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ELECTION OF JOAQUIN CAMACHO ARRIOLA, JR. AS MEMBER OF 9TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS JUDICIAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood is pleased to announce that Attorney Joaquin C. Arriola, Jr., was elected to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judicial Conference Executive Committee during the annual Judicial Conference held last week in Monterey, California. The annual Judicial Conference is a gathering of federal judges from the federal courts within the circuit, along with members of the federal bar, judiciary staff and other government officials. Pursuant to federal law, the conference is held "for the purpose of considering the business of the courts and advising means of improving the administration of justice." In addition to attending business meetings, attendees of the conference participate in various educational programs which focus on important developments in law, the economy, the environment, science and other related fields. Judges and lawyers attending the conference also consider resolutions pertaining to matters of law and the administration of justice. The Judicial Conference's Executive Committee, to which Attorney Arriola was elected as a member by nearly 200 Lawyer Representatives throughout the Ninth Circuit, plans and implements the annual conference. All segments of the court and bar are represented on the 25-member executive committee, including four circuit judges, four district judges, one bankruptcy judge, one full-time magistrate judge, and nine lawyer representatives, six of whom are elected by lawyer representatives for a three-year term.



In January 2007, Attorney Arriola was appointed by the Chief Judge to serve a three-year term as Guam's Lawyer Representative to the Lawyer Representative Coordinating Committee for the Ninth Circuit. As a member of this committee, Attorney Arriola works to provide the nation's largest circuit with services in program planning, conference development, and advocacy initiatives. As the representative for the District of Guam, he works to foster open communications between judges and attorneys, and provides support and advice in the functioning of the court. More specifically, Attorney Arriola serves as a member of other court committees, helps plan and present the Annual District Conference for Guam, and acts as a liaison between the federal bench and the island's practitioners.

Attorney Arriola is a partner in the island's oldest law office, the law firm of Arriola, Cowan & Arriola, and his practice emphasizes criminal defense and civil litigation, as well as family and probate law. Attorney Arriola served for eight years as the President of the Guam Bar Association.

"I am confident that in this new position, Jay will work to represent the interests not only of the attorneys practicing on Guam, but the people of Guam as well," the Chief Judge said. "We are proud that his peers at the Ninth Circuit recognize the important contributions he has made, and will continue to make, to the federal judiciary."