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Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

As the Chief Judge of the District of Guam, U.S. Magistrate Judge, and the Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative for the District Court of Guam, we welcome you to the 2009 Annual District Conference.

A special *Hafa Adai* is extended to our off-island speakers, including Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Richard Clifton; Senior U.S. District Judge John Coughenour; Mr. David Gulick, District Director for District 26, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Mr. Kirk Schuler, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of CNMI; Ms. Cathy Catterson, Circuit and Court of Appeals Executive for the Ninth Circuit; Mr. Robert Epstein, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean and Distinguished Professor of Law, University of California, Irvine School of Law. We hope they will enjoy our beautiful island of Guam, where America's Ninth Circuit day begins. They will join several other distinguished speakers from Guam, including attorneys Jacqueline Terlaje, Bruce Bradley, and Melinda Swavely, who will share their knowledge and experience by giving presentations on several topics relevant to practitioners in the local and federal courts, including topics on ethics, the latest in immigration law, challenging the Government's forensic Experts, and developments in the United States Supreme Court.

In addition, it is with pride that we present our second Annual Report for the District of Guam. This publication covers the court's many accomplishments and innovations over the last year. You are invited to view our report, either in its bound version or electronically on our website at www.gud.uscourts.gov. It contains important information and statistics regarding the work done by the court, not only for the lawyers and the practice of law, but also for the people of Guam.

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