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S.P. NO. 3CSP-20-000022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD CIRCUIT

STATE OF HAWAII

IN THE MATTER OF THE

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD
CIRCUIT'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-
19 OUTBREAK

SP. No. 3CSP-20-000022
(Special Proceeding)

EIGHTH AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDER
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This matter comes before the Court in light of the public health emergency in the State of Hawai'i. The Delta variant, a highly contagious SARS-CoV2 virus strain, has resulted in spiking case numbers around the world and in the United States of America, and continues to spread at an alarming rate in the State of Hawai'i. Currently, statewide infection and hospitalization rates have surged, with record numbers of positive cases, and hospitalizations. Additional precautions are required to reduce the number of citizens congregating in our courts in order to protect court users and judiciary workers.

In conjunction with the *Order of Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald* filed March 16, 2020 under SCMF-20-0000152 regarding COVID-19; the *Order of the Chief Justice Postponing Jury Trials*, filed August 16, 2021, to reduce the number of people congregating in Judiciary facilities; the *First Extension of Order Postponing Jury Trials*, filed September 29, 2021; and with the authority as Chief Judge of the Third Circuit Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The postponement of Grand Jury panels shall continue through **November 16, 2021**.

2. All other emergency administrative orders regarding Circuit Court of the Third Circuit, shall remain in full force and effect.
3. Remote hearings are encouraged where authorized, and the trial courts may authorize in-person hearings in their sole discretion.
4. This Order may be modified or extended as circumstances warrant.

Dated: Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, September 30, 2021.

/s/ Robert D. S. Kim

Hon. Robert D. S. Kim, Chief Judge
Circuit Court of the Third Circuit, State of Hawai'i