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NO. CAAP-18-0000315

IN THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS

OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

RICHARD TAYLOR, JR., Plaintiff-Appellant,
v.

CRUDELE and DE LIMA, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, ROBERT J. CRUDELE,
BRIAN J. DE LIMA, Defendants-Appellees,
and
JOHN DOES 1-20; JANE DOES 1-20;
DOE PARTNERSHIPS 1-20; DOE CORPORATIONS 1-20;

APPEAL FROM THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD CIRCUIT (CIVIL NO. 16-1-344)

and DOE ENTITIES 1-20, Defendants

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO DISMISS APPEAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE (By: Ginoza, Chief Judge, Fujise and Reifurth, JJ.)

Upon consideration of the document titled "Dismiss Appeal 'Without Prejudice'", filed on March 14, 2019, by Plaintiff-Appellant Richard K. Taylor, Jr. (Taylor), pro se, the papers in support, and the record, it appears that Taylor seeks to dismiss this appeal without prejudice because he filed a Hawaii Rules of Civil Procedure (HRCP) Rule 60 motion in the Circuit Court of the Third Circuit (circuit court), but he seeks to reserve his right "to entertain this case CAAP-18-0000315 in the event [he] Must Defend this Appeal in the Future."

We note that dismissal of this appeal may prejudice Taylor because we may be unable to review the merits of his

current appeal. The basis for Taylor's HRCP Rule 60 motion is not clear. To the extent it is based on HRCP Rule 60(b), there are procedures for the circuit court to consider a HRCP Rule 60(b) motion while an appeal is pending. See Life of the Land v. Ariyoshi, 57 Haw. 249, 252, 553 P.2d 464, 466 (1976) (explaining procedure for a HRCP Rule 60(b) motion while an appeal is pending).

Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- (1) Taylor's motion to "Dismiss Appeal 'Without Prejudice'", filed March 14, 2019, is denied without prejudice;
- (2) Should Taylor still wish to dismiss this appeal in light of the above, he may file another motion.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, May 16, 2019.

Time Home Chief Judge

Associate Judge