## Rengulbai v. Rengiil, 6 ROP Intrm. 197 (1997) MERUK RENGULBAI, Appellant,

v.

## WILHELM RENGIIL, Appellee.

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 27-96 Civil Action No. 349-95

Supreme Court, Appellate Division Republic of Palau

Order

Decided: August 7, 1997

PER CURIAM:

This is an appeal from an order of the Trial Division granting a trial *de novo* and remanding the case to the Land Court. We conclude that this Court lacks jurisdiction and we therefore dismiss this appeal.<sup>1</sup>

L198 The "final judgment rule," which is the law in this jurisdiction, states that "[a]n order which does not finally settle the issues on trial generally is not appealable, although it is open to review in connection with an appeal of the final judgment." In the Matter of Kaleb Udui, 3 ROP Intrm. 130, 131 (1992). Since "granting a new trial is an interlocutory order," Farmers' & Merchants' Nat. Bank of El Dorado v. Wright, 157 P. 1178 (Kan. 1916), we see no reason why remanding a case for a new trial should be treated as a final order. See National Farmers Union Prop. & Cas. Co. v. Thompson, 286 P.2d 249, 251 (Utah 1955).

For the foregoing reason, the appeal is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on our review and in order to avoid further cost and delay, we have determined that oral argument on this issue would not be helpful.