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Significant cases of the District Court of Guam

Laguana v. Ansell, 102 F. Supp. 919 (D. Guam 1952)

Judge Paul Shriver concluded that the Guam territorial income tax was not a federal tax collected by the United States, but a territorial tax allowed by § 31 of the Organic Act. "I hold that the effect of Sec. 31 is to impose a territorial tax to be collected by the proper officials of the Government of Guam."

Vicente R. Palomo v. United States, 188 F. Supp. 633 (D. Guam 1960)

A private landowner who had leased property to the United States filed suit against the federal government to recover for damage to his property. Judge Gilmartin determined that the landowner's suit was allowed under tort or contract theory, and also under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

Andrew M. Gayle v. Governor of Guam, 414 F. Supp. 636 (D. Guam 1976)

In the aftermath of Typhoon Pamela, gubernatorial executive orders declared martial law and established a curfew for the island. Judge Duenas struck down these executive orders as unconstitutional, finding that "while the Organic Act authorized the Governor to declare martial law, he may exercise that authority only in case of rebellion or invasion, or imminent danger thereof."

Territorial Prosecutor v. Superior Court of Guam, Civil Case No. 82-0215 (D. Guam App. Div. May 26, 1983) (unreported opinion)

Judges Duenas, Gilliam and Laureta, in an Appellate Division panel decision, struck down the Guam law that created the Office of Territorial Prosecutor. Judge Duenas,writing for the panel, found the Act to be "inconsistent with the mandate of Organic Act in that it impermissibly encroaches upon the Governor's removal powers as set forth in 48 U.S.C. § 1422."

Government of Guam v. Superior Court of Guam, Civil Case No. 91-00076 (D. Guam App. Div. Nov. 18, 1991) (unpublished order), aff'd, 998 F.2d 754 (9th Cir. 1993)

Dai-Ichi Hotel argued that an action for a rebate of income taxes under a provision of local contract law should be go forward in the Superior Court. Judges Goodwin, Crocker, and Munson, in an Appellate Division decision, held that "the Organic Act contemplated that all suits for a refund of income taxes, whatever the basis for the suit, be brought in the District Court." The Ninth Circuit affirmed, writing that "a specific provision of the tax code need not be the central issue in the case; rather, taxes need only be involved."

United States v. Mi Kyung Byun, Criminal Case No. 00-00049 (D. Guam May 3, 2007) (unpublished order), aff'd, 539 F.3d 982 (9th Cir. 2008)

After Mi Kyung Byun pleaded guilty to "importation into the United States of any alien for the purpose of prostitution," Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood determined that the defendant had committed a "sex offense" within the meaning of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. The Ninth Circuit affirmed this question of first impression, holding that importation of an alien for purposes of prostitution does indeed constitute such a "sex offense," and therefore requires compliance with the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act.



Hon. Paul D. Shriver Judge, 1951-1959 and 1961-1969



Hon. Eugene Gilmartin Judge, 1959-1961



Hon. Cristobal C. Duenas Judge, 1969-1988 Senior Judge, 1988-1991

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Hon. John S. Unpingco Chief Judge, 1992-2004



Hon. Frances Tydingco-Gatewood Chief Judge, 2006-present



Hon. Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. Magistrate Judge, 2004-present



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Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

This year, we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the District Court of Guam. In 1950, the Organic Act of Guam was signed into law, creating the District Court of Guam, and forever changing Guam's history. Governor Carlton Skinner, at the inaugural opening ceremony of the District Court of Guam, underscored the importance of the judiciary to a system of democracy: "In these closing days of the mid-century, when our country faces one of the gravest internal crises of its history, the integrity, the wisdom and the equality of our judicial system is a mark of the inherent strength of America and the American people " Judge Paul D. Shriver, the first judge of the court, echoed such sentiments: "The opening of this court marks another milestone to bring democratic freedom to people everywhere." Indeed, with the establishment of three branches of government for our island, the Organic Act has laid the foundation for the democratic form of government that we know today.

Our 2010 District Report includes highlights of our court's sixty years of history, in addition to reports from the Clerk's Office, U.S. Probation Office, Federal Public Defender, United States Attorney, U.S. Marshals Service, and our Ninth Circuit Representative. In addition to browsing through our commemorative report, I invite you to visit our multimedia kiosk located outside of our fourth floor courtroom, where you will be able to interactively learn about our court's history and browse through a gallery of historical photographs. I also invite you to learn about the Judicial History & Arts Society of Guam, a non-profit and independent corporation, whose goal is to collect, preserve and display the history and arts associated with the judiciary of Guam.

As we commemorate our 60th Anniversary, we must also honor and pay tribute to two very fine people in our District Court family who have left this world for a greater one. We honor and remember the Honorable Cristobal C. Duenas, Retired Judge of the District Court of Guam, who passed away on February 14, 2010. His Honor was appointed to the federal bench on December 24, 1969 and became the first Chamorro federal judge. After twenty-two years, he retired in 1991. Declared the "Judicial Patriarch of Guam" and "the Ninth Circuit's bravest pioneer," by fellow jurists, Judge Duenas' contribution to our island's judicial history is unmatched. He lived a life of faith, integrity, dignity, and goodness, and will be so revered.

We also honor and remember one of our finest probation officers, Ms. Carmen Dolores O'Mallan, also known as "Dolly," who passed away unexpectedly on October 20, 2010. Carmen began her career with the U.S. Probation Office in 1987 as Guam's first female U.S. Probation Officer. At the time of her death, she was a U.S. Probation Officer Specialist. She was due to retire on June 30, 2011. As a former social worker, Carmen spent many days and nights fighting to improve the lives of children and their families. She carried this same philosophy to the U.S. Probation Office where she actively encouraged her clients to become productive members of our island. We will miss her dearly.

As eloquently stated by Judge Shriver in 1950, regarding the work of those in the court system: "[We must] maintain the highest standard of conduct so that those who come after us will know that we have done our best." Without a doubt, Judge Duenas, and Carmen, did their best.

HISTORY OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM



President Harry S. Truman signing the Organic Act of Guam in 1950, establishing the civil government for Guam and creating the District Court of Guam.

The establishment of a civil government on Guam was envisioned by President Harry S. Truman, who stated: "It is the announced aim of this Government to accord civil government and a full measure of civil rights to the inhabitants of its Pacific territories. The accomplishment of this objective will be furthered by the transfer of these territories to civilian administration and the enactment of

organic legislation at the earliest practicable date."

In 1950, a civil government of Guam became a reality with the passage of the Organic Act of Guam (Pub.L. 81-630, codified at 48 U.S.C. § 1421 et seq. (1950)).

The Organic Act of Guam created a territorial court, the District Court of Guam, and vested it with 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



The Guam Congress Building, located in Hagatna, Guam, served as the first home of the District Court of Guam from 1950 to 1968.



Left to right: U.S. Marshal Antonio Camacho Baza, Deputy Clerk Jesus A. Crisostomo, and Clerk of Court Roland Gillette selecting the first jury panel, February 1956.

(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

DISTRICT JUDGES

• Paul D. Shriver 1951 - 1959

• Eugene R. Gilmartin 1959 - 1961

• Paul D. Shriver 1961 - 1969

• Cristobal C. Duenas 1969 -1991

• John S. Unpingco 1992 - 2004

• Frances Tydingco-Gatewood 2006 - Present

MAGISTRATE JUDGE

• Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. 2004 – present



The District Court of Guam's first jury trial commenced on February 21, 1956. The first jurors are shown here on February 22, 1956. Back row, left to right: Asuncion H. Santos, Antonio L.G. Perez, Gladys Victoria Bennett, Ricardo Torres Calvo, Jesus Martinez Perez, and Eliseo Escares Maravilla. Front row, left to right: Vicente Calvo Aflague, Kenneth Hodges, Lois F. Statler, Francisco B. Perez, Yuk Lan Moylan, and Irby John Baker. The defendants were charged with burglary in the first degree in an information filed on October 25, 1955. The jury acquitted the defendants that very same day. Mr. Richard Rosenberry, the Deputy Island Attorney, prosecuted the case, while Mr. Finton J. Phelan, Jr. was counsel of record for the defendants.



Judge Paul D. Shriver (1951 - 1959), with U.S. Marshal Antonio Camacho Baza and United States Attorney H. Gordon Homme, Jr.

jurisdiction of a United States bankruptcy court and as Guam's tax court.

The Court's Judicial Officers

The first judge appointed to the District Court under the Organic Act was **Paul D. Shriver**, a native of Colo-

rado. A hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee was held on Shriver's nomination on February 27, 1951. The unpublished transcript of the hearing indicates that Shriver worked in government in Washington, D.C. and Colorado

prior to World War II; he served in Italy with the Military Government Division during World War II; and for approximately four years prior to the appointment to the District Court judgeship in Guam, he served in the Philippines as General Counsel for the Philippine War Damage Commission.

Shriver served two four-year terms as the District Judge for Guam. He was re-nominated to be Judge by President John F. Kennedy after Judge Eugene R. Gilmartin died in office in 1961. Court records show his term began in March of 1961 and terminated with the court in September 1969.

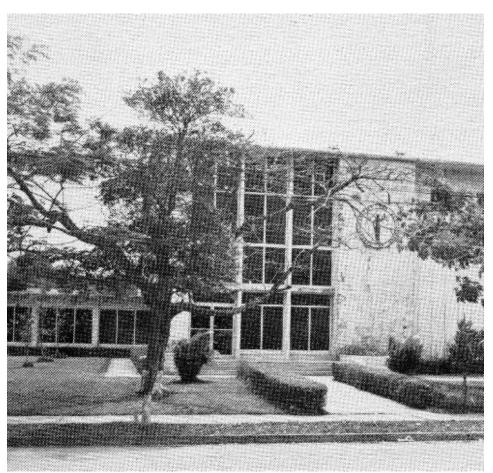
Eugene R. Gilmartin of Rhode Island succeeded Judge Shriver in 1959. After his appointment by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gilmartin's nomination hearing before the Senate



The court's second judge, Eugene R. Gilmartin, (second from left) celebrating with staff members.

From left to right: Judge Joaquin C. Perez, Island Court of Guam; Unknown Judge; Harold W. Burnett, High Court of the Trust Territory; Robert K. Shoecraft, Judge, High Court of the Trust Territory; Paul D. Shriver, Judge, District Court of Guam; and Judge Cristobal C. Duenas, Island Court of Guam.





The Courthouse of Guam, located in Hagatna, served as the second home of the District Court of Guam from 1968 to 1978. The building is now the Judicial Annex of the Judiciary of Guam, and houses the Probation Office and the Public Defender's Office.



The jury wheel and jury selection box used in the earliest jury trials at the District Court of Guam. The jury wheel is still in use.

Judiciary Committee took place on August 19, 1959. The unpublished transcript of the nomination hearing indicates that Gilmartin had been serving as the District Judge of Guam under a recess appointment that began on October 17, 1958. Prior to that appointment, Gilmartin had served as the Deputy High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands for seventeen months. Before that, Gilmartin served in a variety of private practice and government positions in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Washington, D.C. Judge Gilmartin died in office in 1961.

Cristobal C. Duenas, a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, was appointed by President Richard M. Nixon on September 23, 1969 to be the next judge for the District Court of Guam. On December 10, he was confirmed by the Senate and commissioned the next day. By December 24, 1969, he was officially sworn in as the Judge of the District Court of Guam. In June of 1977, Judge Duenas was reappointed for a second term, and he retired as a Senior Judge in 1991. He died on February 14, 2010 after a long and distinguished judicial career.

President George W. Bush nominated John Sablan Unpingco to be the next judge for the District Court of Guam. The Senate confirmed the Presidential nomination on September 24, 1992 and the nominee was commissioned on October 9, 1992. An investiture ceremony was held on December 22, 1992 on the 6th Floor of the Pacific News building where the District Court of Guam was located.

Judge Unpingco received a Master of Laws degree, specializing in International Law, from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.; Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctorate from New York University, New York City; Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude from St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri. Judge Unpingco resigned from office effective April 30, 2004, after serving eleven years with the court.

Frances Marie Tydingco-

Gatewood's nomination by President George W. Bush, Jr., was announced in July of 2006. She was confirmed by the Senate on August 8, 2006. On October 30, 2006, she was officially sworn in as the new Chief Judge for the District Court of Guam, and became the first Chamorro female chief judge in the nation. 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 co-chairperson for the Pacific Judicial Council Education Committee. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1980 from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law in 1983.

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 and the first Chamorro Magistrate Judge in the nation. He was appointed to an eightyear term by then-Chief Judge John S. Unpingco. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley in 1971 and his Juris Doctorate from Boalt Hall School of Law at University of California, Berkeley in 1974.



Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Mary M. Schroeder swearing in Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood on October 30, 2006, accompanied by the Gatewood family. Chief Judge Mary Schroeder was the first female Chief Judge for the Ninth Circuit.



Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan Jr., with Chief Judge Alex R. Munson from the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, and Court Reporter Wanda Miles at the opening of the first Magistrate Courtroom of the District Court of Guam in 2007. The latest in digital evidence presentation technology is incorporated into this courtroom.



District Court Judge Cristobal C. Duenas administers the Oath of Office to Superior Court Judge Richard H. Benson, shown here with his family (photo circa 1970). Both Judge Duenas and Judge Benson were judges of the Island Court of Guam.

The First Executives

The first United States Attorney for the District of Guam was **James G. Mackey**. His name appears on court documents filed in early 1951.

The first United States Marshal for Guam was Antonio C. Baza, a native of Guam who had a long and illustrious career in law enforcement on the island. Marshal Baza's name appears on court documents from early 1951 through most of 1965.

The first U.S. probation officer for the District of Guam was **Frank Michael Cruz**, who was appointed by Judge Cristobal C. Duenas on June 19, 1978. On November 12, 1982, Mr. Cruz was appointed as the first Chief U.S.



Judge Cristobal Duenas at his retirement party, 1989, with court staff members Flora McIntosh, Joselyn P. Camacho, Priscilla Quichocho, and Wanda Miles.

Probation Officer by Judge Duenas. Prior to his appointment, probation and pretrial services were provided by the Superior Court of Guam.

The first Federal Public
Defender was Attorney Robert M.
Hartsock, who was appointed by the
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in
2001. Prior to his appointment,
federal public defender services for
the district were provided by the
Federal Public Defender for the
District of Hawaii, and Mr. Hartsock
served the District of Guam as an
Assistant Federal Public Defender out
of that office.

"I really enjoyed the years I spent on the bench in the District Court of Guam. There were times when I had my ups and downs. There were times when serious problems confronted me, and I did my own research. At times I feel that was not enough. So what do I do? I simply resort to the Supreme Law Giver, God. I knelt down and asked for His divine assistance to give me the courage and intelligence to render a just decision. And to this day, I am very grateful for everything that God has given me."

> Judge Cristobal C. Duenas Annual District Conference October 10, 2008

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

The mission of the District Court of Guam is to administer justice and to uphold the rule of law. To that end, we ensure decisions are issued in an impartial and timely manner, and we guarantee equal access to the court. We strive to improve the public trust and confidence in our court system by efficiently and effectively performing our duties with respect and fairness.

arlier this year, the court launched its Strategic Planning initiative. Central to this initiative was the creation of the above Mission Statement. Our strategic planning and accompanying mission statement ensure that the actions we take, at all levels, are geared toward a unified purpose. The Clerk's Office seeks to apply the above mission statement to every service it provides to the Court's judges, the bar and the public.

eJuror

One such example of a new service that improves the public's access

to the court is the Court's new eJuror service, which was launched early in 2010. This service allows potential jurors to use the internet and their own personal computers to answer jury qualification questionnaires and jury information card questions that accompany summons. eJuror also gives jurors the ability to obtain their reporting status online.

Financial Consolidation

Last year we reported that the information technology services departments of the Court and U.S. Probation Office had been consolidated. This year



Participation in community outreach events allow the public to learn about court functions. Here, District Court staff are at the Law Fair held at the Micronesia Mall on Law Day, May 1, 2010. Shown are Leilani T. Hernandez, Rose M. Nangauta, Vergel Devera and Gina T. Kilgore.



Jeanne G. Quinata Clerk of Court

the Court has taken yet another step to reduce costs and to improve efficiency by consolidating the financial departments of the U.S. Probation Office and Court.

New Training Room and Mail Room

The Court's new training room was completed in May 2010 after many years of planning and effort. This room, on the first floor of the courthouse, can accommodate at least sixteen people and is outfitted with internet access, laptops, a ceilingmounted projector, and video conferencing capabilities. The room is often used to train bar members and their staff in the details of electronic filing, and is also shared with other federal agencies.

The courthouse also now has a

CLERKS OF COURT

• Roland A. Gillette	1951-1962
• Edward L.G. Aguon	1962-1986

• Mary L. (Peters) Moran 1986-2007

• Jeanne G. Quinata 2007-present

new mailroom to serve all of the building's tenants. This room, which is funded entirely by the Court, allows mail to be received, sorted and opened in a secure environment.

Other News

Charles "Chuck" White, the former Information Systems Manager at the District Court, was appointed as the Chief Deputy Clerk on November 4, 2009. In this role, he reports directly to the Clerk of Court, Ms. Jeanne G. Quinata, and plays a pivotal role in the management of the administrative and operational functions of the District Court of Guam.

For the last nineteen years
Chuck has worked with the District
Court management in applying technology to increase the efficiency and
effectiveness of the court's business and
service to its patrons. He hopes that his
solid working knowledge of both
technology and the operational details
of a modern federal court will help
enhance the court's ability to serve the
public.

Wanda Miles, our court reporter for nearly 27 years, retired in August of this year. Her tenure was one of quiet service, memorializing the court record with her stenotype machine and producing transcripts for the Court and for parties. But as quiet as her service might have been, she served under

several judges so she certainly had a front row seat to history being made in Guam. For most of those 27 years she was the only court reporter for the District Court of Guam and so she had to juggle her own schedule, including vacation plans, around the schedule of the Court. We do hope that she will now take advantage of the flexibility that her retirement affords her.



Court Reporter Veronica Reilly and Courtroom Deputy Carmen Santos.



Jury Administrators Marilyn Alcon and Walter Tenorio.



Case Manager Francine Diaz.



Human Resources Specialist Leilani Hernandez with Financial Analyst Gabriel Pereda.

Guam's First U.S. District Court Opens With 40 Attorneys Admitted; Skinner, Hardison; Beightler Speak

Pacific Daily News headline of article dated December 8, 1950 reporting on the opening of our District Court.

CRIMINAL, CIVIL AND BANKRUPTCY FILINGS

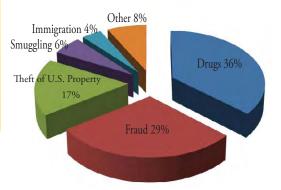
Criminal Defendant Case Filings* 12-month Period Ending September 30

Year	# Defendants
2008	106
2009	98
2010	101

^{*} includes magistrate case defendants

The total number of criminal defendant cases has held steady for the last few years, although the Court has seen a drop in felony filings and an increase in the number of Class A Misdemeanor filings.

Criminal Felony Filings 12-month Period Ending September 30



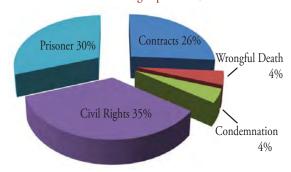
While drug and theft of government property offenses remain a significant part of the Court's caseload, the Court has seen a decrease in immigration and firearms offenses since 2009.

Civil Case Filings 12-month Period Ending September 30

Year	# Cases
2008	22
2009	35
2010	28

Civil Case filings have not changed significantly since 2009, but remain low.

Civil Cases Filed 12-month Period Ending September 30



The Court has seen few personal injury cases since 2009, but an increase in civil rights cases.

Magistrate Felony Proceedings 12-month Period Ending September 30

Year	Total	Arrest Warrants	Initial Appearances	Arraignments	Detention/ Bail Hearings	Felony Guilty Pleas	Supervised Release Revocation Hearings
2008	326	98	98	68	10	46	6
2009	192	36	79	37	7	33	0
2010	151	21	73	31	5	20	1

The slight decrease in felony proceedings handled by the magistrate judge matches the decrease in felony filings that the Court has experienced over the last several years.

Other Criminal Magistrate Work 12-month Period Ending September 30

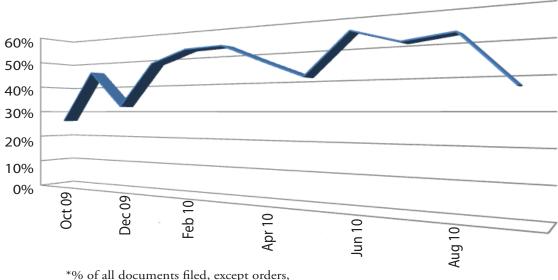
Non-CVB Petty Offenses Disposed	Class A Misdemeanors Disposed	Initial Appearances	Jury Trials	Sentencings
3	31	115	3	21

Bankruptcy Case Filings 12-month Period Ending September 30

Year	Chapter 7	Chapter 11	Chapter 13
2008	107	0	21
2009	185	2	22
2010	173	1	33

Chapter 7 filings for 2010 have generally kept pace with 2009 filings, but we have seen a 50% increase in Chapter 13 filings.

Electronically Filed Documents (Percent filed electronically)* 12-month Period ending September 30



*% of all documents filed, except orders, minutes, and staff entries

The average rate of electronic filing of eligible documents for the 12-month period ending September 30 was 44.8%, up from 24.2% for the previous 12 months.

U.S. PROBATION &

PRETRIAL OFFICE

ommunity corrections is the focus of the U.S. Probation Office of the District of Guam, which is under the supervision of Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon, Chief U.S. Probation Officer for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI). Federal probation officers are tasked with the investigation and supervision of defendants and offenders in the District Court.

On June 19, 1978, Judge Cristobal C. Duenas appointed Frank Michael Cruz as a federal probation officer, and on November 12, 1982, appointed him as the Chief U.S. Probation Officer for the District Court of Guam. The two-person Probation

Office then took over probation and pretrial services that were formerly provided by the Superior Court of Guam. The Office also provided limited services to the NMI District Court. After 29 years of service, Chief Cruz retired on June 22, 2007.

On November 29, 2007, Chief Judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood appointed Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon as the Chief U.S. Probation Officer for the District of Guam, and on December 13, 2007, Chief Judge Alex R. Munson appointed her as Chief U.S. Probation Officer for the NMI District. She now oversees an Office that has grown to 17 employees and an NMI field office.

This past year, the U.S. Proba-



Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon Chief U.S. Probation Officer

tion Office has participated and sponsored training events, including the Pacific Judicial Council's Regional Probation and Parole Officers' Training, held on Guam from April 12 to 14, 2010. Attendees were local and federal probation and parole officers from Guam, the NMI, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and American Samoa. Trainers included Deputy Chief Danny Kuhn from the Southern District of West Virginia; Robert Thornton, **Director of Community Corrections** Institute LLC.,; and U.S. Probation Officer John San Nicolas, Defensive Tactics Instructor. Chief U.S. Probation Officer Villagomez-Aguon and Officer San Nicolas also led a lunchtime discussion on the movie, Catch Me If You Can, The Frank Abagnale Story.

The Office sponsored Defendant/Offender Workforce Development Training on June 22 to 24, 2010 with assistance of trainers

Probation/Pretrial Statistics 12-Month Period Ending September 30

Pretrial:	Guam	NMI
Cases Activated (regular):	89	63
Cases Activated (diversion):	6	0
Pretrial Supervision Cases:	49	7
Pretrial Diversion Supervision Cases:	10	0
Presentence:		
Presentence Reports Completed:	61	29
Post-Sentence:		
Probation/TSR Supervision Cases:	139 (Active) 61 (Inactive) 1 (Unsupervised)	56 (Active 45 (Inactiv

from the Eastern District of Missouri Probation Office. Attendees included federal and local probation and parole officers from Guam and the NMI, and community partners, including participants from the Guam Chamber of Commerce, Guam Department of Labor, Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services, and Salvation Army.

The need for local community corrections facilities was raised to Bureau of Prisons officials Mr. Daniel Painter and Mr. Jeffrey Anderson of the Community Corrections Office and Transitional Services Program, who visited the Districts of Guam and NMI on April 27 and 28, 2010. They toured the Federal Detention Center in Hagatna and the prison facilities on Guam and in Saipan. They also met with our federal judges, staff from the U.S. Marshals Service and the U.S. Probation Office, substance abuse treatment providers, and attorneys. From this visit, the BOP officials gained a first-hand perspective of the unique challenges faced by both districts due to our remote geographical location and lack of a halfway house in the region.

Other News:

• USPO continues to work toward automation of case files. On July 2010, Mr. Clayton Foster, cconsultant, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, and Supervising U.S. Pretrial Services Officer Denisse Mirkin, visited Guam to

conduct training and implementation guidance on the Probation Automated Case Tracking Systems Document Imaging Module.

- USPO welcomed Gregory
 Arriola, who was appointed on August
 30, 2010 as U.S. Probation Officer in the Saipan office. He is a former NMI
 Superior Court probation officer.
- USPO's "Prugraman Hinalom
 Talo" Drug Offender Re-Entry Program,
 has seen much progress. In September
 2010, the District's reentry team participated in a Federal Judicial Center
 sponsored workshop.
- USPO continues to conduct community outreach efforts, including the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program, Red Ribbon Campaign, and Drug Court Month. Office personnel led by Carmen O'Mallan, created "The Closet" consisting of donated clothing and items for its clients.

U.S. Probation Officer Maria Cruz during a presentation to McCool Middle School students during the District Court's Law Week Open House.



U.S. Probation Officers John San Nicolas and Melinda Santos demonstrate self-defense techniques during the Pacific Judicial Council's Probation and Parole Officers' Training.





Chief U.S. Probation
Officer Rossanna
Villagomez-Aguon
during a graduation
ceremony of the DORE
Program on January 13,
2010. She is seated
with Monty McDowell of
Advance Management,
and Sandra Manibusan
and Joey Lopez of No
Ka Oi.

GUAM BAR PRESIDENT AND LAWYER REPRESENTATIVES

ne of the major sponsors of this 2010 District Conference is



Cynthia V. Ecube

the Guam Bar Association. Cynthia V. Ecube. President of the Guam Bar Association, has worked to

ensure the success of the annual conference and the 60th Anniversary Celebration.



Joaquin C. Arriola, Jr.

Joaquin ("Jay") C. Arriola, Jr., who served as Guam's Lawyer Representative from 2007 to

2010, now serves on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judicial Conference Executive Committee. Attorney Arriola was elected to the Executive Committee by nearly 200 Lawyer Representatives throughout the Ninth Circuit. As a member of this committee, he is responsible for planning and implementing the Annual Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, 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.

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. He served for eight years as the President of the Guam Bar Association.

Rodney J. Jacob, was appointed this year by Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood to serve as the new Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative for the District of Guam. He joins 164 Lawyer Representatives 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 the District of Guam's Lawyer Representative, Attorney 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, Attorney Jacob is tasked with chairing the Annual District Conference and with publishing the Annual District Report for Guam.

Attorney Jacob was the President of the Guam Bar Association from 2005-2007, and 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 community organizations.

Attorney Jacob is a partner in Calvo & Clark's Guam office.



Rodney J. Jacob

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

ixty years ago, the passage of the Organic Act vested the President of the United States with the authority to appoint the U.S. Attorney for our island. On June 21, 2010, Alicia A.G. Limtiaco was sworn in as the first female United States Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. As the chief federal law enforcement officer for both Guam and the District of the CNMI her office prosecutes federal criminal cases, prosecutes and defends civil actions involving the federal government, and collects debts owed to the United States and victims of federal crimes.

The Office also provides training to law enforcement officers, and banking and medical industry representatives, including:

- Internet Crimes Against Children Training
- Search and Seizure and Asset Forfeiture Training
- Bank Secrecy Act/Anti-Money Laundering Financial Crimes Training for Bankers and Law Enforcement
- Human Trafficking Training for the Medical Community and for Law Enforcement

Highlights from the **Criminal Division include:**

the district's first prosecution

under the Military Extraterritorial **Jurisdiction Act**;

- the criminal forfeiture of \$810,631.00 to the U.S. government from a conviction for bulk cash smuggling out of the United States; and
- the methamphetamine- and money laundering- related convictions of approximately 24 defendants investigated by the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF). In April 2010, federal agents and local task force officers received the 2010 OCDETF Pacific Region Award for their work in the OCDETF "Seoul Train" investigation, which resulted in the conviction of ten defendants and the seizure of \$130,000 worth of cash and property.

Civil Division News

The Civil Division advises and protects federal agencies by representing them against lawsuits and claims for personal injuries, employment disputes, and federal fraud. This past year, Civil Division attorneys have litigated tax cases, immigration lawsuits, federal prison facility challenges, and have worked to resolve employment disputes involving deployed Guard and Reserve service members.

As a result of the work of the Civil Division's Financial Litigation Unit, the District of Guam is the first



Alicia A.G. Limtiaco **United States Attorney**

federal district in the nation to establish an offset program with its local revenue and taxation office. This program with the Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation will facilitate the processing and collecting of criminal and civil federal debts.

The Unit also successfully settled two fraudulent transfer cases, resulting in the return of property for restitution for victims and for public funding to clean and protect the environment.

U.S. ATTORNEYS

• James G. Mackey	1950 - 1952
• John P. Raker	1952 - 1954
• H. Gordon Homme, Jr.	1954 - 1962
• James P. Alger	1962 - 1969
• Duane K. Craske	1969 - 1975
• Ralph F. Bagley, Jr.	1975 - 1977
• David T. Wood	1977 - 1986
• K. William O'Connor	1986 - 1989
• Paul D. Vernier	1989 - 1991 *
• Frederick A. Black	1991 - 2003 *
• Leonardo M. Rapadas	2003 - 2010
Alicia A.G. Limtiaco	2010 - present

* Acting/Interim U.S. Attorney

OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

he Office of the Federal Public Defender (FPD) on Guam represents clients charged with criminal offenses in federal court, as authorized by the Criminal Justice Act enacted in 1964. An amendment in 1970 authorized the establishment of federal defender organizations, and there are now 79 authorized federal defender organizations serving 90 of the 94 federal judicial districts.

The Guam FPD opened in 1994 as a branch of the Hawaii FPD, with **Attorney Robert Hartsock** appointed as the first Federal Public Defender. In 2001, Guam became an independent office. Attorney John T. Gorman was appointed as the Federal Public Defender by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 2003. He is now serving his third term, upon being reappointed by the Ninth Circuit in November 2010.

The FPD attorneys represent clients at all stages of the criminal justice process, both in the District Court of Guam and in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The FPD reports that the number of criminal prosecutions in the District Court of Guam declined again this past year, and notes that it is puzzling that the number of federal cases charged by U.S. Attorney's Office has been declining for the past four years although crime on Guam has certainly not decreased. For example, in 2006, the FPD handled 202 cases. This past year, the FPD handled only 118 cases. The FPD has suggested that perhaps this downward trend in criminal prosecutions will be reversed under the new U.S. Attorney Alicia Limtiaco.

The FPD continues its active role in the Drug Offender Re-Entry Program (DORE) which began in 2008. Eleven clients have successfully com-



John T. Gorman Federal Public Defender

pleted this program of intensive supervision. The DORE program is a welcome step forward in providing effective rehabilitation for offenders with substance abuse issues.

The FPD caseload includes drug importation/distribution cases, firearms violations, immigration offenses, such as alien smuggling and passport fraud, theft of government property, wire fraud, bank embezzlement, extradition. In addition, the attorneys handle criminal appeals and oral arguments at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The FPD attorneys have 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.

Staff

Federal Public Defender Senior Litigator Administrative Officer **Operations Administrator** Computer Systems Administrator Investigator

John T. Gorman Richard Arens Lita M. Duenas Renate Doehl Chris Mantanona Alexander Modaber

Website: http://gu.fd.org

MISSION

The Office of the Federal Public Defender provides zealous and effective representation for indigent citizens charged with federal criminal offenses on Guam.

UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

ith the enactment of the
Organic Act in 1950,
the nation's oldest and most versatile
law enforcement agency was established
in the District of Guam. The Organic
Act vested the President of the United
States with the authority to appoint,
with the consent of the Senate, the
U.S. Marshal for the District of Guam.

Antonio C. Baza was the first U.S.
Marshal for Guam.

Since then, the U.S. Marshals
Service has played a critical role in our
island's federal justice system. Within
the last six months, the District of Guam
Office has gone through major changes
in personnel and has reached unprecedented milestones.

- In May 2010, longtime Deputy U.S. Marshal Richard Lumagui departed the district after 16 years of service on Guam. Replacing CDUSM Lumagui is Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal César Torres.
- In June 2010, the Taotaomona
 Fugitive Task Force added Judiciary of
 Guam Marshal John Taijeron to its unit.
- In August 2010, Victor Roman was promoted as the Judicial Security Inspector.
- In September 2010, John Untalan was promoted as the first Sex
 Offender Investigation Coordinator for the District of Guam, a newly formed service wide position.
- In October 2010, Attorney General Appointed U.S. Marshal



The many duties of federal marshals include apprehending federal fugitives, protecting the federal judiciary, and transporting federal prisoners. Here, Deputy U.S. Marshal Tanya Muna shows students from Agueda Johnston Middle School one type of restraint used by the USMS.



César Torres Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal

Matthew Dell took on a career position near his home town as the Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Mississippi - Jackson.

John Vega, the first intern under the Centralized Student Career Experienced Program for the District of Guam, was sworn in as a Deputy U.S. Marshal on November 9, 2010. His internship lasted from November 2009 until May 2010, when he graduated from the University of Guam with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. Because of John's success in the internship program, he was offered a job with the U.S.M.S. and will be assigned to the District of the Northern Mariana Islands - Saipan. The internship program continues to grow as a second student currently is working in the district office.

Through these transitions, the Office remains steadfast in its mission to carry out all federal judicial processes while ensuring the safety of our employees, the security of our prisoners and the protection of our witnesses.

OMMUNITY OUTREACH



New citizens swear their oath of allegiance during the New Years Naturalization Ceremony held on December 31, 2009.

he District Court of Guam strives to provide the people of Guam with effective and efficient access to the administration of justice. In line with this goal, the Court participates in several community outreach activities through-

out the year. The Court has welcomed school students on court tours, provided facilities for mock trial competitions, and hosted special naturalization ceremonies to welcome new citizens to our nation. The Court also co-sponsors the annual Law Week celebration, to foster a better



Dean Erwin Chemerinsky of the University of California-Irvine School of Law at the Annual District Conference held on December 7, 2009.



Champion mock trial team from St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School. understanding of the judicial system, and hosts the annual District Conference which brings noted jurists and scholars to Guam for the benefit of the bench, the bar and the community.



Panel presentation on ethics during the Annual District Conference, on December 7, 2009. Presenters (Left to Right) were Attorney Jacqueline Taitano Terlaje, Chairperson for the Guam Bar Association Ethics Committee Investigative Panel; Senior District Judge John Coughenour from Seattle, Washington; Ninth Circuit Judge Richard Clifton from Honolulu, Hawaii; and Ethics Prosecutor Bruce Bradley from the Judiciary of Guam.

Throughout the year, students, members of civic organizations and other visitors get a first-hand look at courtrooms, court proceedings, and federal offices located in the U.S. Courthouse.

This past year, the Court opened its doors to students from George Washington High School and Agueda Johnston Middle School, as well as students from Commander William McCool Elementary/Middle School and Andersen Middle School from the Department of Defense Education system. A mock trial team from a South Korean high school, members of the Bell Choir from Guam Adventist Academy, as well as Boy Scout Troop 38, were also visitors to the District Court this year.

In many cases, court tour attendees are given the opportunity to meet federal probation officers, deputy U.S. Marshals, U.S. Secret Service Agents, and prosecutors from the U.S. Attorney's Office and Federal Public Defenders.

Students from George Washington High School's Close Up Program.

Boy Scout Troop 38 salute the Chief Judge.

To schedule a court tour, you may submit an online request by visiting the court website at www.gud.uscourts.gov and typing "court tour" in the search box. Then complete the link to the Courthouse Tour Request.

On May 28, 2010, students from Agueda Johnston Middle School learned about duties of a federal marshal from Deputy U.S. Marshal Tanya Muna. On June 11, 2010 Andersen Middle School students practiced "asset protection" with U.S. Secret Service Agent Mac Bostic.

The Court is proud to provide a venue for presenting the award-winning "Play by the Rules" education program, which teaches students about Guam laws and gives them the tools they need to develop a sense of civic responsibility. During the past year, students from the Andersen and McCool schools participated in a Play by the Rules interactive demonstration.



The "defendant" in a mock trial play performed by Agueda Johnston Middle School is found guilty by a jury of Hopwood Middle School students watching via video teleconference from Saipan.

The District Court proudly co-sponsored the Law Week 2010 celebration with the Judiciary of Guam and the Guam Bar Association. The Law Day theme, "Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges," is especially significant this year, as 2010 marks the 60th Anniversary of the District Court.

A new Law Week tradition is the special Law Day Naturalization Ceremony and the Citizenship Outreach Program, held this year on April 30, 2010. In recognition of this year's theme, the keynote speaker of the naturalization ceremony was author and historian, Mr. Antonio "Tony" Palomo. Immediately after the Naturalization Ceremony, the new citizens were able to participate in the Citizenship Outreach Program, where representatives from the Guam Passport Office, the Guam Election Commission and Social Security Administration Guam Office, were on hand to answer questions and help with completing forms.



The District Court informational table at the Law Fair held on Law Day, May 1, 2010, in the Micronesia Mall Center Court.

Other Law Week events included:

- The "Race Judicata" 5K run/walk on April 24, 2010. Court employees joined the competition or helped out at water stations which were located next to the courthouse.
- An Open House on April 27, 2010, when the students from the University of Guam and Commander William McCool Middle School toured the courthouse and met both the Chief Judge and Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr., and attorneys from the

Federal Public Defender and U.S. Attorney's Office. Students also toured the offices of the U.S. Probation Office, U.S. Marshals Service, and U.S. Secret Service.

• The Law Fair on Law Day, May 1, 2010, held in the Micronesia Mall. Court employees were ready to answer questions from the public and assist with general information.

Law Week concluded on May 3, 2010, when the Hustisia Award was posthumously presented to Judge Cris-

The Hustisia Award was awarded posthumously to Judge Cristobal C. Duenas during Law Week. It was presented to Mrs. Juanita Duenas, shown with son Chris and granddaughter Amalia, by Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood and Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, Jr.



Probation Officer John San Nicolas demonstrates self-defense techniques to a group of students at the court's Open House during Law Week.

tobal Camacho Duenas of the District Court of Guam, who left behind a rich legacy of jurisprudence, and an example of selfless public service.

WORKING WITH FEDERAL AND LOCAL AGENCIES ON GUAM AND THE PACIFIC

Working collaboratively with federal and local agencies and law-related organizations allows the District Court to foster a productive relationship among members of the bench, the bar and law enforcement and legal entities.

The District Court hosted a training seminar by the U.S. Marshals Service to members of the Pacific Judicial Council on December 1, 2009, as well as sessions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Citizens Academy on March 10, 2010.

Because bankruptcy law is an exclusively federal practice, the Court works closely with the Guam Bar

Association to provide opportunities for local attorneys to learn more about bankruptcy law. The Court facilitated a panel presentation for the Guam Bar Association's CLE Conference on October 30, 2009. The panel included Chief Bankruptcy Judge Robert J. Faris of Honolulu, Hawaii; Chapter 7 Case Trustee Mark Heath; local longtime bankruptcy practitioner Attorney Mark S. Beggs; and District Court Bankruptcy Case Manager Francine Diaz. On March 26, 2010, the Court hosted a CLE seminar entitled "Basic Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Law" which drew attorneys who had not historically practiced in the

federal court.

From April 12 to 15, 2010, probation officers from U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Office participated in the Pacific Judicial Council's Probation and Parole Officers' Training, along with several dozen officers from local and federal agencies on Guam, the CNMI and throughout the Pacific.

On June 21, 2010, Alicia A.G. Limtiaco was sworn in as the U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Marianas, in a ceremony held at the District Court of Guam and attended by hundreds of family, friends, and colleagues.



From Left to Right: Associate Justice F. Philip Carbullido (Supreme Court of Guam), Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, U.S. Attorney Alicia Limtiaco and her husband Vincent U. Munoz, and Mrs. Frances T. Demapan and her husband Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan (Supreme Court of the CNMI).



Assistant U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee Curtis Ching conducts a CLE seminar.



Learning defense tactics at the Pacific Judicial Conference Probation and Parole Officers' Training.

COURT EVENTS

The District Court family bid a fond farewell and best wishes to two longtime court employees. Rosita San Nicolas retired from her position as Chief Deputy Clerk after forty years of service to the District Court of Guam. Rosita was honored in a ceremony on November 13, 2009, after beginning her career as a clerical assistant in 1970, when the District Court was located on the second floor of the former Superior Court of Guam (now the Judicial Annex). Official Court Reporter Wanda Miles was honored in a ceremony on July 2, 2010. Wanda has provided the official court record for hundreds of trials and court proceedings in her 27 years with the court.

The Annual District Conference, held on December 7, 2009, brought noted jurists and scholars to members of the island's bench and bar. The confer-

Rosita San Nicolas receives legislative recognition from Senator Adolpho Palacios during her retirement ceremony.

ence featured one of the most nationally recognized constitutional law scholars, Distinguished Professor of Law and Dean Erwin Chemerinsky of the University of California, Irvine School of Law. Speakers at the conference included the Hon. Richard Clifton, U.S. Ninth Circuit Judge from Honolulu, HI and the Hon. John Coughenour, Senior District Judge of the Western District of Washington, Seattle, WA in a panel discussion with Attorney Jacqueline Taitano Terlaje and Ethics Prosecutor Bruce Bradley. Attorney Ladd A. Baumann moderated a panel with David Gulick, District Director for District 26, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services,; Assistant U.S. Attorney Kirk Schuler from the District of the CNMI; and local attorney Attorney Melinda C. Swavely. Other presenters were Ms. Cathy Catterson, the Circuit and Court

of Appeals Executive of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; and Federal Defender Robert Epstein.

The District Court is proud to welcome new lawyers to practice in the federal system, and conducts several ceremonies throughout the year to admit Special Assistant U.S. Attorneys practicing with the military Judge Advocate General Corps, as well as local attorneys.

> Attorneys Admitted to Federal Bar (since January 1, 2010)

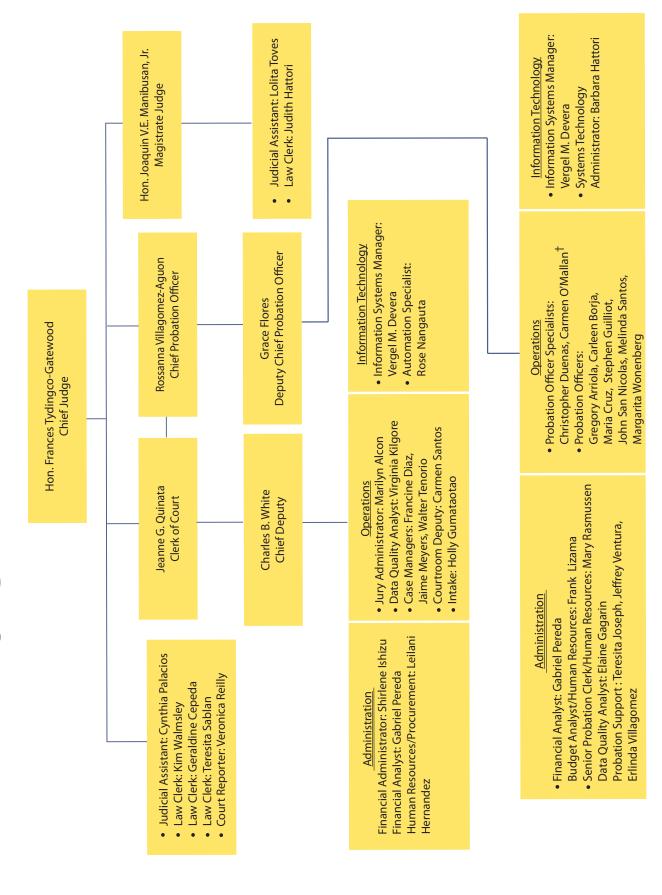
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- William Benjamin Pole
- Sarah A. Strock Joshua D. Walsh
- Matthew Espaldon Wolff Marianne Woloschuk



Court Reporter Wanda Miles, with Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood and Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. and court staff, shown on her last day of service to the 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 Hattori 473-9164

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Criminal Cases

Bankruptcy Cases

Miscellaneous Cases

Courtroom Activities (4th Floor)

Courtroom Activities (3rd Floor)

Jury Matters

Naturalization

CJA Voucher (Vouchers)

CJA Voucher (Payments)

Financial Matters

Information Technology Matters

PACER and E-filing Matters

Court Reporter

Law Clerks

U.S. Probation Office

U.S. Marshals Service

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Marilyn Alcon

Francine Diaz

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473-9120

473-9120 Carmen Santos

473-9173 Walter Tenorio

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Tribute
Carmen Dolores O'Mallan
June 3, 1954 - October 20, 2010



Carmen Dolores O'Mallan, also known as "Dolly" to her family, friends and colleagues during part of her professional career, passed away unexpectedly on October 20, 2010. Carmen began her career with the U.S. Probation Office on June 22, 1987 as the first Chamorro female U.S. Probation Officer, and at the time of her death, as a U.S. Probation Officer Specialist. She was due to retire on June 30, 2011.

Carmen began her career in Social Work as a Child Protective Services Worker with the Department of Public Health and Social Services where she fought to change the lives of many children and their families. She carried this same philosophy to the U.S. Probation Office where she was determined to help the individuals she supervised move on to become productive members of the community. Although she was near retirement, she remained a contributing member of the Probation Office, always keeping in mind the Office's Charter for Excellence and the District Court's mission. It was her goal to contribute as much as she could before it was time for her to move on to new endeavors and the life of retirement. One of Carmen's last projects was to establish a "Closet" where clients and their families could get clothing for a job related interview or other professional function. This project is growing in popularity amongst the Probation Office's clients since its launching in early 2010.

She is survived by her parents, her siblings and their families, her Court family, and countless relatives and friends. The District Court has lost a treasured sister and we will miss her dearly.