

RE: **Proposed Amendments to Rules 1.6 and 7.1 of the
Hawai'i Electronic Filing and Service Rules**

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE BY CLERK OF THE COURT

The Supreme Court of Hawai'i seeks public comment regarding a proposal to amend Rules 1.6 and 7.1 of the Hawai'i Electronic Filing and Service Rules. The proposal defines and allows the clerk of the court to sign court-issued documents electronically. The proposed rules are attached hereto.

Comments about the proposed rules should be submitted, in writing, **no later than Friday, April 30, 2016**, to the Judiciary Communications & Community Relations Office by mail to 417 South King Street, Honolulu, HI 96813, by facsimile to 539-4801, or via the Judiciary's website.

Attachment

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HAWAI'I ELECTRONIC FILING AND SERVICE RULES**
(Deleted material is bracketed and stricken; new material is underlined)

Rule 1. DEFINITIONS.

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1.6. Electronic signature means the name of the attorney or self-represented party JEFS user, or a judge or justice, or a clerk of the court typed in the space usually reserved for a handwritten signature and preceded by "/s/," *see* Rule 5.1 of these [r]Rules; or for a judge or justice, or a clerk of the court the image of a handwritten signature, *see, e.g.*, Rule 36(e) of the Hawai'i Rules of Appellate Procedure.

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Rule 7. COURT-ISSUED DOCUMENTS.

7.1. Orders, Decrees, and Judgments; Other Court-Issued Documents. All orders, decrees, judgments, and other court-issued documents shall be electronically filed in accordance with internal court procedures. For orders, decrees or judgments that require the signature of a clerk of the court, the clerk may sign the document electronically in accordance with these Rules.

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