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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

OFFICE OF THE DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL,
Petitioner,

vs.

PAUL J. SULLA, JR. (BAR NO. 5398),
Respondent.

ORIGINAL PROCEEDING
(ODC Case No. 22-0179)

ORDER GRANTING PETITION

(By: Recktenwald, C.J., McKenna, Eddins, Ginoza, and Devens, JJ.)

Upon consideration of the petition for the immediate restraint of Respondent Paul J. Sulla, Jr., from the practice of law pursuant to Rule 2.13 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i (RSCH), filed July 9, 2025, by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC), this court notes the proof of the finding of guilt in the United States District Court for the District of Hawai‘i of Respondent Sulla for: one count of Conspiracy to Commit Honest Services Wire Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349; nine counts of Honest Services Wire Fraud, in



violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343 and 1346; and one count of Money Laundering, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(B)(i), which are felonies and crimes involving dishonesty or false statements.

Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the petition is granted, as follows:

1. Respondent Paul J. Sulla, Jr., is immediately restrained from the practice of law, pursuant to RSCH Rule 2.13(b), pending final disposition of a disciplinary proceeding based upon the finding of guilt.

2. Pursuant to RSCH Rule 2.13(c), the immediate restraint shall constitute a suspension for the purposes of RSCH Rule 2.16. Respondent Paul J. Sulla, Jr., is granted twenty (20) days from the date of this order to comply with the duties imposed upon him by RSCH Rule 2.16 and to file with this court the affidavit required by RSCH Rule 2.16(d).

3. This matter is hereby referred to the Disciplinary Board of the Hawai'i Supreme Court for institution of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to RSCH Rule 2.13(d).

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, July 29, 2025.

/s/ Mark E. Recktenwald

/s/ Sabrina S. McKenna

/s/ Todd W. Eddins

/s/ Lisa M. Ginoza

/s/ Vladimir P. Devens

