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### **CHIEF JUDGE TYDINGCO-GATEWOOD APPOINTS RODNEY J. JACOB, ESQ., AS NINTH CIRCUIT LAWYER REPRESENTATIVE**

The Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief Judge of the District Court of Guam, is pleased to announce her appointment of Rodney J. Jacob, Esq., as the Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative for the District of Guam.

Mr. Jacob joins 164 Lawyer Representatives who have been chosen to represent attorneys practicing in each of the Ninth Circuit's fifteen districts, which include nine western states and two Pacific Island jurisdictions. As our district's Lawyer Representative, Mr. Jacob will work closely with the Chief Judge to improve the overall delivery of public service by the District Court of Guam by enhancing access to the court system and fostering open communication between lawyers and judges.

As the primary liaison between the federal bench and the practicing federal bar, Mr. Jacob is tasked with chairing the Annual District Conference in accordance with national guidelines and is further tasked with publishing the Annual District Report for Guam and presenting such report to the Ninth Circuit.

Mr. Jacob served as Guam's Law Week Committee Co-Chair for the past three years. During his tenure, Guam received the American Bar Association's Outstanding Law Day Activity Award for 2008 and 2009 and was recognized nationally for its outstanding efforts to raise awareness about the legal resources available on the island through the local and federal courts, the Guam Bar membership and the organizations which provide invaluable support to the courts and community.

According to Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood, it was Mr. Jacob's "outstanding tenure as a practicing attorney with our local and federal bar and his immense contribution to our community in providing access to justice" that served as the inspiration for Mr. Jacob's appointment.

Mr. Jacob is a partner in Calvo & Clark's Guam office. He currently serves on the Board of Regents, Georgetown University; Board of Trustees, Catholic Social Services; Board of Directors, Xavier High School, Chuuk; Advisory Board Member, St. Anthony's Catholic School; and International Liaison Partner for the Ateneo de Manila University's Center for Educational Development. Mr. Jacob served as President of the Guam Bar Association from 2005-2007. He is admitted to the bar in California, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Mr. Jacob received his B.S. (1986) and J.D. (1989) from Georgetown University. He was the law clerk to Judge Lawrence Howard, Arizona Court of Appeals (1989-1990) and to Chief Justice Jose Dela Cruz, CNMI Supreme Court (1993-1995).

Mr. Jacob's term of service as our district's Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative expires on September 1, 2013.