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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL,
Petitioner,

vs.

BARRY LLOYD SOOALO (BAR NO. 8310),
Respondent.

ORIGINAL PROCEEDING
(DB No. 23-9007)

ORDER

(By: Devens, C.J., McKenna, and Eddins, JJ., with Intermediate Court of Appeals Associate Judge Wadsworth, in place of Ginoza, J., recused, dissenting, with whom Intermediate Court of Appeals Associate Judge Gluck, assigned by reason of vacancy, joins)

Upon consideration of the report, findings, and recommendation filed September 9, 2025 by the Disciplinary Board of the Hawai‘i Supreme Court, which recommended adoption of the parties’ stipulated discipline for Respondent Barry Lloyd Sooalo (Respondent), including a two-year suspension with 90 days



served and 21 months stayed during a probationary period, and upon review of the stipulated facts and the record, we conclude that a 30-day suspension is the appropriate level of discipline.

Respondent violated Hawai'i Rules of Professional Conduct Rules 1.1, 1.3, 1.4(a)(1)-(4), 1.4(b), 1.5(b)-(c), 3.2, 3.4(e), and 8.4(g) by failing to meet filing deadlines, fulfill client and disciplinary counsel obligations, and comply with judicial sanction orders. However, in light of the significant mitigating circumstances stipulated to by the parties and accepted by the court, including Respondent's remorse, the impact of his family caretaking responsibilities, and his physical health, we conclude that a 30-day suspension is warranted.

It is ordered:

1. Respondent Barry Lloyd Sooalo is suspended from the practice of law in this jurisdiction for thirty (30) days, effective 30 days from this order pursuant to Rule 2.16(c) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i (RSCH).

2. Respondent Sooalo shall, within 10 days after the effective date of his suspension, file with this court the affidavit required by RSCH Rule 2.16(d).

3. Pursuant to RSCH Rule 2.3(c), Respondent shall pay the costs of these proceedings upon this court's approval of a

timely submitted verified bill of costs from the Office of
Disciplinary Counsel.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, July 30, 2026.

/s/ Vladimir P. Devens

/s/ Sabrina S. McKenna

/s/ Todd W. Eddins



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DISSENT BY INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS ASSOCIATE JUDGE
WADSWORTH, IN PLACE OF GINOZA, J., RECUSED, IN WHICH
INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS ASSOCIATE JUDGE GLUCK,
ASSIGNED BY REASON OF VACANCY, JOINS

Respectfully, I would adopt the Disciplinary Board's
recommendation to accept the proposed discipline to which the
parties stipulated, with appropriate modifications to
probationary terms in accordance with RSCH Rule 2.3(e).

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, _____, 2026.

/s/ Clyde J. Wadsworth

/s/ Daniel M. Gluck

