothy E. Ho presided. In addition to Edayan, Justin Goree signed the notice of appeal. However, the record reflects that Edayan filed the opening brief, and neither Edayan nor Goree signed the opening brief as required by Hawai'i Rules of Appellate Procedure (HRAP) Rule 32 and Hawai'i Electronic Filing and Service Rules Rule 5. Edayan is not an attorney and cannot

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On appeal, Edayan appears to contend that (1) the district court erred by failing to enter a default judgment against Associa, and (2) her due process rights were violated. We affirm.

(1) Edayan first contends "[a] Default Judgment

should have been taken against the defendants as the SUMMONS states." Edayan argues that the summons requires a written answer or an appearance before the district court, and "[n]one of which the above was addressed by the Court." The summons attached to the complaint required Associa to file an answer or appear "at 1:30 p.m. on the second Monday following date of service." The complaint was served on December 5, 2022. We take judicial notice, pursuant to Rule 201 of the Hawai'i Rules of Evidence, that the second Monday after December 5, 2022, was December 19, 2022. The minutes for December 19, 2022, state that attorney "Melanie Oyama [was] present via Zoom for [Defendants] Associa Hawaii, Gwen [sic] Bresslauer, and Dan Kawai." (Formatting altered.) Thus, the record does not support Edayan's claim that default judgment should have been entered for failing to comply with the summons.

(2) Edayan also contends her due process rights were

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As to Oyama appearing at the December 19, 2022 hearing, Edayan provides no authority to support her contention that failing to notify her that Oyama would be representing Associa violated due process. As discussed above, the summons attached to the complaint required Associa to answer or appear at court on a particular day; here, it was December 19, 2022. On December 19, 2022, Oyama appeared on behalf of Associa. Oyama's appearance on behalf of Associa without notifying Edayan did not violate her due process rights. As to Edayan's argument that she received no notice that the January 30, 2023 hearing was changed to February 21, 2023, the minutes for January 30, 2023, state that Edayan was "present via Zoom" and the court ordered a pretrial conference for February 21, 2023. (Formatting altered.) Thus, the record does not support Edayan's argument that she received no notice 5

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