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CLE Presentation: U.S. Constitutional Rights in the Territories

Hagatna, Guam - The District Court of Guam and the Guam Bar Association will be holding a CLE Presentation on the topic of U.S. Constitutional Rights in the Territories, on Monday, July 2, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Senator Antonio M. Palomo Guam Museum and Chamorro Facility Theatre in Hagatna.



The featured speaker will be the Honorable Gustavo A. Gelpí, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico. Chief Judge Gelpí was born and has lived most of his life in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Chief Judge Gelpí received his B.A. with a concentration in History from Brandeis University in 1987, and his law degree from Suffolk University in 1991. He began his law career as a law clerk to the Honorable Juan M. Pérez-Giménez, an U.S. district judge in Puerto Rico, from 1991-1993. He then worked at the Federal Public Defender's Office from 1993-1996. From 1997-2000, he worked at the Puerto Rico Department of Justice where he served as the Commonwealth's Solicitor General.

Following that, he was appointed U.S. Magistrate Judge in 2001 and served in that position until 2006 when President George W. Bush appointed him as a U.S. District Judge. On April 13 of this year, he became the Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico.

For over two decades, as an attorney and federal judge, Chief Judge Gelpí has participated in numerous cases dealing with the constitutional status of Puerto Rico, as well as the rights of U.S. citizens who reside in the territory. He also serves as an adjunct professor of law and has taught in Puerto Rico and in Hawai'i a course about the constitutional development of overseas U.S. territories. He is also the author of various publications about the subject, including his recent book *The Constitutional Evolution of Puerto Rico and Other U.S. Territories 1898-Present*.

Chief Judge Gelpí will present on (1) Constitutional Law: Article IV, Clause 2 (Property Clause) - Recent Cases Decided Under the Territorial Clause Affecting the Territories, Guam, CNMI, and Other Property Belonging to the U.S.; and (2) Constitutional Law: Contemporary Changes in the Law of the Territories Under Article IV of the Property Clause.

Attorneys Anita P. Arriola and Leevin T. Camacho will give a panel discussion on "Judicial Deference to Congress--When Will it End for Guam and the Territories?" Chief Judge Gelpí will also be joining the panel discussion.