



FRANCES M. TYDINGCO-GATEWOOD, Chief Judge  
JOAQUIN V.E. MANIBUSAN, JR., U.S. Magistrate Judge



JOAQUIN C. ARRIOLA, JR.  
9th Circuit Lawyer Representative

## MEMORANDUM

To: All Attorneys, Guam Bar Association Members, and Judicial Officers

From: Chief Judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood, Joaquin C. Arriola, Jr., Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative for District of Guam, and Cynthia V. Ecube, Guam Bar Association President

Date: October 1, 2009

Re: **Annual District Conference - December 7, 2009; Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort, Tamuning**

The District Court of Guam is pleased to announce that the 2009 Annual District Conference will be held on Monday, December 7, 2009, at the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort in Tamuning. The Annual District Conference is the result of joint efforts with the CNMI District Court and the Guam Bar Association. The day-long conference will feature approximately seven hours of CLE credit, including 1.5 hours in ethics credit.

The keynote speaker of this year's conference is Distinguished Professor of Law Erwin Chemerinsky, the Founding Dean of the University of California Irvine, School of Law, which welcomed its first students just this fall. Dean Chemerinsky's vision for the UC Irvine School of Law led him to create an innovative approach to legal education that includes mandatory clinic courses and mentorship with a practicing lawyer. One of the nation's most eminent constitutional scholars, he also gives the Constitutional Law lecture for the BarBri bar review course. He has appeared several times before the U.S. Supreme Court, and notable cases include *Van Orden v. Perry*, where he argued that it was unconstitutional to have a monument of the Ten Commandments on the Texas state capital grounds, and *Tory v. Cochran*, where he represented a dissatisfied former client of famed O.J. Simpson lawyer Johnnie Cochran. Dean Chemerinsky will speak to conference attendees about the *Developments in the U.S. Supreme Court*.

The conference program will include topics that are both educational and exciting. Complaints and concerns about members of the bench and the bar will be discussed by United States 9th Circuit Judge Richard Clifton and U.S. District Judge John Coughenour. The presentation,

*Ethical Complaints Against Lawyers and Judges*, qualifies for 1.5 Ethics CLE credit. Judge Clifton was appointed to the federal bench in 2002 after 25 years as a private attorney in Honolulu, Hawaii. He has lectured at the Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii. Judge Coughenour served as the Chief Judge of the Eastern District of Washington from 1997 to 2004 and assumed senior status in 2006. His extensive courtroom experience includes presiding over the trial of Rick Ross and the Cult Awareness Network, which resulted in a nearly \$5 million award for a Seattle man who accused Ross and the network of violating his civil rights in their cult "deprogramming" efforts.

Forensic evidence, made popular by television shows CSI: Crime Scene Investigators and NCIS, will be discussed by Assistant Federal Public Defender Robert Epstein (Philadelphia, PA). His presentation is entitled *The Scientific Community Speaks: The National Academy of Sciences Report and How Defense Attorneys Can Utilize it to Challenge the Government's Forensic Experts*. Attorney Epstein, who made the first effort to have fingerprint identification declared inadmissible under *Daubert* standards, has published scholarly articles and has lectured widely on the issues of forensic evidence.

The impending federalization of immigration in the CNMI is one of the topics in a panel discussion entitled *Immigration Law and Practices*. The panel will include Assistant U.S. Attorney Kirk Schuler from the District of the CNMI and Region 9 District Director David Gulick of the Department of Homeland Security who will speak about regional developments from the Department of Homeland Security, and immigration practitioner Attorney Melinda Swavely, of the firm Dooley Roberts Fowler, who will present on local practices.

Ms. Cathy Catterson, Circuit and Court of Appeals Executive of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, will give a lunchtime presentation on *Updates in the Ninth Circuit*, which is the largest and busiest judicial circuit in the nation.

Early registration cost for the conference is \$125.00. The deadline for early registration is November 6, 2009; Late and on site registration (after November 6, 2009) is \$150.00. The conference includes CLE certification, continental breakfast, lunch, and program materials. The Annual District Conference is approved for GUAM CLE credit, and excess hours may be transferred to the 2010 reporting period. A registration form is attached. Payment should be made to "Arriola, Cowan & Arriola," and forwarded with the attached registration form to Jay Arriola, Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative. Join us for this year's most engaging continuing legal education program!



**DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM  
2009 ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2009  
Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort  
Tamuning, Guam  
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Name:

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**Deadline for Early Registration is NOVEMBER 6, 2009.**

Early Registration Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ \$125.00

TOTAL: \$125.00

Late Registration Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ \$150.00 after November 6, 2009

TOTAL: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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