IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI

RICHARD BLAISDELL, Petitioner,

VS.

THE HONORABLE KARL K. SAKAMOTO, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT, STATE OF HAWAI'I, Respondent.

ORIGINAL PROCEEDING (CIVIL NO. 08-1-0958)

<u>ORDER</u>

(By: Duffy, J. for the court1)

Upon consideration of the petition for a writ of mandamus filed by petitioner Richard Blaisdell,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the clerk of the appellate court shall process the petition for a writ of mandamus without payment of the filing fee.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the respondent judge shall file an answer to the petition for a writ of mandamus within fifteen days from the date of this order. Petitioner may file a supplemental memorandum or other supplemental material within the time provided.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, May 4, 2009.

FOR THE COURT:

Associate Justice

¹ Considered by: Moon, C.J., Nakayama, Acoba, and Duffy, JJ. and Intermediate Court of Appeals Judge Watanabe, assigned by reason of vacancy.