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MEETING CHALLENGES TO EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF UNBUNDLED LEGAL SERVICES

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The Concept of Unbundled Legal Services

The Honorable Joseph Cardoza

Unbundled legal services/limited scope representation are not new concepts.

Attorneys have been providing such services at least since the formation of our Nation.

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Examples of limited scope representations:

Insurance defense attorney representing a client in a lawsuit, but only as to certain aspects.

An estate planning attorney prepares estate planning documents and does not represent the client in any ensuing litigation.

Transactional attorney represents a client for deeds and conveyances in a matter and not the entire acquisition transaction.

Unbundled legal services/limited scope representation in the context of access to justice.

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Increased volume of lawsuits in which parties are appearing unrepresented.

Examples of unbundled legal services:

Advice and counsel to a litigant on whether a lawsuit should/should not proceed.

Consideration of ADR.

Preparation of trial exhibits and preparation for trial.

Appearance on a hearing motion.

Appearance at settlement conferences.

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Unbundled legal services/limited scope representation as a law practice business model.

Hawaii Rules of Civil Procedure District Court Rules of Civil Procedure

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2013 HRCP/DCRCP Proposed Rule 11.1

2014 HRCP/DCRCP Proposed Rule 11.1 (Version 1)

2014 HRCP/DCRCP Proposed Rule 11.1 (Version 2)

2014 HRCP/DCRCP Proposed Rule 11

Delivering Unbundled Legal Services

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Access to Justice Room at Honolulu District Court

Defining the limited scope of engagement with the client.

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SUGGESTED FORMS

Agreement and Consent to Limited Representation

Agreement and Consent to Limited Representation for Preparation of Pleadings and Documents

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Notice of Limited Scope Representation Notice of Withdrawal of Limited Appearance

Stipulation for Withdrawal of Limited Appearance

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Questions?