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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

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DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE HAWAI‘I SUPREME COURT,  
Petitioner,

vs.

THOMAS R. SYLVESTER (Bar No. 4027),  
Respondent.

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ORIGINAL PROCEEDING  
(ODC Case No. 20-0236)

ORDER TO TRANSFER TO INACTIVE STATUS

(By: McKenna, Acting C.J., Eddins, and Ginoza, JJ., and Intermediate Court of Appeals Associate Judge Leonard, in place of Devens, J., recused, and Intermediate Court of Appeals Associate Judge McCullen, assigned by reason of vacancy)

Upon review of the January 28, 2026 petition filed by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel on behalf of the Disciplinary Board of the Hawai‘i Supreme Court, requesting this court to immediately transfer Respondent Thomas R. Sylvester to inactive status under Rule 2.19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i (RSCH), and the record, we conclude that transfer to inactive status is warranted.



Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

A. The Disciplinary Board's petition is granted.

Respondent Thomas R. Sylvester is transferred to inactive status in this jurisdiction pursuant to RSCH Rules 2.19(b) and 2.19(c), effective with the filing of this order. Respondent Sylvester shall remain on inactive status until further order of this court.

B. The Office of Disciplinary Counsel shall hold in abeyance any proceeding against Respondent Sylvester to the extent required by RSCH Rule 2.19(h).

C. In accordance with RSCH Rule 2.19(d), the Disciplinary Board shall publish a notice of this transfer to inactive status.

D. The clerk of the court shall transmit a certified copy of this order to all judges of the State of Hawai'i.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, February 19, 2026.

/s/ Sabrina S. McKenna

/s/ Todd W. Eddins

/s/ Lisa M. Ginoza

/s/ Katherine G. Leonard

/s/ Sonja M.P. McCullen

