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Annual District Conference

The District Court of Guam will be holding its 2016 District Conference on Thursday, February 4, 2016, at the Guam Hilton Resort and Spa. The conference, which is open to all members of the Guam Bar Association, will commence at 8:30 a.m. in the Micronesian Ballroom until 5:00 p.m. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. with lunch to be served.

Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood and U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan will present the Cristobal C. Duenas Excellence Award at the conference. The Honorable Cristobal C. Duenas passed away on February 14, 2010. His Honor was appointed to the federal bench on December 24, 1969 and after twenty-two years, retired in 1991. He was declared the “Judicial Patriarch of Guam” and “the Ninth Circuit’s bravest pioneer” by fellow jurists. Remarkd the Chief Judge: “To honor the legacy of the late Retired District Judge Cristobal C. Duenas, the Excellence Award recognizes a person or entity for significantly advancing the administration of justice and the legal profession through meritorious deeds or exemplary service. “

She continued, “This year, this honor will be bestowed on the Honorable Alex R. Munson, the former Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands. Chief Judge Munson has generously served as a designated judge for the District Court of Guam for over twenty-seven years and served on appellate panels in our Appellate Division for seven of those years. We’re grateful for his service, his impartial, wise and expeditious adjudication of cases, and most of all, for the example he has set for the legal profession here.”

Guest speakers and topics will include:

- Jay S. Bybee, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, to speak on the topic of the “2015 Supreme Court Review” and “Ethics: Truth in Advocacy”;
- A panel group consisting of Jean Song (In house Counsel for the IRS/Seattle Office), Teri L. Alexander (IRS Agent/Seattle Office), John Camacho (Director/Department of Revenue & Taxation), Marie Benito (Deputy Director/Department of Revenue & Taxation) and Attorney Vince Camacho to discuss working with the IRS & Department of Revenue & Taxation: Do’s & Don’ts;
- A “Conversatorio” with Senior Judge Alex R. Munson and Attorneys Rodney J. Jacob (Lawyer

Representative for District Court) & B. Ann Galey-Keith (Staff Attorney/Judiciary of Guam);

- A panel discussion on the core changes to the to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: 2015 Amendments conducted by Magistrate Judge Joaquin V. E. Manibusan, Jr. and Attorney Rodney J. Jacob; and finally,
- the topic “Ethics Trap: Is representing legalized Marijuana Interests legal?” presented by Attorney Jacqueline T. Terlaje.

Questions about the conference may be addressed to the court’s 9th Circuit Lawyer Representative, Rodney Jacob, Esq. at rjacob@calvofisher.com or (671) 646-9355, or to Charles White, Chief Deputy Clerk, at Charles_white@gud.uscourts.gov or (671) 969-4510.