

NO. 25022

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

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JERRY MICHAEL HIATT, ATTORNEY AT LAW, A LAW CORPORATION dba LAW  
OFFICE OF JERRY M. HIATT, Petitioner-Appellee

vs.

LOIS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, PACIFIC RIM BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, and SCOTT C. WALLACE,  
Respondents-Appellants

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APPEAL FROM THE FIRST CIRCUIT COURT  
(S.P. NO. 01-1-0403)

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

(By: Moon, C.J., Levinson, Nakayama, Ramil, and Acoba, JJ.)

Upon review of the record, it appears that Respondents-Appellants Lois Business Development Corporation, Pacific Rim Business Development Corporation, and Scott C. Wallace (Appellants) attempt to appeal from two orders that are not, by themselves, appealable: (1) the December 17, 2001 order granting Petitioner-Appellee Jerry Michael Hiatt's motion to compel arbitration; and (2) the March 1, 2002 order granting in part and denying in part the Appellants' motion for reconsideration of the December 17, 2001 order. An appeal may be taken from circuit court orders resolving claims against parties only after the orders have been reduced to a judgment and the judgment has been entered in favor of and against the appropriate parties pursuant to Rule 58 of the Hawai'i Rules of Civil Procedure (HRCPP). Jenkins v. Cades Schutte Fleming & Wright, 76 Hawai'i 115, 119, 869 P.2d 1334, 1338 (1994). The circuit court, the Honorable Gary W.B. Chang presiding, did not reduce the orders to a judgment pursuant to HRCPP Rule 58. Furthermore, the orders are not appealable under the collateral order doctrine because neither order resolved an important issue completely separate

from the merits of the action in S.P. No. 01-1-0403. See Abrams v. Cades, Schutte, Fleming & Wright, 88 Hawai'i 319, 322, 966 P.2d 631, 634 (1998). Therefore, this appeal is premature, and we lack jurisdiction. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this appeal is dismissed for lack of appellate jurisdiction.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, June 21, 2002.