

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

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SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i denied a petition for a writ of mandamus challenging an order disqualifying counsel in a district court proceeding. The court held that the former representation was substantially related to the litigation and that the former and present clients’ interests were materially adverse, and it found no flagrant and manifest abuse of discretion.

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

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ODDP SCPW-XX-XXXXXXX IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

NATHANIEL GRAHAM; JOEL KREISS; and HAWAII’S ELECTRIC BIKE, LLC dba RIDESMART MAUI, Petitioners, vs. THE HONORABLE LANCE COLLINS, Judge of the District Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawai‘i, Respondent Judge, and RIDESMART MAUI LLC; LEE A. CHAMBERLAIN, _____ Respondents.

ORIGINAL PROCEEDING (CASE NO. 2DRC-XX-XXXXXXX) ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS (By: McKenna, Acting C.J., Eddins, Ginoza, and Devens, JJ., and Circuit Judge Holma, assigned by reason of vacancy) Upon consideration of the petition for writ of mandamus filed August 19, 2025, and the record, counsel’s former representation of Respondent Ridesmart Maui LLC is substantially related to the litigation in 2DRC-XX-XXXXXXX.

See Hawai‘i Rules of Professional Conduct (HRPC) Rule 1.9(a); Straub Clinic & Hosp. v. Kochi, 81 Hawai‘i 410, 414-17, 917 P.2d 1284, 1288-91 (1996). Additionally, the interests of counsel’s former and present clients are materially adverse to each other in 2DRC-24- 0001244. See HRPC Rule 1.9(a); Straub, 81 Hawai‘i at 417, 917 P.2d at 1291.

The district court’s order granting the motion to disqualify counsel does not amount to a flagrant and manifest abuse of discretion. See Straub, 81 Hawai‘i at 414-15, 917 P.2d at 1288-89. It is ordered that the petition is denied. DATED: Honolulu, Hawai i, April 16, 2026. /s/ Sabrina S. McKenna /s/ Todd W. Eddins /s/ Lisa M. Ginoza /s/ Vladimir P. Devens /s/ Karin L. Holma 2

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