

District Court of Guam



2007-2008 District Report



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Message from the Chief Judge



Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

I am honored to present the first District Report of my term as Chief Judge of the District Court of Guam. Upon my investiture, I had in mind several changes that needed to be made to increase the court's efficiency and more importantly, to improve our court's service to the public and other court users. I am pleased to announce that the last two years have brought about many significant improvements.

To begin with, our courtrooms are now courtrooms of the future. Magistrate Judge Joaquin Manibusan moved into his brand new courtroom located on the third floor, which is outfitted with a state-of-the-art digital evidence presentation system. The jurors and the public alike, as well as attorneys and witnesses here and abroad, are able to see, hear, and participate in hearings in real-time. My courtroom located in the fourth floor has very recently undergone a similar upgrade. The thousands of miles which geographically separate Guam from the rest of the Ninth Circuit has been technologically reduced, and in the end, the public is better served.

We have also launched e-Juror, our web-based juror information system, which allows jurors to view notices from our Juror Administrator, including whether a juror has to report for service on a particular day. This streamlines the jury administration functions for our court. Most recently, more than 80% of our grand jurors regularly utilize our e-Juror system.

Our civil and criminal accounting module has now been implemented, bringing our court up to par with the rest of the United States courts. Our civil and criminal fines and restitution records may now be electronically tracked, locally and nationally, bringing more efficient and effective service to the public through improved monitoring of such payments.

With the advice, guidance and support of Chief Justice Robert J. Torres and the local Drug Court judges, Hon. Steven Unpingco and Arthur Barcinas, we are pleased to announce the opening of the first federal Drug Court in the Pacific region, the second in our circuit, and the seventh in the entire federal judiciary.

Unifying and strengthening the relationship between our local and federal judiciaries has also been a priority for me as well as former Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido and Chief Justice Torres. We have worked together to revive and strengthen the "Taotaomona Violent Fugitive Task Force," which is comprised of our U.S. marshals and the Judiciary of Guam marshals, along with other local and federal law enforcement officers dedicated to apprehending violent fugitives, both on and off island. We have also implemented joint training programs for our clerks, probation officers and information technology staff, to maximize the use of available resources.

All of our accomplishments are the result of our team-driven philosophy and the hard work and commitment of our staff. Judge Manibusan, our judicial staff, Clerk's office, Clerk of Court Jeanne Quinata, and U.S. Chief Probation Officer Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon support me day to day in my job as Chief Judge of this court. I am thankful to each and every one of them. We are also fortunate to have a dedicated lawyer representative in Joaquin Arriola Jr., and a strong Guam Bar Association with hard working officers, all of whom are committed to achieving excellence in the Guam legal community. I thank them for their endless support, and look forward to continuing to work with them in service to our community.

Finally, this year, we pay tribute to one of Guam's greatest jurists – the Honorable Cristobal C. Dueñas. With great wisdom, he has selflessly spent most of his life in service to our legal community, our island, and our nation. It is thus with honor and utmost respect that I dedicate this district report and all of our court's accomplishments to Chief Judge Dueñas, a highly respected jurist, an honorable man, and a legendary mentor to all.

Very truly yours,

Judicial Officers

Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief District Judge



On October 30, 2006, Frances Tydingco-Gatewood was sworn in as the Chief Judge of the District Court of Guam. She became Guam's first Chamorro female Chief Judge of the District Court of Guam, after being recommended by Governor of Guam Felix P. Camacho. President George W. Bush officially nominated Frances to be Chief Judge, and she was subsequently confirmed by the United States Senate.

Prior to the federal bench, Frances served the Judiciary of Guam for more than twelve years. She began her judicial career at the Superior Court of Guam in 1994, where she was a trial judge for eight years. She then served as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, from February 8, 2002 to October 29, 2006, under the leadership of then-Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido, and with fellow Justice Robert J. Torres, Jr., the current Chief Justice.

Frances's record of dedicated public service began as a prosecutor at the Office of the Attorney General on Guam and the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office in Missouri. She was also a designated federal prosecutor for the United States Attorney's Offices in Guam and in Kansas City, Missouri. Frances returned home to Guam in 1990, and became the island's first Chamorro female Chief Prosecutor, serving in that capacity for four years. She served as a prosecutor for a period of ten years from 1984 to 1994.

Frances earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1980 from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1983, Frances obtained her Juris Doctorate law degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

She is currently a member of three Ninth Circuit Court committees: the Conference of Chief District Judges, the Conference of Chief Bankruptcy Judges, and the Pacific Islands Committee. She also serves as a co-chairperson for the Pacific Judicial Council Education Committee.

Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr., Magistrate Judge

On February 9, 2004, Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. began his term as the first U.S. Magistrate Judge of the District Court of Guam. He was appointed to an eight-year term by then-Chief Judge John S. Unpingco.

Prior to his appointment to the federal bench, Joaquin served as a Judge of the Superior Court of Guam from October 20, 1995, to February 7, 2004. Joaquin gained further judicial experience serving as a Designated District Judge for the District Court of Guam from 1995 to 2004, a Designated Justice for the Supreme Court of Guam in 1999, and a Pro Tem Judge for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands from 1999 to 2003.

Joaquin received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley in 1971. He attended Boalt Hall School of Law at UC Berkeley where he received his Juris Doctorate degree in 1974. He was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1974, the Guam Bar in 1975, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 1988.

Joaquin began his legal career as an Assistant Attorney General for the Government of Guam, assigned to the Civil Division from January 1975 to May 1977. He later went into private practice as a solo practitioner. Joaquin was legal counsel to various Government of Guam boards and agencies. He also served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Guam from Fall 1997 to Spring 2001 and in the Summer and Fall of 2002.

He is currently a member of the Magistrate Judge's Executive Board Committee of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Court Appointments and Milestones

Jeanne G. Quinata, Clerk of Court

Appointed Clerk of Court in August 2007 by Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Jeanne G. Quinata brings to the federal court eight years of experience in public service at the Judiciary of Guam.



Prior to her tenure at the District Court, Ms. Quinata was appointed the Clerk of Court for the Supreme Court of Guam by Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido. She served in this capacity for approximately two years, during which time the Supreme Court made significant advances in the streamlining of services provided by the unified Guam courts. She also served as a Staff Attorney and Research Attorney at the Supreme Court.

Ms. Quinata was born and raised on Guam, and resides in the beautiful village of Umatac. She attended Marquette University, and in 1996 graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology and Law Studies. She continued to law school, and earned her Juris Doctorate degree from University of Wisconsin in 1999. Following law school, Ms. Quinata was a law clerk at the Superior Court of Guam for then-Judge Tydingco-Gatewood, and Judge Anita A. Sukola.

With Ms. Quinata's team-based management philosophy and keen appreciation of the importance of customer service, the District Court's operations, both in the courtrooms and in the Clerk's Office, continue to be streamlined and improved for the benefit of court employees and the customers they serve.

Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon, Chief U.S. Probation Officer

Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon was appointed by Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood and Chief Judge Alex R. Munson as Chief U.S. Probation Officer for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands on November 29, 2008 and December 13, 2008, respectively. She leads the only Probation Office in the nation that serves two separate district courts.



Joseph Aguon, Julia Villagomez, Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon, and Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood

Born and raised on Guam, Ms. Villagomez-Aguon graduated from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam in 1976. She went on to receive her bachelor's degree in Psychology and Criminal Justice from Sacred Heart College in North Carolina in 1980. Her public service career began with the Government of Guam as a social worker and social services supervisor. She left GovGuam for employment with the federal government where she served as a U.S. Probation Officer for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands for fourteen years before her appointment as Chief.

It is Ms. Villagomez-Aguon's philosophy that an individual's success is dependent on the quality of that person's life. To improve the quality of life will not only enable success while on supervision, but will decrease the possibility of recidivism. It is her goal to continue the U.S. Probation Office's mission to improve its service to the court, its consumers, and the community.





John T. Gorman, Federal Public Defender

John T. Gorman is currently serving his second term as the Federal Public Defender for the island of Guam. He was first appointed as the Federal Public Defender by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 2003. He was re-appointed in 2007 and his terms runs until November 2011.



Mr. Gorman first came to Guam in 1997 and served as an Assistant Federal Public Defender for the Guam office for six years, until his appointment in 2003. Prior to coming to Guam, Mr. Gorman was a Public Defender in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from 1992 to 1997. He received his law degree from Northeastern University in 1992.

Mr. Gorman's dedication to working for the public is reflected in his service as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer. While volunteering in the Republic of the Philippines from 1982-1985, he lived in a tribal Igorot mountain village in the Northern Philippines and helped design, build and maintain a drinking water system to ensure safe, potable water. In addition, he worked in the Bataan and Palawan Indochinese Refugee Camps in the Philippines from 1985-1989. He assisted in the resettlement of Lao, Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees who had fled repressive regimes in their homelands.

Joaquin C. Arriola, Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative

Appointed by Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood in 2007 to serve a three-year term, Attorney Arriola is Guam's Lawyer Representative to the Lawyer Representative Coordinating Committee [LRCC] for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The LRCC includes the Chair or Co-Chairs of every lawyer representative delegation throughout the Ninth Circuit. The LRCC provides the circuit with important services in program planning, conference development, and advocacy initiatives that the Chief Judges may call upon members of the bar to undertake. As Guam's Lawyer Representative, Attorney Arriola also serves as liaison to the bench and bar and island community.



Attorney Arriola is an active litigator and has been practicing in the federal court system for nearly twenty years. He is a partner with Guam's oldest law office, the law firm of Arriola, Cowan & Arriola. As a trial attorney, Jay's practice emphasizes criminal defense and civil litigation, and includes family and probate law as well. He served as the President of the Guam Bar Association for eight years, and currently serves as the Guam Bar Delegate to the American Bar Association House of Delegates.

The Court at a Glance



The District Court of Guam was created in 1950 through the Organic Act of Guam. At that time, the Organic Act granted the District Court of Guam original jurisdiction over cases arising under federal law and cases not transferred by the Guam Legislature to local courts, as well as appellate jurisdiction as to be determined by the Guam Legislature. Congress later expanded the court's jurisdiction to include diversity jurisdiction.

Shortly after the enactment of the Organic Act, the Guam Legislature created its local court system. It also granted the District Court appellate jurisdiction over certain civil and criminal decisions coming out of the local court. In 1958, Congress approved of such local law by amending the Organic Act to require that appeals to the District Court of Guam be heard by an appellate division consisting of three judges. In 1974, the Guam Legislature created the Superior Court of Guam to replace the existing local court structure. Thus, beginning in 1974, the local courts exercised exclusive original jurisdiction over cases arising under local Guam law (except cases also arising under federal law or related to Guam territorial income tax). As a result, the District Court of Guam was divested of original jurisdiction over cases arising under local law. Finally, upon the establishment of the Supreme Court of Guam in 1994 through the passage of the Frank G. Lujan Memorial Court Reorganization Act, the District Court of Guam was divested of appellate jurisdiction over all local matters.

Today, as a result of the above amendments to the Organic Act of Guam, the District Court of Guam exercises exclusive federal jurisdiction. It has the same jurisdiction as that of any Article III district court of the United States, to include federal question and diversity jurisdiction. In addition, the District Court of Guam has the jurisdiction of a United States bankruptcy court and is Guam's tax court.

Because of its location and combined nature (district and bankruptcy jurisdiction), the District Court of Guam sees a large variety of cases. For example, since January 2007, in the civil realm, personal injury, contracts, civil rights, prisoner, labor, trademark, habeas corpus, RICO, forfeiture/penalty, and other cases have been filed. In addition, the court's criminal case filings since January 2007 consist of drugs, theft/destruction of property, firearms, white-collar/fraud, immigration and other miscellaneous cases. Finally, since January 2007, our bankruptcy court continues to handle Chapter 7, 11, and 13 filings.

At present, two judicial officers serve the District Court: one Chief District Judge, Hon. Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, and one Magistrate Judge, Hon. Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr.. The court's chambers functions are supported by two judicial assistants and four law clerks. Administration of the court has been delegated by the Chief Judge to the Clerk of Court, Jeanne G. Quinata, whose staff includes a Chief Deputy Clerk, Rosita San Nicolas, and fourteen deputy clerks.

The Court is also served by the United States Probation/Pre-trial Services Office. The Chief U.S. Probation Officer, Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon, has two supervising probation officers, six probation officers and five Information Technology/Administrative Services staff members. The office handles pre-trial and post-sentence supervision of defendants, as well as pre-sentence investigations and reporting.

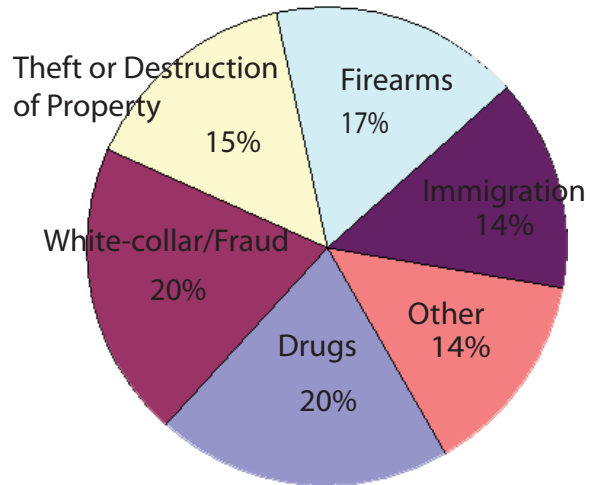
The District Court of Guam sits within the United States Courts for the Ninth Circuit. The largest of all federal circuits, the Ninth Circuit consists of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the federal and bankruptcy courts in 15 federal judicial districts.



District Case Statistics

Criminal Case Statistics

Types of Criminal Felonies Filed Since January 1, 2007



Criminal Defendant Case Filings
12-month Period Ending March 31

Year	# Defendants
2007	139
2008	126

Magistrate Proceedings - Felony Proceedings
for the 12-Month Period Ending September 30

Year	Total	Search Warrants	Arrest Warrants	Initial Appearances	Sup. Rel. Revocation Hearings	Arraignments	Detention/Bail Hearings	Felony Guilty Pleas
2007	295	7	74	112	15	80	7	
2008	334	8	98	98	6	68	10	46

Civil Violations Bureau Proceedings
12-Month Period Ending September 30

Year	Issued	Heard	Pled/Paid	Dismissed
2007	203	137	29	61
2008	100	39	7	61

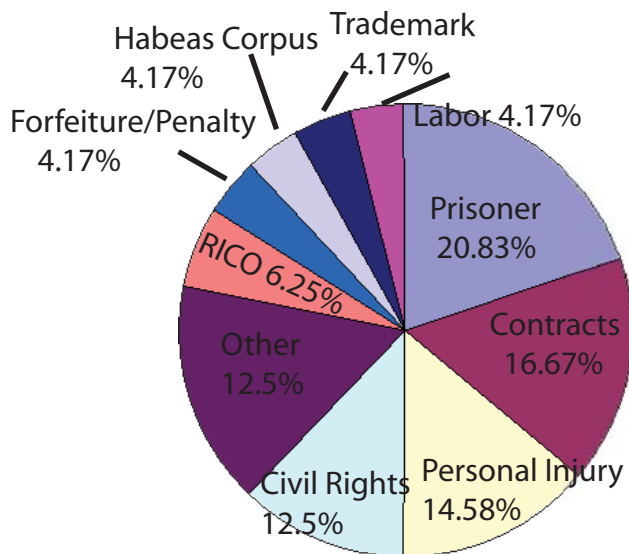
Probation/Pretrial Statistics
12-Month Period Ending July 31, 2008

Pretrial	
Cases activated (regular):	127
Cases activated (diversion):	8
Pretrial Supervision Cases:	115
Pretrial Diversion Supervision Cases:	8
Presentence	
Presentence reports completed:	74
Post-Sentence	
Probation/TSR Supervision Cases:	252



Civil Case Statistics

Types of Civil Cases Filed Since January 1, 2007

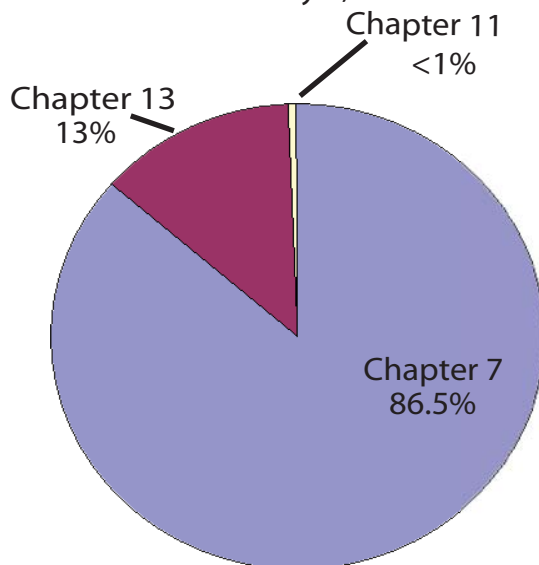


Civil Filings
12-months Ending September 30th

Year	# Cases
2007	38
2008	20

Bankruptcy Case Statistics

Types of Bankruptcy Cases Filed Since January 1, 2007



Bankruptcy Filings
12-month Period Ending September 30

Year	Chapter 7	Chapter 11	Chapter 13
2007	106	1	14
2008	105	0	19

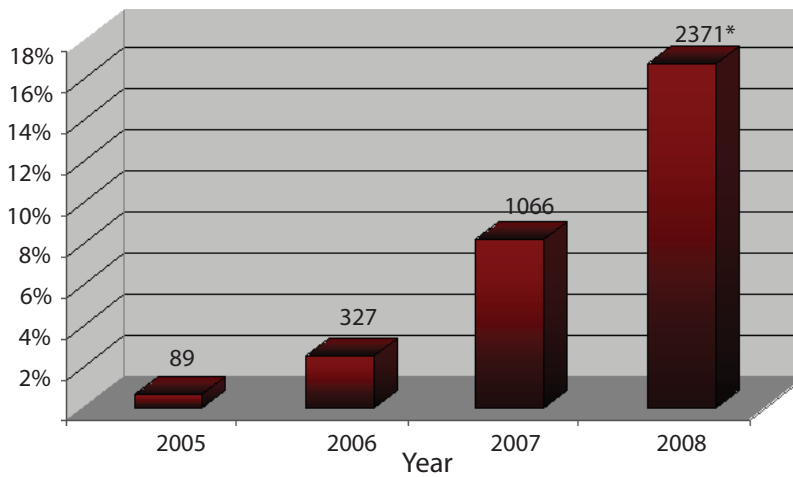
Innovations and Accomplishments

Case Management and Electronic Filing

The Court implemented CM/ECF, a browser-based, internet-accessible case management system capable of supporting electronic filing for bankruptcy cases, in May of 2004. A similar system for criminal and civil cases was brought online in the district in August of 2005. Both bankruptcy and civil documents are available online in PDF format from January 1, 2002, and criminal documents are available in electronic form since January 1, 2005. Electronic service was made widely available to the district's bar and public early in 2007, and currently most practitioners take advantage of this feature.

Currently, approximately 16% of all filings are done electronically from outside the Clerk's Office. Electronic filing will become mandatory in the near future.

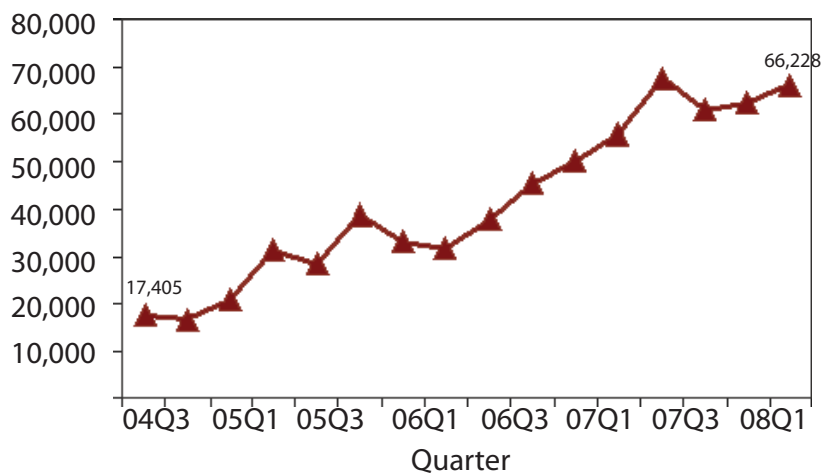
Percentage of Documents Filed Electronically



* Projection based upon filings through Sept. 2008.

The read-only reporting module of the CM/ECF systems is commonly referred to as PACER, which is an acronym for Public Access to Court Electronic Records, and the court has seen its usage increase dramatically over the last several years.

PACER Pages Downloaded





Financial Administration

After several months of preparation, the District Court of Guam announced the implementation of its Civil/Criminal Accounting Module, or CCAM financial system in February 2008. This integrated financial system automates the court special assessment, fine, and restitution records from handwritten manual ledgers and spreadsheets. This new system streamlines the receipting, disbursing, and funds management system for the court's civil and criminal cases. Victims in criminal cases should receive their restitution in a more expeditious fashion. In addition, because of the District Court of Guam's bankruptcy jurisdiction, its CCAM system includes a pilot customized functionality that integrates bankruptcy cases. In sum, the court is now able to track civil and criminal debt (e.g. fines, restitution, etc.) in a much more efficient way.



Shirlene A. Ishizu, Financial Administrator, and Gabriel Pereda, Financial Specialist

Advancements in Jury Management

The District Court of Guam is pleased to announce two significant innovations in the management of jury services.

"One Month/One Trial"

Under the court's version of the "One Month/One Trial" system, once a juror is chosen to serve, he or she is excused for a period of two years after service on a single trial. If the juror is not chosen to serve, then he or she is eligible to serve on a trial scheduled to commence within one month from the date summoned to serve. When the one-month period expires, then the juror is excused from further service for a period of two years. This system reduces the burden on individual jurors and provides an opportunity for more people to perform this important civic duty. The jurors have expressed great satisfaction with the implementation of this new system, and, based on the positive experience, many jurors have expressed a desire to serve again as jurors even if they have been excused from further jury service.

The system adopted by the District Court of Guam is a modified version of the system recommended by the Jury Trial Improvement Committee and Judge William H. Alsup, Northern District of California. This committee was established in 2002 by the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit to develop and implement innovative approaches that both improve the juror experience for citizens and contribute to better court management of the jury system.



Jury Administrator Marilyn Alcon, assisted by Walter Tenorio

e-Juror

Through the use of technology, the duty of serving as a juror at the District Court of Guam is now significantly easier, both for the Clerk's Office and the potential juror. Using the e-Juror system, those citizens called to play this important role in the justice system need only log on to the system through the District Court website, to receive notices from the jury administrator regarding their service. Upon receiving the information, they submit their acknowledgment online, making the dissemination of information easier, faster and more convenient.

District Court

Courtroom Technology

The District Court of Guam opened its new Magistrate Judge's Courtroom in May 2007. The courtroom is perhaps one of the most technologically advanced courtrooms in the nation, featuring a myriad of digital video and audio equipment designed for today's advanced litigation. Dozens of federal and local dignitaries joined Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. in opening the facility, which cost more than \$2 million and took a little over a year to complete. The new courtroom includes video teleconferencing, juror monitors, assisted listening, plasma video screens, and the latest in courtroom technology. The project also included the construction of a new grand jury suite, two attorney-witness rooms, and an expansion of the magistrate judge's chambers.



Demonstration of Courtroom Technology at 2007 District Conference

The audio and video systems in the courtroom of the Chief Judge on the fourth floor were upgraded in May 2008. Improvements included: a new sound system, eight new evidence display monitors in the jury box, a new multimedia podium, a new document camera, and a new video conferencing system and cameras.



New Monitors for 4th Floor Main Courtroom

United States Probation Office

The U.S. Probation Office has been working to improve its service delivery to its consumers and the community. Some of the new programs implemented recently are:

The Defendant/Offender Workforce Development Program in Guam and Saipan continues to be a work in progress. It was initiated with a full-day workshop on topics such as how to write a resume, dressing for success and how to behave during a job interview. Networking with the local Chambers of Commerce, the Departments of Labor and the One Stop Career Centers continues to assist defendants/offenders in obtaining employment.

The first Pacific Islands District Court Drug Offender Re-Entry (DORE) Program was implemented in Guam on August 21, 2008 with 10 participants. Participants will be participating in intensive treatment and supervision. A treatment team comprising of treatment providers, DORE probation officers, the Federal Public Defender, and the U.S. Attorney will make recommendations to the District Court during the participants' monthly court hearings.

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1st Pacific Islands District Court Drug Offender Re-Entry Program Hearing, August 21, 2008

From left to right: Federal Public Defender John Gorman, Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan Jr., U.S. Attorney Leonardo Rapadas, Chief U.S. Probation Officer Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon, Judge Steven Unpingco, Judge Anita Sukola, and Attorney General Alicia Limtiaco.

The Bureau of Prisons eDesignate Program was also implemented in 2007 and provides for the electronic transmission of documents from the U.S. Probation Office and U.S. Marshals Service to the Bureau of Prisons' Designation and Sentencing Computation Office. This program helps to speed up the process of designating a facility for defendants ordered to serve a term of imprisonment or intermittent and community confinement.

In May 2008, a U.S. Probation Office website was launched. The website provides general information to the public and is also client-centered. Through it, the public may check the calendar for probation office announcements or events, or link to other agencies for information and services. Clients, in particular, can more directly communicate via email with their probation officer and access documents necessary to meet their supervision requirements. The U.S. Probation Office website is at www.gup.uscourts.gov.



DORE Program meeting





Federal Public Defender

The Guam FPD has an eclectic and growing caseload. The office opened 202 new cases and closed 193 cases with our two attorney staff in FY 2007. That was a 33% increase over the previous year. The majority of the Guam FPD caseload consists of methamphetamine hydrochloride or "ice" importation and distribution cases. Immigration offenses such as alien smuggling and passport fraud are the second largest portion of the caseload. This office handles a number of theft of government property, wire fraud, bank embezzlement, extradition and firearm violation offenses. The Guam FPD has also represented U.S. citizens imprisoned in the Republic of Korea and Thailand, who are eligible for transfer to U.S. institutions under the U.S./Thailand Prisoner Transfer Treaty. The Guam FPD also handles criminal appeals and oral arguments before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Staff:

Federal Public Defender	John T. Gorman
Senior Litigator	Richard Arens
Administrative Officer	Lita M. Arriola
Operations Supervisor	Renate Doehl
Computer Systems Administrator	Chris Mantanona
Investigator	Alexander Modaber

Office of the United States Attorney

The U.S. Attorney's Office's primary responsibilities are the prosecution of criminal cases, the prosecution and defense of civil cases, and the collection of debts owed to the Federal government.

In addition to these duties, the U.S. Attorney's Office has several national initiatives directed at gun crime prevention, cybercrime, gang prevention, and human trafficking. For example, as part of Project Child Safe, 10,000 free gunlocks were distributed in Guam and Saipan to help the communities keep children safe from guns. In addition, community outreach programs have been conducted:

- ◆ Project Safe Childhood Presentations to Youth for Youth Leaders, Island Girl Power, Upward Bound, Building Partners to End Violence Conference,
- ◆ Youth for Youth Conference,
- ◆ Human Trafficking Presentation to Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence, and
- ◆ Cybercrime Presentation at the Judicial Juvenile Conference

The U.S. Attorney's Office also sponsors training programs for law enforcement on many different topics. The following were held in 2007-2008:

- ◆ Human Trafficking Training - Guam and Saipan
- ◆ Gang Summit - Guam and Saipan
- ◆ Search and Seizure and Asset Forfeiture Training
- ◆ Protecting Our Youth From Online Predators - Guam and Saipan
- ◆ Gang Prevention and Awareness Training for Law Enforcement
- ◆ Identity Theft Training for Industry - Guam and Saipan
- ◆ Identity Theft Training for Law Enforcement - Guam and Saipan
- ◆ Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) National Certification Course - Guam

United States Marshals Service

The United States Marshals Service (“USMS”) has recently celebrated its 219th birthday since its creation by the first U.S. Congress in the Judiciary Act of 1789. Originally, U.S. Marshals were placed in each federal judicial district and were given broad authority to support the federal courts and to carry out all lawful orders issued by judges, Congress, and the President. Today, the primary responsibilities of U.S. Marshals include protecting federal judges and witnesses, transporting federal prisoners, apprehending federal fugitives, and managing assets seized from criminal enterprises.

During the last two years, the USMS Guam Office has brought home two Guam natives to fill vacancies within the service, CI/DUSM Tanya R.S. Muna and CI/DUSM John C. Untalan, Jr.. In addition, Deputy Muna is the first female of Chamorro descent to be assigned to the District of Guam.

The USMS has also recently launched the Federal Career Intern Program (FCIP) in Guam. This program is designed to assist the agency to recruit and attract exceptional individuals to become part of the USMS family. The Office is pleased to announce that Deputy Marciano J.I. Patricio is one of the first graduates of the FCIP in the district.

The Centralized Student Career Experience Program (CSCEP) is another innovative program recently implemented by the USMS Office in Guam. The CSCEP is a 16-week cooperative work/study program in which students interested in becoming a deputy marshal can receive on the job training and work experience with the Service. Presently, the District of Guam has two potential candidates who have applied for this program.

Operation FALCON (Federal and Local Cops Organized Nationally) is a nationwide fugitive apprehension operation coordinated by the USMS combining the resources of federal, state, city, and county law enforcement agencies in a joint effort to locate and apprehend criminals wanted for crimes of violence. Operation FALCON took place between June 9 - 11, 2008. Participating agencies included, GPD, FBI, DEA, Guam Customs, US Fish and Wildlife, NOAA, and Superior Court of Guam Marshals, and a total of 47 warrants for violent offenders, gang offenders, and sex offenders were targeted. Of the 47 warrants, 34 subjects were apprehended.

Guam Bar Association

The Guam Bar Association is an Integrated Bar and is comprised of 280 active members and 130 inactive members. Presently, the officers and Board of Governors serving for the current two year term from 2006 to 2008 are: Rawlen Mantanona, President; Rodney Jacob, Past President; Cynthia V. Ecube, Vice President; John Terlaje, Secretary; Phillip Tydingco, Treasurer; Maria T. Cenzone, At large Board of Governors; and Harold Parker, At large Board of Governors.

The recent accomplishments by the President and Board include the establishment of a non-profit organization known as LASH, Inc., or Legal Aid Self Help, Inc. This organization was founded by the GBA to assist pro se parties in representing themselves before the courts of Guam. The organization began its first fund-raising event with the 1st Annual Charity Golf Tournament on April 19, 2008. The tournament successfully raised approximately \$4,500. Proceeds from the event were used to infuse capitalization for LASH, and to provide resources to be used by pro se litigants, and recipients of LASH, Inc.’s services.

Secondly, GBA in conjunction with the Unified Courts of Guam celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Law Day from April 27, 2008 to May 4, 2008. The celebration included a law week fair which involved several events, including mock trials conducted by the island’s middle school and elementary school children, GBA’s 5k Run/Walk on April 27, 2008, dubbed Race Judicata, small educational forums held by organizations, such as Ina’ Fa Maolek, and numerous booth displays sponsored by civic and community outreach organizations, the local Judiciary and the Federal Court.

For more information on the Guam Bar Association, please log on to www.guambar.org.



District Committees

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Committee

Hon. Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr., Chair
 John S. Unpingo
 Patrick Wolff
 Sandra E. Cruz
 William Gavras
 David P. Ledger
 Wilfred R. Mann
 Judith P. Hattori
 Geraldine A. Cepeda

Building Security Committee

Hon. Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Chair
 Hon. Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr.,
 Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon
 Jeanne G. Quinata
 Richard Lumagui
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Family members of the late Edward L.G. Aguon, retired Clerk of Court, present historical memorabilia to the Judicial History and Arts Committee.



Community Outreach

From opening the doors for tours to speaking at Career Day events, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood has expressed her dedication to educating the people of Guam about the judicial system and the functions of the third branch of Government. The District Court of Guam has welcomed students of the island's schools, such as the Guam Adventist Academy, to tour the courthouse, from the state-of-the-art courtrooms, to the holding cells in the United States Marshals Office, to the Clerk's Office. The court has also welcomed students from around the world, including high schools from Seoul, South Korea, and law students from the Doshisha University in Japan.



Annual District Conference, October 2007

On October 5, 2007, the court hosted the annual District Conference, held, for the first time, at the District Court of Guam courthouse. More than 100 judicial officers, lawyers, and court staff attended the annual event. Distinguished speakers include Chief Judge Mary Schroeder of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and Senior Judge Consuelo B. Marshall of the Central District of California.

On Law Day, May 1, 2008, the court held an Open House for the public to tour the building, and was the venue for a presentation by the Academy of Our Lady of Guam mock trial team, prior to their departure for national competition.



Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood and Senator Jim Espaldon with Guam Adventist Academy students on Law Day 2008

Throughout the year, the court conducts naturalization ceremonies to welcome new citizens to the United States. It is a duty and privilege of the judges of the District Court of Guam to swear in new citizens, and special ceremonies are held during historically significant days. On Independence Day, July 4, 2007, Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood and Magistrate Judge Manibusan participated in a ceremony at the Governor's Complex in Adelup. The court also held a naturalization ceremony on Law Day, May 1, 2008.

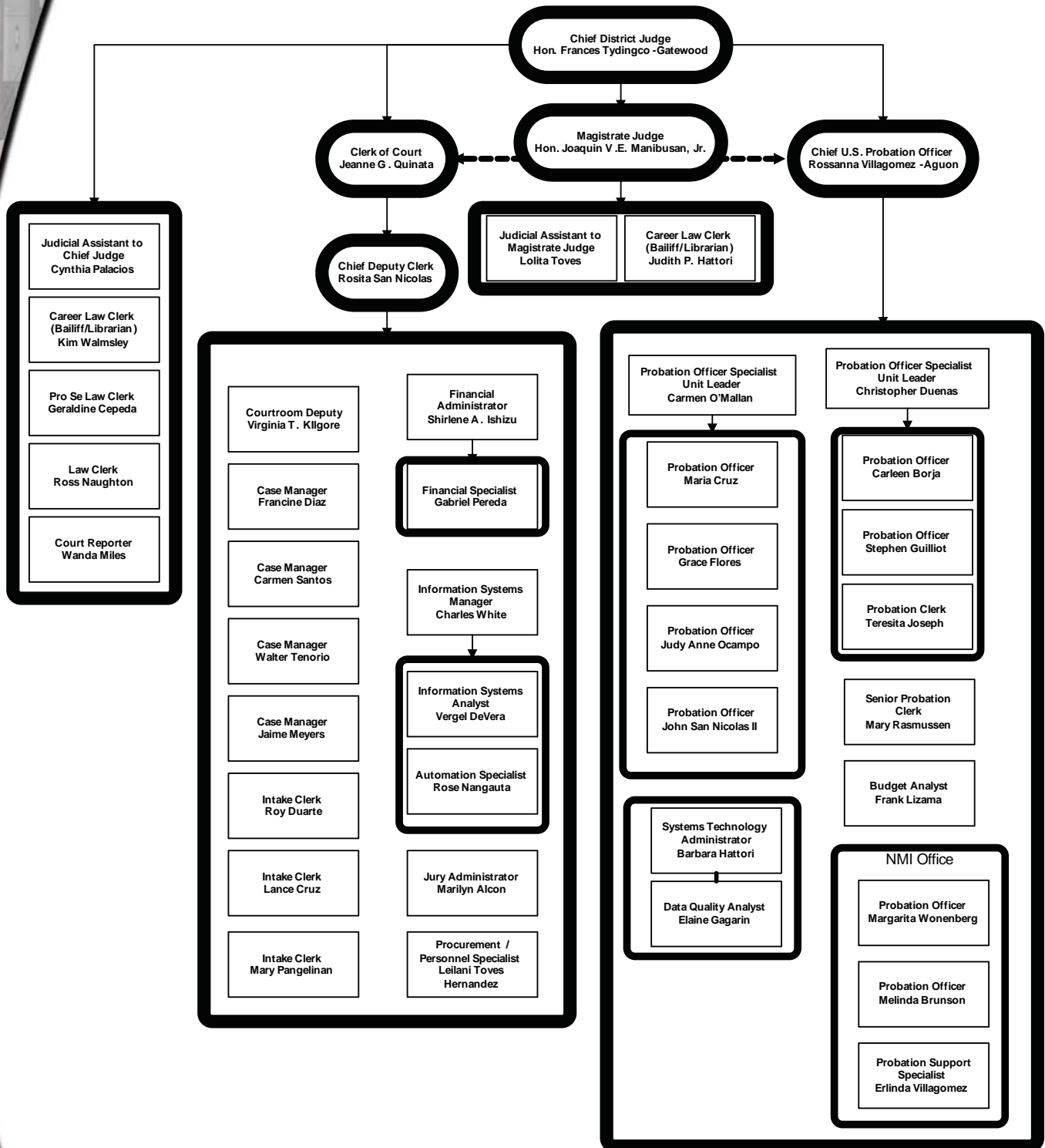


New citizens taking their Oath of Allegiance at the special Naturalization Ceremony held at Adelup, July 4, 2007

For interested school groups, tours may be scheduled upon the submission of a tour application, available online at <http://www.gud.uscourts.gov/forms/GroupTourRequest.pdf>



District Court of Guam Organizational Chart



District Directory

Chief District Judge: Frances Tydingco-Gatewood
 Judicial Assistant: Cynthia T. Palacios 473-9200
 Law Clerk: Kim Walmsley 473-9136

Magistrate Judge: Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr.
 Judicial Assistant: Lolita Toves 473-9180
 Law Clerk: Judith P. Hattori 473-9164

Clerk of Court: Jeanne G. Quinata
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	Lead	Alternate 1	Alternate 2
Civil Cases	Virginia T. Kilgore 473-9141	Francine Diaz 473-9120	Jaime Meyers 473-9141
Criminal Cases	Marilyn Alcon 473-9138	Walter Tenorio 473-9147	Carmen Santos 473-9173
Bankruptcy Cases	Francine Diaz 473-9120	Jaime Meyers 473-9141	Marilyn Alcon 473-9138
Miscellaneous Cases	Francine Diaz 473-9120		
Courtroom Activities (4th Floor)	Virginia Kilgore 473-9141	Carmen Santos 473-9173	
Courtroom Activities (3rd Floor)	Walter Tenorio 473-9147	Francine Diaz 473-9120	
Jury Matters	Marilyn Alcon 473-9138	Walter Tenorio 473-9147	
Naturalization Ceremonies	Marilyn Alcon 473-9138	Walter Tenorio 473-9147	
CJA Voucher (Vouchers)	Virginia Kilgore 473-9141	Carmen Santos 473-9173	
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Tribute to the Honorable Cristobal C. Dueñas



Honorable Cristobal C. Dueñas

Chief District Judge, 1969-1986

Senior Judge, 1986-1991

The Honorable Cristobal C. Dueñas was first appointed Chief Judge of the District Court of Guam by President Richard Nixon on December 11, 1969. President Jimmy Carter re-appointed him for a second term on May 10, 1978. He continued to serve as Chief Judge, formally assuming the status of Senior Judge in 1988 after eighteen years of service as Chief Judge. He remained in Senior status until his retirement from the Court in 1991, after twenty-two years of selfless service as a federal judge.