

INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

State v. Caones-Paahana

Caones-Paahana · No. CAAP-XX-XXXXXXX · Decided January 9, 2026

SUMMARY

The Hawai‘i Intermediate Court of Appeals approved the parties’ stipulation to dismiss Stephen Semisi Caones-Paahana’s appeal. The court found that the appeal had been docketed, no fees were due, and the appellant’s voluntary-dismissal declaration satisfied Hawai‘i Rules of Appellate Procedure Rule 42.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Intermediate Court of Appeals of the State of Hawai‘i
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per curiam; Katherine G. Leonard; Sonja M.P. McCullen; Kimberly T. Guidry
JURISDICTION	Intermediate Court of Appeals of the State of Hawai‘i
DECIDED	January 9, 2026
DOCKET	CAAP-XX-XXXXXXX
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Defendant-Appellant stipulated to dismissal of the docketed appeal, and the Intermediate Court of Appeals approved the stipulation.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	Stephen Semisi Caones-Paahana v. State of Hawai‘i

TOPICS

appellate procedure

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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the court should approve the parties' stipulation to dismiss the docketed appeal under Hawai‘i Rules of Appellate Procedure Rule 42(b) and (c).

HOLDINGS

1. The court approved the parties' stipulation and dismissed the appeal because the appeal was docketed, the parties stipulated to dismissal, no fees were due under HRAP Rule 42(b), and the appellant's declaration established a voluntary dismissal with an understanding of its consequences as required by HRAP Rule 42(c).

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Stipulation is approved and the appeal is dismissed, under HRAP Rule 42(b) and (c).”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The appeal had been docketed in the Intermediate Court of Appeals. The parties agreed to dismiss the appeal, and the appellant submitted a declaration stating that the dismissal was voluntary and that he understood its consequences.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Stephen Semisi Caones-Paahana appealed from the Family Court of the Second Circuit. After the appeal was docketed, the parties stipulated to dismissal. The appellate court approved the stipulation and dismissed the appeal under Hawai‘i Rules of Appellate Procedure Rule 42(b) and (c).

DISPOSITION

dismissed

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

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IN THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS

OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

STATE OF HAWAII I, Plaintiff-Appellee, v. STEPHEN SEMISI CAONES-PAAHANA,
Defendant-Appellant

APPEAL FROM THE FAMILY COURT OF THE SECOND CIRCUIT

(CASE NO. 2FFC-XX-XXXXXXX)

ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION TO DISMISS APPEAL

(By: Leonard, Presiding Judge, McCullen and Guidry, JJ.) Upon consideration of the November 13, 2025 Stipulation for Dismissal of Appeal and Order (Stipulation), filed by Defendant-Appellant Stephen Semisi Caones-Paahana (Caones- Paahana), the papers in support, and the record, it appears that

(1) the appeal has been docketed; (2) the parties stipulate to dismiss the appeal; (3) pursuant to Hawai i Rules of Appellate Procedure (HRAP) Rule 42(b) no fees are due; and (4) attached to the Stipulation is Caones-Paahana's declaration showing the dismissal is made voluntarily and he understands the consequences of dismissal, consistent with HRAP Rule 42(c). Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Stipulation is approved and the appeal is dismissed, under HRAP Rule 42(b) and (c). DATED: Honolulu, Hawai i, January 9, 2026. /s/ Katherine G. Leonard Presiding Judge /s/ Sonja M.P. McCullen Associate Judge /s/ Kimberly T. Guidry Associate Judge