

DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE HAWAI‘I SUPREME COURT

In re Dexter K. Ka‘iama,

Respondent.

CONFIDENTIAL

ODC 18-0339

ORDER DENYING MOTIONS

Resisting the Office of Disciplinary Counsel’s (ODC) efforts to investigate a complaint suggesting that Dexter K. Ka‘iama violated the Hawai‘i Rules of Professional Conduct, attorney Ka‘iama has moved the Hawai‘i Supreme Court’s Disciplinary Board Chairperson to dismiss an ODC subpoena and schedule an evidentiary hearing on the grounds of a lack of jurisdiction citing HRCP Rule 12(b)(2).

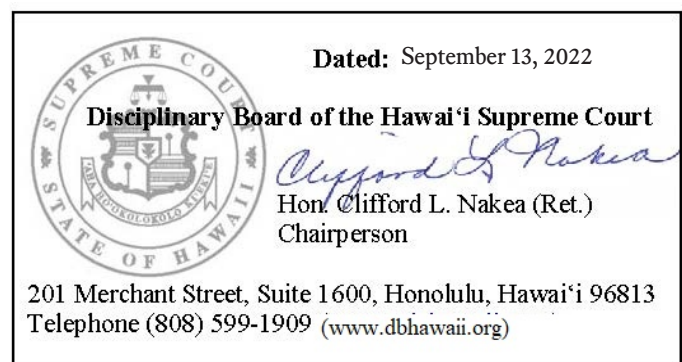
A license to practice law in Hawai‘i is a privilege issued by the Hawai‘i Supreme Court in accordance to its rules (RSCH Rule 1 et seq.) to qualifying applicants who take the oath:

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawaii, and that I will at all times conduct myself in accordance with the Hawaii Rules of Professional Conduct.

As an officer of the courts to which I am admitted to practice, I will conduct myself with dignity and civility towards judicial officers, court staff, and my fellow professionals.

I will faithfully discharge my duties as attorney, counselor, and solicitor in the courts of the state to the best of my ability, giving due consideration to the legal needs of those without access to justice.

Dexter Ka‘iama was admitted to the bar of the Hawai‘i Supreme Court in 1986. In his motions, he submits that he is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Hawai‘i Supreme Court’s Disciplinary Board. To the extent that Dexter Ka‘iama wishes to practice law as a licensed attorney in the state of Hawai‘i, he is subject to the jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Board that serves as a Special Master for the Hawai‘i Supreme Court to investigate and prosecute attorney violations of the Hawai‘i Rules of Professional Conduct. (RSCH Rule 2 et seq.) In this context, arguments over the Kingdom of Hawai‘i are irrelevant. The motions are DENIED and Dexter Ka‘iama, as a voluntary member of the bar of the Hawai‘i Supreme Court, is obligated to cooperate with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel’s investigation.



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that service of a copy of the foregoing ORDER DENYING MOTIONS was made either 1) by regular U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or 2) by hand delivery, as indicated below:

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