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DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE HAWAI‘I SUPREME COURT

In Re:

SCOT S. BROWER, HSBA No. 3396

Respondent.

DB No. 21-9004

(ODC 18-0256)

**IMPOSITION OF A PUBLIC REPRIMAND BY
THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE HAWAI‘I SUPREME COURT**

A licensed attorney may not use threats against immigration or school status as leverage to influence witness testimony or gain advantage in settlement negotiations in unrelated matters. Such conduct violates Rule 4.4 of the Hawai‘i Rules of Professional Conduct:

In representing a client, a lawyer shall not use means that have no substantial purpose other than to embarrass, delay, or burden a third person, or use methods of obtaining evidence that violate the legal rights of such a person.

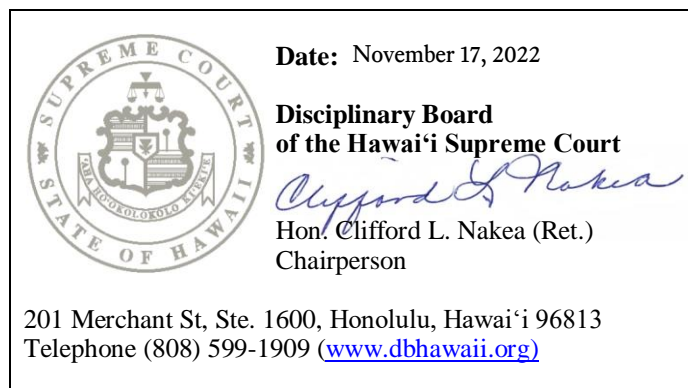
Scot Brower, while representing a client, was accused of such intimidation in the course of negotiating with an unrepresented and vulnerable petitioner for favorable terms of a TRO.

The unprofessional conduct complaint was referred to a Disciplinary Board Hearing Officer who presided over an evidentiary hearing. Thereafter, the Hearing Officer made findings of fact and conclusions of law and concluded that you threatened and intimidated the complaining witness with regard to her immigration and school status. The complaining witness' immigration and school status were unrelated to her efforts to obtain a TRO against her abusive former boyfriend, your client.

After careful review of the entire record of these disciplinary proceedings, the Disciplinary Board has determined that the Hearing Officer's Findings of Fact are supported by clear and convincing evidence and his Conclusions of Law are not wrong.

The Disciplinary Board considers your violation of the rules of professional conduct in this instance to be so serious as to warrant this Public Reprimand, imposed in person on this date before the Board.

This concludes the oral imposition of your Public Reprimand.



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a file-stamped copy of an IMPOSITION OF A PUBLIC REPRIMAND BY THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE HAWAII SUPREME COURT, filed on November 17, 2022, was duly made by postage prepaid mail, or by hand-delivery on November 17, 2022, upon the following:

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