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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND CIRCUIT  
STATE OF HAWAII**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION  
FOR THE COORDINATION OF  
INDIVIDUAL PLAINTIFFS MAUI FIRE  
CASES

Civil Case No. 2CSP-23-0000057  
(Other Non-Vehicle Tort)

**DECLARATION OF HON. DANIEL J.  
BUCKLEY IN SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUAL  
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO APPOINT  
INDIVIDUAL SETTLEMENT  
ADMINISTRATORS FOR THE  
PURPOSES OF EFFECTUATING THE  
INDIVIDUAL SETTLEMENT  
AGREEMENT**

Judge: Hon. Peter T. Cahill

I, Daniel J. Buckley, declare under penalty of law as follows:

1. I am an attorney at law licensed to practice law in the state of California. I am in good standing. I am duly authorized to make this Declaration (the “**Declaration**”). Unless otherwise stated in this Declaration, I have knowledge of the facts set forth herein and, if called as a witness, I would testify thereto:

2. In 2002, I was appointed to the Superior Court, and over time, I served in many leadership positions at the courts: the Supervising Judge of the East District, the Supervising Judge of the Civil Department, the Assistant Presiding and, most importantly, Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles courts in 2017 and 2018. My last assignment in the court was at the Complex Courts.

3. During my time on the bench, I handled a wide range of case types, including business and commercial, catastrophic injury, class action, construction, entertainment, insurance, intellectual property, mass tort, and real estate. I assisted in the settlement of a number of large, high-profile lawsuits, including Riot Games, the USC Tyndall case, and the UCLA Heaps case. For over three years, I had a complex civil assignment in which I handled a number of mass tort cases, including the Thomas Fire case and several other wildfire cases.

4. I spent my entire attorney career at the firm of Breidenbach, Buckley, Huchting, Halm & Hamblet, where I was a general civil litigation defense attorney with a focus in the areas of toxic torts, professional negligence, personal injury, and insurance coverage.

5. As an experienced trial attorney, I am an ABOTA member. I litigated several landmark cases in the country, including Newman vs. Stringfellow, which was

considered the largest toxic tort case in the early 1990s with over 4,000 plaintiffs. I was a co-lead trial attorney for the State of California in a year-long trial with 17 bellwether plaintiffs.

6. I was recognized as Judge of the Year by CAALA (2015), Pasadena Bar Association (2015), and the Korean Community Lawyers Association (2015). Other recognitions include the Judicial Civility Award from ABOTA (2014), a Hall of Fame recipient from the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel (2015), the Administration of Justice Award from the San Fernando Valley Bar Association (2018), the Spencer Brandeis Award by the Family Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association (2014), Person of the Year from Metropolitan News (2015), and the Daniel O'Connell Award from the Irish American Bar Association (2014).

7. Since joining Signature Resolution, I have served as mediator and/or claims administrator in multiple mass tort cases. Most of those are the Clergy Abuse cases against a number of dioceses, including the settlement in the Los Angeles Archdiocese clergy cases. I also am the special master in several of the Northern California fire cases, including Dixie, Kincade and Zogg.

8. In 2024, I was appointed settlement mediator by the Honorable Peter T. Cahill for the Maui Fire Cases.

Dated: March 18, 2025

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*Hon. Daniel Buckley (Ret.)*  
The Hon. Daniel J. Buckley