



**DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM
2012 GUAM DISTRICT CONFERENCE
Hilton Guam Resort & Spa, Micronesian Ballroom
Thursday, January 26, 2012**

Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

On behalf of the District Court of Guam, the District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Judiciary of Guam, the Guam Bar Association, and the CNMI Bar Association, welcome to the 2012 Guam District Conference.

The District Conference is extra special this year because the Honorable Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor is a participant. Appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States in 2009, Justice Sotomayor is the court's 111th justice, its first Hispanic justice and its third female justice. One of the highlights of the Justice's visit here will undoubtedly be her "Conversatorio" (conversation) with the Bar during the District Conference.

We would also like to extend a special "Hafa Adai" welcome to our other off island speakers, including The *Honorable Susan P. Graber*, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; The *Honorable Curtis V. Gomez*, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court of the Virgin Islands; The *Honorable Anthony M. Babauta*, Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior; and *Ms. Cathy A. Catterson*, Circuit and Court of Appeals Executive for the Ninth Circuit. We hope they will enjoy our beautiful island of Guam, where America's Ninth Circuit day begins.

They will join our very own local distinguished speakers, the *Honorable Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr.*, U.S. Magistrate Judge, District Court of Guam; the *Honorable Michael J. Bordallo*, Judge, Superior Court of Guam; *Dr. Robert Underwood*, President, University of Guam; and *Attorneys Julian Aguon, Leevin Camacho, William Fitzgerald, June Mair and R. Todd Thompson*.

We hope you enjoy the conference.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase,

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Chief Judge
District Court of Guam

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