

DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM



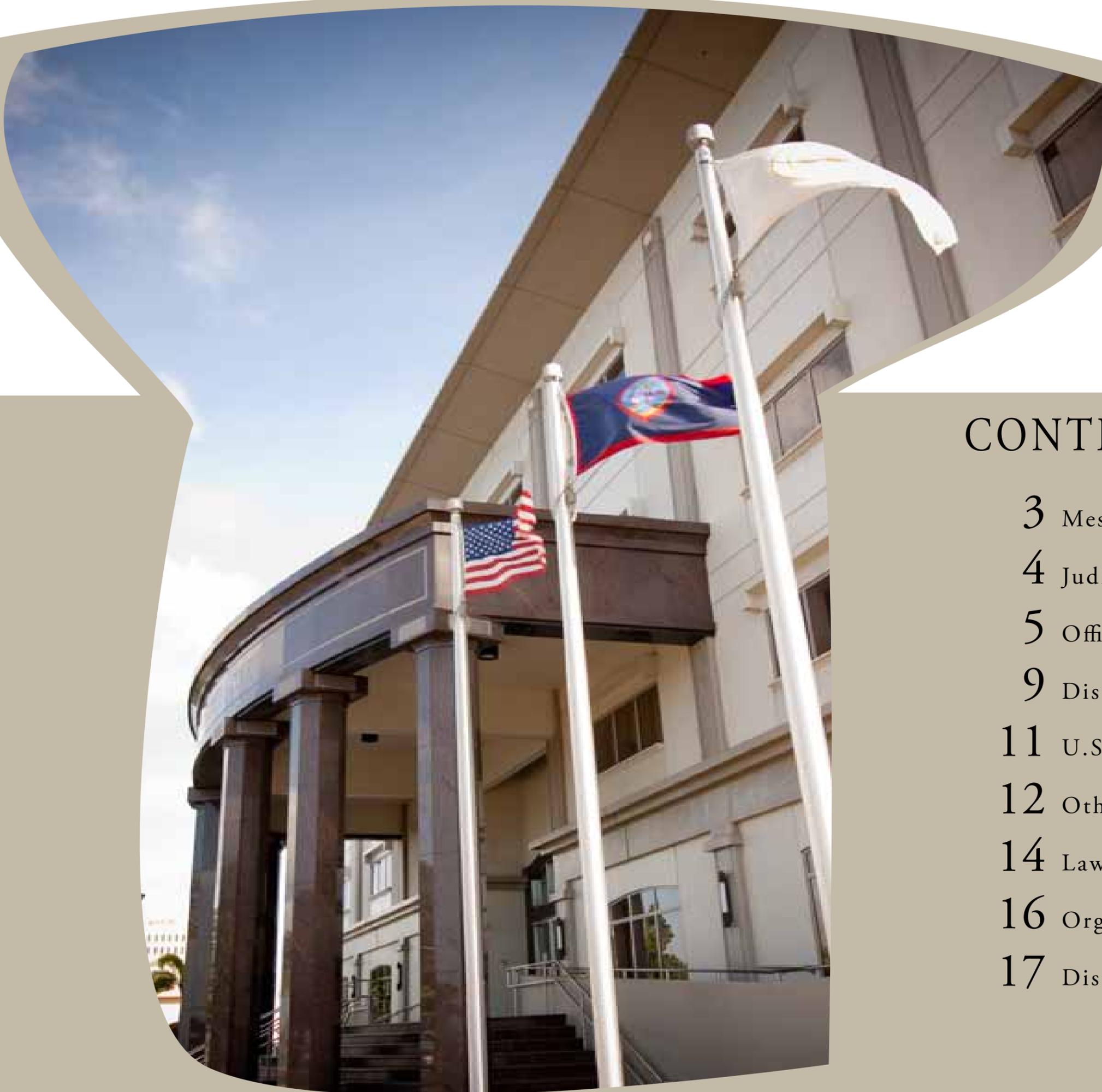
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ROSITA "ROSIE" PANGELINAN SAN NICOLAS
40 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE



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Message from the Chief Judge

Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

I am proud to begin my fourth year as Chief Judge of the District Court of Guam, handling both district and bankruptcy matters.

This past year we paid a special tribute to a mentor for many of us – retired Honorable Chief Judge Cristobal C. Duenas. It was indeed our pleasure to honor Chief Judge Duenas at our 2008 Annual District Court Conference, with the presence of Chief Judge Alex Kozinski of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Senior District Judge Consuelo Marshall, Ninth Circuit Executive Officer Cathy Catterson, Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, Jr., our local judiciary, and the Guam Bar Association members.

We also said goodbye to Rosita San Nicolas, our Chief Deputy Clerk, a devoted federal public servant of 40 years who worked tirelessly for our court under three chief judges: Cristobal Duenas, John Unpingco and myself. Taking Rosita's place is Charles B. White, who has already begun taking our court into the 21st century with new initiatives including introducing court patrons to online national record searches, and the launching of our customer service oriented website.

We also welcome Grace Damian Flores, who has taken the helm of Deputy Chief U.S. Probation Officer for the Districts of Guam and Northern Mariana Islands. Grace serves as the first Deputy Chief for both districts, and shares in the courts' overall mission to improve their service to the court and the community.

I am also proud to congratulate Attorney Joaquin (Jay) C. Arriola, Jr., our district's Lawyer Representative for the past three years, who was recently elected by his peers to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference Executive Committee.

With respect to operations, the Clerk's Office has seen an increase in the percentage of electronically filed documents this past year. Our court's Public Access to Court Electronic Records system is also gaining popularity as we see an increase by the public and our bar in downloading court documents. Significantly, with an increase of Chapter 7 bankruptcy filings having risen more than 70% over the previous 12 months, we expect the electronic filing and access activity to further increase.

In addition to the daily work Judge Manibusan and I perform on our civil, criminal and bankruptcy cases, we also chair court committees and participate in community outreach activities. For instance, Law Week this past year was busy and exciting, and our court is proud to have sponsored the national award-winning event with the Guam Bar Association and the local Judiciary of Guam.

As an interesting aside, since I assumed the federal bench, our court has welcomed 2,382 new United States citizens from all over the world. Naturalization ceremonies evoke proud emotions, and Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. and I consider it a great honor to preside over these special events. The Law Day Naturalization Ceremony held at our court featured keynote speaker Rear Admiral William D. French, Commander of the U.S. Naval Forces Marianas.

The work of our court units, the other law-related federal agencies, the Judiciary of Guam and the Guam Bar Association can be seen in the following pages. I thank the hardworking staff of the Clerk's Office, led by Jeanne G. Quinata; U.S. Probation Office, led by Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon; U.S. Marshal Service (including Court Security Officers), led by Matthew Dell; Federal Protective Services, led by Sal Lujan; the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Office of the Federal Public Defender for a successful year. I also thank Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, Jr. and the Judiciary of Guam, and President Cynthia V. Ecube and the Guam Bar Association for their community partnership.



Judicial Officers

Frances Tydingco-Gatewood was sworn in as the Chief Judge of the District Court of Guam on October 30, 2006, after having been appointed by President George W. Bush, as the first Chamorro female Chief Judge. Her record as a dedicated public servant began as a prosecutor at the Office of the Attorney General on Guam and the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office in Missouri. She was also a designated federal prosecutor for the United States Attorney's Offices in Guam and in Kansas City, Missouri. From 1990 to 1994, Frances served as the island's first Chamorro female Chief Prosecutor.

Her judicial career began at the Superior Court of Guam from 1994 to 2002. From February 8, 2002 to October 29, 2006, Frances served as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam, with then Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido, and with current Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, Jr.

Frances earned a B.A. degree in Political Science in 1980 from Marquette University, in Milwaukee, Wisc., then obtained her J.D. degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law in 1983.

She is currently a member of three Ninth Circuit Court committees: the Conference of Chief District Judges, the Conference of Chief Bankruptcy Judges and the Pacific Islands Committee. She is also the treasurer of the Pacific Judicial Council and the vice-chair of its Education Committee.



On February 9, 2004, Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. began his term as the first U.S. Magistrate Judge of the District Court of Guam. Prior to his appointment to the federal bench, Joaquin served as a Judge of the Superior Court of Guam from October 20, 1995, to February 7, 2004. He also served as a Designated District Judge for the District Court of Guam from 1995 to 2004, a Designated Justice for the Supreme Court of Guam in 1999, and a Pro Tem Judge for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands from 1999 to 2003.

Joaquin earned a B.A. degree in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley in 1971, then received his J.D. degree from UC Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law in 1974.

Joaquin began his legal career as an Assistant Attorney General for the Government of Guam, in the Civil Division from January 1975 to May 1977. He then entered private practice as a solo practitioner and served as legal counsel to various Government of Guam boards and agencies. He was an Adjunct Professor at the University of Guam from Fall 1997 to Spring 2001 and in the Summer and Fall of 2002.

He is currently a member of the Magistrate Judge's Executive Board Committee of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Office of the Clerk



Jeanne G. Quinata
Clerk of Court

The Office of the Clerk is responsible for the administrative support for the District Court of Guam, including providing courtroom and case management support, maintaining case information and financial records, and managing jury services. Jeanne G. Quinata was appointed Clerk of Court in August 2007.

NEW INITIATIVES IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Consolidated Information Technology Department. The court's Information Technology department consolidated with the U.S. Probation Office's technology group to form one unit that serves both the needs of the court, and the Probation and Pretrial Services Office. This new service group also serves the Probation Office in the Northern Marianas Islands.

Online National Record Searches. The District Court has conducted thousands of records searches per year on behalf of employers on Guam. In May 2009, the court introduced the ability to perform these searches at a greatly reduced cost online, in lieu of the court staff performing such searches at the cost of \$26 per search. The system, which has been in place nationally for many years, is called the National Party Case Index, and can be accessed with a standard Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) account, or for free from a dedicated terminal in the court's public records review room.



New Website. The court also updated its website in February of this year with the help of a local web designer. The new site is based upon an open source content management system and makes the court more accessible to the bar and public.



ROSITA SAN NICOLAS: 40 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Over the last 40 years, Rosita “Rosie” Pangelinan San Nicolas has been the cornerstone of the District Court of Guam. Her last day of service to the District Court of Guam was on October 30, 2009. It is with gratitude that the court family wishes her a long, enjoyable, and fruitful retirement.

Rosie’s first job at the District Court consisted of clerical duties, including typing and filing. In 1973, Rosie was promoted to Deputy Clerk, and saw her job expand to include duties as the secretary to the Clerk of Court, the Courtroom Deputy, and the Civil and Criminal Docket Clerk. Her financial duties included responsibility as a cashier for the court. In 1990, Rosie was promoted to Courtroom Deputy, and just a year later, she was selected to the Chief Deputy Clerk of Court position, where she was primarily responsible for managing the operational aspects of the Clerk’s Office.

In her 40 years of dedicated government service, Rosie has seen many changes to the District Court. When she was first hired, the court was located on the second floor of the Superior Court of Guam (which is now known as the Public Defender’s Office). It subsequently moved to the sixth floor of the former Pacific News Building, and eventually to the current location in the District Court of Guam building in Anigua. The court has also seen quite a few technological advances during Rosie’s tenure: she recalls the time-consuming process of spinning the jury wheel, to using a computer that could create randomized jury lists in a matter of seconds. When she started, she used typewriters and ditto machines, and wrote manual receipts for payments and docket entries. Now all those things are done with computers and a growing number of attorneys are filing documents electronically over the internet. Rosie did not merely watch these changes occur, rather, she was right in the middle helping to lead these transitions.



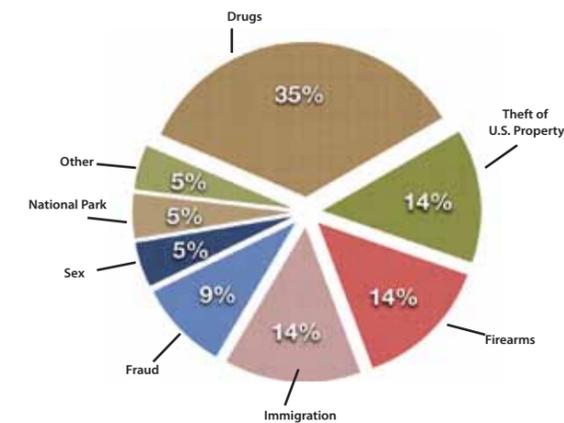
CRIMINAL, CIVIL AND BANKRUPTCY FILINGS

Criminal Defendant Case Filings 12-month Period Ending September 30

| Year | # Defendants |
|------|--------------|
| 2007 | 194 |
| 2008 | 91 |
| 2009 | 130 |

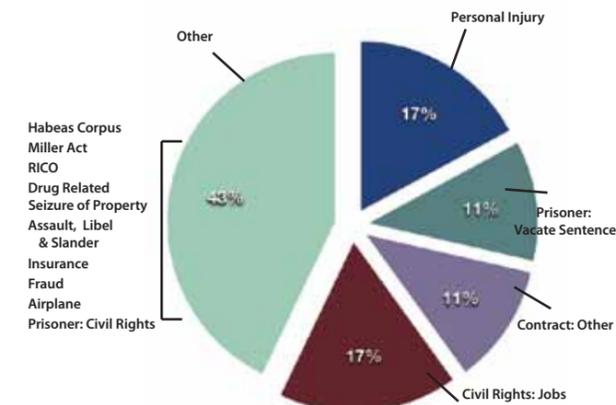
The total number of criminal defendant filings for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2009 increased by over 40% from the previous 12 months, but was still only two thirds of the number of filings from the same period in 2007.

Criminal Felony Filings 12-months ending September 30, 2009



Drug-related offenses, primarily those involving the importation of crystal methamphetamine, comprise about 35 percent of our felony filings. Theft of U.S. property, firearms violations, and immigration offenses together comprise 42% of our felony filings.

Civil Cases Filed 12-months ending September 30, 2009



Personal Injury cases and employment civil rights cases comprise a significant amount of the civil cases filed during the 12-month period ending September 30, 2009.

Civil Case Filings 12-month Period Ending September 30

| Year | # Cases |
|------|---------|
| 2007 | 38 |
| 2008 | 22 |
| 2009 | 35 |

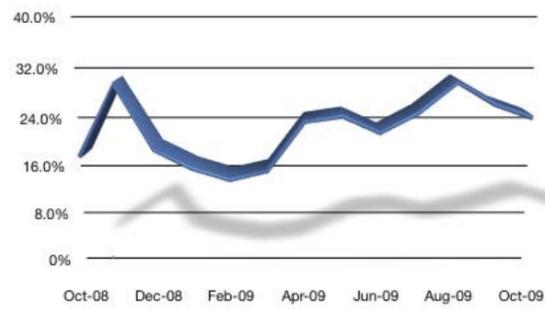
Bankruptcy Case Filings 12-month Period Ending September 30

| Year | Chapter 7 | Chapter 11 | Chapter 13 |
|------|-----------|------------|------------|
| 2007 | 107 | 1 | 14 |
| 2008 | 107 | 0 | 21 |
| 2009 | 185 | 2 | 22 |

The entire nation saw a rise in bankruptcy filings last year, and Guam was no exception. The court’s Chapter 7 bankruptcy filings for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2009 rose more than 70% over the previous twelve months.

District Court Events

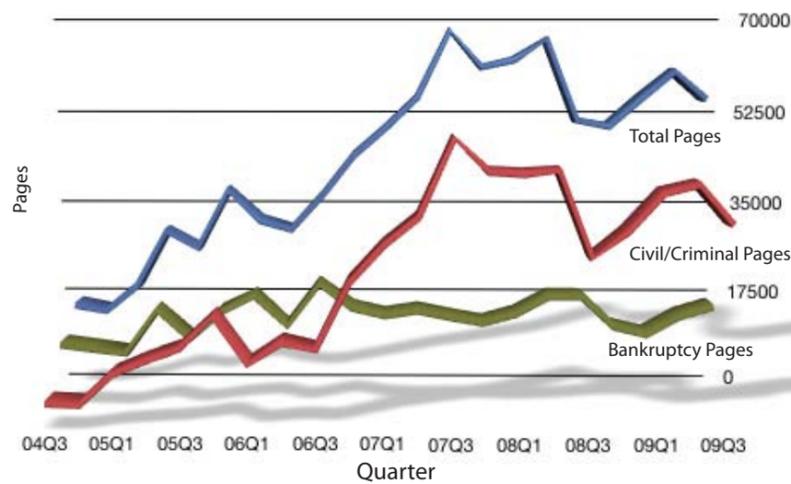
**Electronically Filed Documents
(Percent filed electronically)*
12-months ending September 30, 2009**



The percentage of documents electronically filed by parties has generally risen over the 12-month period ending September 30, 2009, and now comprises a little less than 30% of all the documents that can be filed electronically.

*% of all documents filed, except orders, minutes, and staff entries

PACER Pages Downloaded



Downloading of court documents by the public and bar through the court's PACER system ("Public Access to Court Electronic Records") is rapidly gaining popularity. This is probably due to its convenience and low cost.

2008 DISTRICT COURT CONFERENCE

The District of Guam held its Annual District Conference with a capacity crowd at the Guam Hilton Resort & Spa on October 9 and 10, 2008. Chief Judge Alex Kozinski, together with Ninth Circuit Executive Officer Cathy Catterson, visited Guam and Saipan, District of the Northern Mariana Islands for the jointly programmed conferences.

Chief Judge Kozinski and Supreme Court of Guam Justice F. Philip Carbullido spoke on *The Dos and Don'ts of Oral Advocacy*. Also presenting at the conference was the Honorable Richard P. Guy, Retired Chief Justice for the Supreme Court of Washington, who spoke on the latest updates in his *United States Supreme Court Review*. The Honorable Cruz Reynoso, Retired Justice for the Supreme Court of California discussed *Ethical Issues Facing Lawyers in the Federal Courts*.



Professor Jill J. Ramsfeld from the University of Hawaii, Richardson School of Law, presented a course entitled *The Lawyer as a Writer: Getting it Right and Getting it Done*. Ms. Heather Williams, an Assistant Federal Public Defender from the District of Arizona, was invited to present by the Federal Public Defender of Guam, and gave a unique audio-visual presentation entitled *Behind the Headlines*, and provided office management education to legal staff in her presentation *Law Office Management and Ethics for Secretaries, Investigators, and Paralegals*.

The conference closed with a panel discussing the timely subject on the rights of employment and re-employment of those serving our country in the armed services. Presenters included Assistant U.S. Attorneys Mikel Schwab and Jessica Cruz, Assistant Federal Public Defender Richard Arens, and Staff Judge Advocate Colonel Dave Riano.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRED CHIEF JUDGE CRISTOBAL C. DUENAS

In a special ceremony during the 2008 Annual District Conference, Retired Chief Judge Cristobal C. Duenas was honored for his significant contributions to the development of law on Guam. Judge Duenas, the first Chamorro federal Chief Judge, gave 22 years of dedicated service to the court and the people of Guam before retiring in 1991. During the ceremony, Chief Judge Kozinski, Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, Jr. as well as former staff members and law clerks, gave insight about a jurist who served as an outstanding example for generations of lawyers.



**Magistrate Felony Proceedings
12-month Period Ending September 30**

| Year | Total | Arrest Warrants | Initial Appearances | Arraignments | Detention/Bail Hearings | Felony Guilty Pleas | Sup.Rel. Revocation Hearings |
|------|-------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| 2008 | 326 | 98 | 98 | 68 | 10 | 46 | 15 |
| 2009 | 192 | 36 | 79 | 37 | 7 | 33 | 17 |

**Other Criminal Magistrate Work
12-month Period Ending September 30**

| Year | Non-CVB Petty Offenses Disposed | Class A Misdemeanors Disposed | Initial Appearances | Jury Trials |
|------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 2008 | 10 | 22 | 141 | 1 |
| 2009 | 5 | 24 | 137 | 3 |

Our Magistrate Judge, the Honorable Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr., handles petty offense cases, Class A and B misdemeanors, pre-trial felony proceedings, and civil cases with the consent of both the parties and of the Chief Judge.

U.S. Probation Office & Pretrial Office



Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon
Chief U.S. Probation Officer

NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES

During naturalization ceremonies at the District Court of Guam, new citizens are sworn in and welcomed to the United States of America. In addition to the 15 regular ceremonies held in the last 12 months, special ceremonies were held on Law Day, May 1, 2009, and on Constitution Day, September 17, 2009. So far, 497 new citizens have taken their oaths this year.

The May 1, 2009 ceremony welcomed 50 new citizens, and was held on Law Day, a day that is set aside to celebrate the rule of law. The ceremony included a keynote speech by Rear Admiral William French, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas, and a short speech by President Abraham Lincoln, as portrayed by Mr. James Conine, as well as performances by the Guam Adventist Academy Bell Choir.

The Constitution Day ceremony marked the 222nd anniversary of the day that the Founding Fathers signed this historic document. Keynote Speaker Guam Bar President Cynthia V. Ecube shared her own family's experience with the new citizens, as she spoke about her parents who became naturalized citizens after moving to Guam from the Philippines.



CITIZENSHIP OUTREACH PROGRAM



As part of the Law Day naturalization ceremony, the District Court held its inaugural Citizenship Outreach Program, which gave the new citizens the opportunity to register to vote, apply for a U.S. passport, and apply for or amend their Social Security Card immediately after the naturalization ceremony. After the success of the first program, the court held a second Citizenship Outreach Program as part of the Constitution Day Naturalization Ceremony on September 17, 2009.

ELECTION OF NINTH CIRCUIT REPRESENTATIVE TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Attorney Joaquin (Jay) C. Arriola, Jr., was elected to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judicial Conference Executive Committee during the annual Judicial Conference on July 20-23, 2009, in Monterey, California. Attorney Arriola was elected as a member by nearly 200 Lawyer Representatives throughout the Ninth Circuit. Attorney Arriola, a partner in the island's oldest law office, the law firm of Arriola, Cowan & Arriola, was re-appointed this year by the Chief Judge to serve another three-year term as Guam's Lawyer Representative to the Lawyer Representative Coordinating Committee for the Ninth Circuit.



Chief U.S. Probation Officer Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon leads the only probation office in the nation that services two districts – the District of Guam and the District of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI). The Probation Office is the community corrections arms for the federal judiciary, and supervises offenders in pretrial status, after conviction, and upon release.

ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSITIONS FACILITATE EFFECIENCY

Approximately 421 defendants are under supervision on Guam and in the NMI. In an effort to continue improving its service to the court and the community, the internal operations of the U.S. Probation Office has undergone several changes in the last twelve months.

On May 21, 2009 and May 28, 2009 respectively, Grace D. Flores was appointed as the first Deputy Chief U.S. Probation Officer for the Districts of Guam and the NMI. She had been a U.S. Probation Officer for both districts for ten years prior to her appointment, serving as the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment Coordinator and *Prugraman Hinalom Talo* (Drug Offender Re-entry Program) Coordinator.

In August 2009, the Probation Office implemented a team approach, which consisted of reorganizing its operations as to the duties and responsibilities of Probation Officers. They now function as "generalists," and receive case assignments in all areas: pretrial and presentence investigation and pretrial and post-conviction supervision. The reorganization and cross-training will ensure the smooth operations of the Office and fairer and more equitable distribution of cases.

The consolidation of the District Court's and Probation Office's Information Technology departments has resulted in tangible benefits to the Probation Office.

DRUG OFFENDER RE-ENTRY PROGRAM - *Prugraman Hinalom Talo*

One year after the implementation of the Drug Offender Re-entry (DORE) Program, the District Court held its first graduation ceremony on September 16, 2009. Upon successful completion of the program, a participant's term of supervised release is reduced by one year. The DORE program requires an intense level of supervision, mandatory drug testing, and attendance at counseling sessions. It is the first federal drug court in the Pacific region, and involves a team consisting of representatives from the U.S. Attorney's Office, Federal Public Defender, the U.S. Probation Office and treatment providers.

| Probation/Pretrial Statistics 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2009 | |
|--|-----|
| Pretrial | |
| Cases activated (regular): | 95 |
| Cases activated (diversion): | 13 |
| Pretrial Supervision Cases: | 123 |
| Pretrial Diversion Supervision Cases: | 23 |
| Presentence | |
| Presentence reports completed: | 71 |
| Post-Sentence | |
| Probation/TSR Supervision Cases: | 288 |

Other Federal Agencies

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

United States Attorney Leonardo Rapadas leads the only U.S. Attorney's Office to serve two districts, both the District of Guam and the District of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. As the chief federal law enforcement officer for both districts, he has three statutory responsibilities: the prosecution of federal criminal cases, prosecution and defense of civil actions involving the federal government, and collection of debts owed to the United States. Highlights from the Criminal Division include the targeting of China-based methamphetamine ("ice") trafficking rings in ongoing Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force operations resulting in 19 arrests to date; the conviction of the chief engineer of an oceangoing vessel in connection with illegal discharge of approximately 370 tons of oily waste; 6 convictions for taking endangered sea turtles, and 2 convictions for importation of a dangerous snake species. The Civil Division has provided guidance on land issues associated with the military build-up and other economic development, and has advocated employment disputes under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act with a 100% success rate in resolving employment disputes on behalf of Guam military members returning from deployment.



OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

Federal Public Defender John T. Gorman leads the Office of the Federal Public Defender (FPD) in providing zealous representation for indigent people who are charged with criminal offenses in federal court.

The FPD reports that there has been a precipitous decline in federal prosecutions in the past year. The number of prosecutions brought by the U.S. Attorney's Office declined by over 50%. As a result, the staff of two attorneys opened 127 new cases and closed 123 cases in FY 2008.

The FPD Office has been an active member of the treatment team of the DORE Program which began in August 2008. The FPD Office represents clients at all stages of the criminal justice process, both in the District Court of Guam and in the federal appeals courts. Its caseload includes drug importation and distribution cases, firearms violations, immigration offenses, such as alien smuggling and passport fraud, theft of government property, wire fraud, bank embezzlement, and extradition. In addition, the FPD Office also handles criminal appeals and oral arguments at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Because of Guam's location, the FPD Office has also represented U.S. citizens imprisoned in the Republic of Korea and Thailand, who are eligible for transfer to U.S. institutions under the U.S./Thailand Prisoner Transfer Treaty.



Guam's FPD Office opened in 1994, and became an independent office in 2001. Federal Defender Gorman was appointed as the Federal Public Defender by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and was re-appointed in 2007. His term runs until November, 2011.

UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

On September 24, 2009, the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) celebrated its 220th Anniversary as the Nation's oldest federal law enforcement agency. This past year, the USMS for the District of Guam welcomed the Attorney General Appointment of U.S. Marshal Matthew Dell, who comes to Guam from the District of South Carolina with over 24 years of USMS experience.



The USMS for the District of Guam coordinated this year's Operation FALCON – Federal and Local Cops Organized Nationally – a joint operation which combined the resources of federal, state, city and county law enforcement agencies in a unified effort to locate and apprehend criminals wanted for crimes of violence. Between June 22 - 24, 2009, Operation FALCON garnered 43 arrests this year, an increase of 9 from the previous year.

As part of the semi-annual Project Kid Care held at the Agana Shopping Center on June 6, 2009, more than 250 children were deputized as Junior Deputy U.S. Marshals, after they publicly declared the Rules of Membership. They received certificates and badges in recognition of their position as Junior Deputy U.S. Marshals.

Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood and Deputy U.S. Marshal Tanya Muna gave a presentation at William McCool Elementary Middle School on March 27, 2009, as part of the schools *Learnabration: Celebrating Women in Our History*.

The USMS Guam Office is pleased to recognize that Deputy U.S. Marshal Victor Roman was recently selected as the district's interim Judicial Security Inspector. Additionally, Ms. Ann Cruz Perez was recently promoted to fill the position of Budget Analyst.



Law Week at the District Court



The District Court of Guam joined the Judiciary of Guam and the Guam Bar Association in sponsoring Law Week 2009, with events starting on April 25, 2009 and ending on May 2, 2009.

May 1st of each year is Law Day, a day that is set aside to celebrate the rule of law. The 2009 Law Day theme, *A Legacy of Liberty – Lincoln’s Bicentennial*, recognizes one of our nation’s greatest presidents.

Many of our court’s volunteer and community outreach activities are spearheaded by Law Clerk Geri Amparo Cepeda. Law Week kicked off with Race Judicata, a 5K Run/Walk held on Saturday, April 25, 2009. The District Court hosted two water stations, with volunteers from the District Court Clerk’s Office and U.S. Probation Office staff, and their families. Personnel from the court and related federal agencies, such as the U.S. Secret Service and U.S. Probation Office also ran in the race.

The District Court opened its doors to the public during an Open House on Tuesday, April 28, 2009. Students of the Gifted and Talented Education Program from William McCool Middle School, in Nimitz Hill, toured the courthouse, and saw a presentation about the U.S. Probation Office by Federal Probation Officer Maria Cruz. The students viewed the “Children at Risk” legal education video, giving the students the experience of sitting on a jury. The video was produced locally by the Judiciary of Guam and all roles were played by students of Guam’s high schools. The students wrapped up their visit with an exercise from the Play by the Rules Program, a criminal justice education program that is being implemented into the curriculum of participating middle schools.



The final event of the Open House was a mock trial exhibition by the St. Thomas Aquinas High School Mock Trial team, which won the island-wide High School Mock Trial Competition in 2009.

A special Law Day Naturalization Ceremony welcomed 50 new citizens to our nation. Keynote speaker Rear Admiral William D. French, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas, shared his thoughts on the importance of freedom. The new citizens also heard from President Abraham Lincoln, through award-winning portrayer Mr. James Conine, who described Lincoln’s important legacy of equality for all.

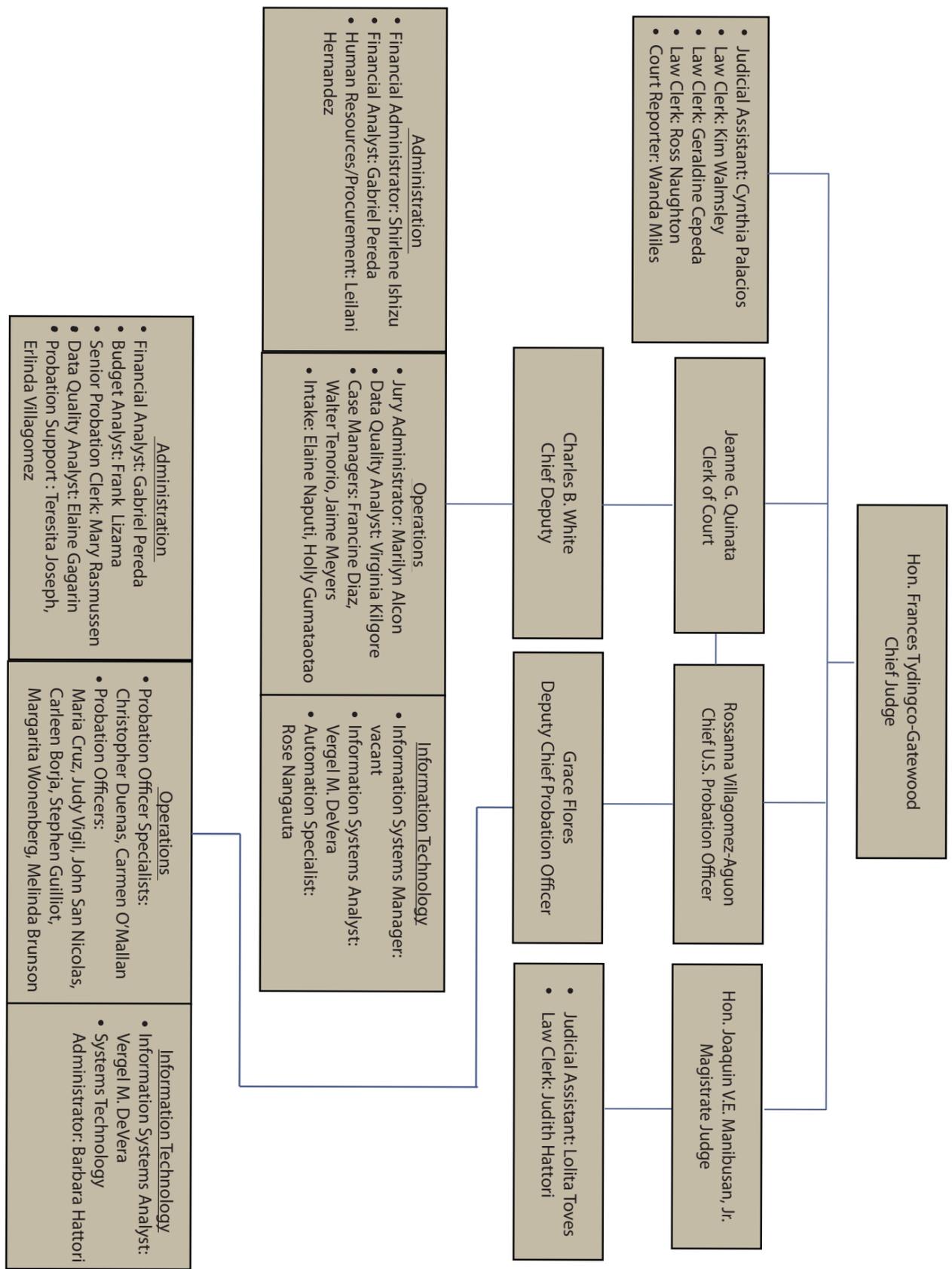
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Law Week 2009 culminated in a Law Fair held on May 2, 2009, at the Micronesia Mall. Members of the legal and law enforcement community, non-profit organizations and court-related community partners participated in an all-day fair designed to educate the public about the services available to them. Representatives from the Clerk’s Office, U.S. Probation Office, U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Attorney’s Office and Federal Public Defender Office were present at booths with information and handouts for the public. Jury Administrator Marilyn Alcon conducted a “mini-class” on federal jury service for members of the public.

The District Court’s co-sponsorship of Law Week 2009 gave the members of the community the opportunity to see the court and to learn more about the important role played by the court in the administration of justice.



Organizational Chart



District Directory

Chief District Judge: Frances Tydingco-Gatewood
 Judicial Assistant: Cynthia T. Palacios 473-9200
 Law Clerk: Kim Walmsley 473-9136

Magistrate Judge: Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr.
 Judicial Assistant: Lolita Toves 473-9180
 Law Clerk: Judith Hattori 473-9164

Clerk of Court: Jeanne G. Quinata
 Chief Deputy Clerk: Charles B. White
 Telephone: 473-9100

For inquiries regarding:

| | Lead | Alternate 1 | Alternate 2 |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Civil Cases | Virginia Kilgore 473-9141 | Francine Diaz 473-9120 | |
| Criminal Cases | Marilyn Alcon 473-9138 | Walter Tenorio 473-9147 | Carmen Santos 473-9173 |
| Bankruptcy Cases | Francine Diaz 473-9120 | Jaime Meyers 473-9100 ext 3 | |
| Miscellaneous Cases | Francine Diaz 473-9120 | | |
| Courtroom Activities (4th Floor) | Carmen Santos 473-9173 | Virginia Kilgore 473-9141 | |
| Courtroom Activities (3rd Floor) | Walter Tenorio 473-9147 | Francine Diaz 473-9120 | |
| Jury Matters | Marilyn Alcon 473-9138 | Walter Tenorio 473-9147 | |
| Naturalization | Marilyn Alcon 473-9138 | Walter Tenorio 473-9147 | |
| CJA Voucher (Vouchers) | Virginia Kilgore 473-9141 | Carmen Santos 473-9173 | |
| CJA Voucher (Payments) | Gabriel Pereda 473-9144 | Shirlene Ishizu 473-9123 | |
| Financial Matters | Shirlene Ishizu 473-9123 | Gabriel Pereda 473-9144 | |
| Information Technology Matters | Vergel DeVera 473-9133 | Rose Nangauta 473-9130 | |
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| Law Clerks | Geraldine Cepeda 473-9148 | Ross Naughton 473-9172 | |
| U.S. Probation Office | 473-9201 | | |
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