

A Historic Moment: The Honorable Justice Sonia Sotomayor visits Guam January 2012

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor's historic visit to Guam in 2012 was certainly fast, furious, and eventful! She immersed herself into Point, ComNavMar, Andersen Air Force Base, and the Hagatna Cathedral Basilica. Members of the Guam Bar Association participated in a twohour "Conversatorio" (Conversation) with the Justice at the 2012 District Conference and thousands of the island's students did the same at the the life of our local community in a way that few figures of national importance ever have or ever will. During her four short days on our island she visited Alee Shelter, the "Zero Down" in Yigo, Guam Memorial Hospital, Government House, U.S. Naval Hospital, Asan Overlook, Polaris University of Guam Fieldhouse. Last but not least, the Justice presided over the Swearing-In of several new admittees to the Guam Bar Association.



Sablan, Holly Gumataotao, and Walter Tenorio. L to R, back row: Frank Lizama, Gabriel Pereda, Kim Walmsley, Stephen Guilliot, Carmen Santos, Melinda Santos, Veronica Reilly, Teresita Joseph, Maria Cruz, Grace Flores, Jeanne Quinata, Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon, Charles White, Rose Nangauta, Stacy Flores, Barbara Hattori, Lolita L to R, front row: Christopher Duenas, Elaine Gagarin, Marilyn Alcon, Leilani Hernandez, Judith Hattori, Mary Rasmussen, Virginia Kilgore, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Justice Sonia Sotomayor, U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr., Cathleen L.G. Moylan, Francine Diaz, Cynthia Palacios, Shirlene Ishizu, Teresita Toves, Vergel Devera, Jeffrey Ventura, and John San Nicolas.

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

Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

On behalf of the District Court of Guam, U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. and I welcome you to the 2013 District Conference! We hope that you enjoy the presentations and leave with something that may help you in your practice of the law. We are particularly excited to welcome to Guam three distinguished jurists: Retired U.S. District Judge Vaughn R. Walker from the Northern District of California, Circuit Judge Paul J. Watford of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and Claims Court Judge Francis M. Allegra from the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C.

Despite the extremely harsh fiscal climate caused by the federal government's budget "sequestration", it has been a whirlwind of activity here at the District Court since the historic visit of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor in January 2012.

In February 2013 I completed a one-year term as "Chief of the Chiefs", a role in which I had the responsibility to coordinate and lead several meetings of the Chief District Judges of the Ninth Circuit and which also gave me the opportunity to take part in the deliberations of the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit.

During our last District Conference we promised to overhaul, with your help, our Local Rules of Practice. We have substantially completed that project with the help of many members of the Guam Bar Association. You may read more about that project on page 9.

Over the last year or so we have said "Ådios Esta Ki" to several good people here at the District Court. Chris Dueñas, a seasoned U.S. Probation Officer who served us for 20 years, retired in March 2012. Stacy McDonald Flores, an Administrative Assistant in the U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services Office who served as our trusted Outreach Coordinator, left us in June 2012 to join her husband who is stationed in Bellingham, Washington. Kim Walmsley, a career law clerk, left the court in December 2012 for a short leave of absence in Australia. Carleen Borja, another U.S. Probation Officer, left in January 2013 for another opportunity in the public sector, and if all goes well, for law school next year.

We have also had the pleasure of saying "Bien binidu" to several new members of our staff. Karen Quitlong, who joined our Chamber staff as the career law clerk in February 2012, comes to us from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in Seattle, Washington. Jane Lee, a member of the first graduating class of Dean Erwin Chemerinsky's Unviversity of California, Irvine School of Law, joined the court as a term law clerk in January 2013. Lastly, we welcome Riaka McCormick, who joined the court in June 2013 as our newest U.S. Probation Officer. Riaka comes to us from Guam's Department of Corrections, where she served as a Parole Officer.

All of our accomplishments in these difficult times are the result of our team-driven philosophy and the hard work and commitment of our staff. Clerk of Court Jeanne Quinata, Chief Deputy Clerk Charles White and the Clerk's Office staff, and U.S. Chief Probation Officer Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon, Deputy Chief U.S. Probation Officer Grace Flores and their team support us day to day in our jobs as judicial officers of this court. We are thankful to each and every one of them. We are also fortunate to have a dedicated Lawyer Representative in Rodney Jacob, and a strong Guam Bar Association with hard working officers led by President Cynthia Ecube, all of whom are committed to achieving excellence in the Guam legal community. We thank them for their endless support, and look forward to continuing to work with them in service to our community in the year ahead.

Office of the Clerk of Court

The federal government's budget "sequestration" has affected agencies nationwide, and the District Court of Guam is no exception. The Clerk's Office salary fund experienced a shortfall from jury service. of 8.7% in fiscal year 2013, and the shortfall in the next fiscal year could be even worse. Despite this extremely harsh financial climate, I believe that my office has continued to serve the court. the bar, and the public well, and we have completed several important initiatives to help us do so.

Jury Management

A major upgrade to the court's Jury Management System was accomplished this year, and now the system includes secure passwords, and a new report viewer. It gives the jury administrator the ability to send email messages to individual jurors, and to export juror utilization statistics directly to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

The upgrade also makes minor enhancements to eJuror. eJuror is the software system that enables potential jurors to complete and submit their juror qualification form, juror

information form, and supplemental questionnaires online. Jurors can also use eJuror to download their Certificates of Attendance and to request excusal

Case Management

The Clerk's Office performed a major upgrade to its civil, criminal, and bankruptcy case management systems over the last year. New features include: comment by mid-August. an improved user interface, full text search capabilities, support for PDF/A, enhanced ability to set restrictions on case information and documents, support for secure passwords, and changes to official forms effective December 1, 2012.

Local Rules of Practice

The Clerk's Office has been staffing several committees dedicated to updating the court's local rules of practice. To date, the Admiralty rules have been issued, and the Habeas Corpus and Criminal rules have been submitted to the Bar and public for comment. Civil, Bankruptcy, Tax, and General rules are nearly complete and it is hoped that they will be available for



Jeanne G. Quinata Clerk of Court

Opening Civil Cases Online

Complaints that initiate civil cases can be filed online as of April 2013. Plaintiffs must pay the statutory filing fee at the Clerk's Office by 3:00 p.m. on the next business day.

Updated Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Plan

The court's Criminal Justice Act Plan, which governs the processes involved in appointing and paying counsel for indigent defendants, was approved by the Ninth Circuit Judicial Council on June 22, 2012. The new plan can be found on the court's web site at: http://www.gud.uscourts.gov/? q=cja panel.



Court staff at the 2013 Law Fair at the Micronesia Mall, L to R: Holly Gumataotao, Rose Nangauta, Karen Quitlong, Shirlene Ishizu, Cynthia Palacios, Virginia Kilgore, and Judith Hattori.

Criminal Justice Act Panel Members as of August 2013

- Joaquin C. Arriola, Jr.
- Shane Black
- G. Patrick Civille
- Cynthia V. Ecube
- Jeffrey A. Moots
- Joseph C. Razzano
- Mark S. Smith
- Leslie Travis
- Curtis Van De Veld
- Louie J. Yanza

Case Statistics

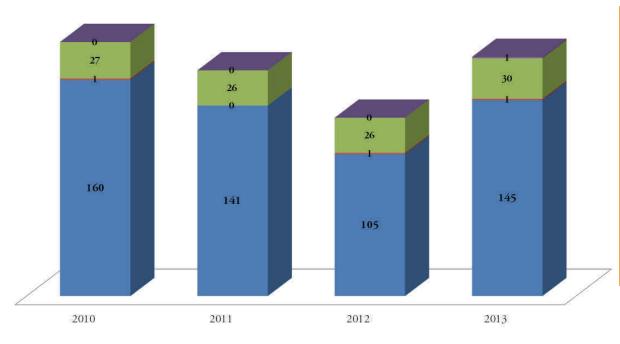
For the 12-month period ending March 31, 2013, the District Court of Guam had more felony filings per judgeship than 34 other districts, including the Central District of California (Los Angeles).

District Caseload Measures (12-Month Period Ending June 30, 2013)					
	2011	2012	2013	% Change (2013/2011)	% Change (2013/2012)
Filings					
Civil	39	29	38	-3.5%	+31.0%
Criminal Defendants	87	91	89	+2.3%	-2.2%
Bankruptcy	169	134	176	+4.1%	+31.3%
Terminations					
Civil	36	30	28	-22.2%	-6.7%
Criminal Defendants	88	79	118	+34.1%	+49.4
Bankruptcy	179	129	140	-21.8%	+8.5%
Pending					
Civil	58	57	67	+15.5%	+17.5%
Criminal Defendants	199	211	182	-8.5%	-13.7%
Bankruptcy	142	147	180	+26.8%	+22.4%

Bankruptcy Filings by Chapter

12-Month Period Ending June 30

Chapter 7 ■ Chapter 11 ■ Chapter 13 ■ Chapter 15



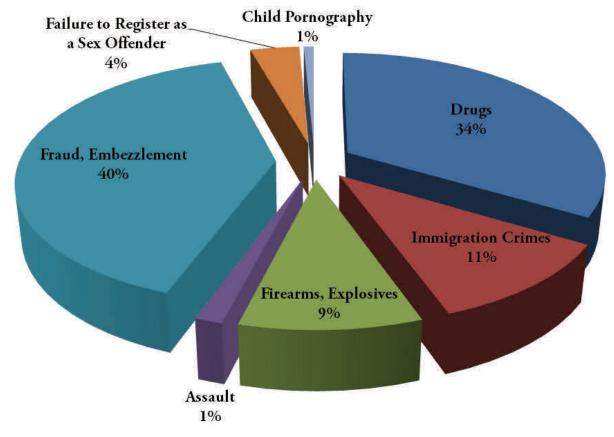
Types of Bankruptcy Cases

- **Chapter 7:** Liquidation
- **Chapter 9:** Municipality Bankruptcy
- Chapter 11: Reorganization
- Chapter 12: Family Farmer or Fisherman Bankruptcy
- Chapter 13: Individual Debt Adjustment
- Chapter 15: Ancillary and Other Cross-Border Cases

Case Statistics

Criminal Felony Filing Spectrum

12-Month Period Ending June 30, 2013



Magistrate Felony Proceedings

12-Month Period Ending June 30

Year	Search Warrants	Arrest Warrants	Initial Appearances	Arraignments	Detention/ Bail Hearings	Felony Guilty Pleas	Supervised Release Revocation Hearings
2011	52	22	130	57	12	43	2
2012	346	36	152	72	20	56	2
2013	146	27	129	62	21	65	5

Other Criminal Magistrate Work

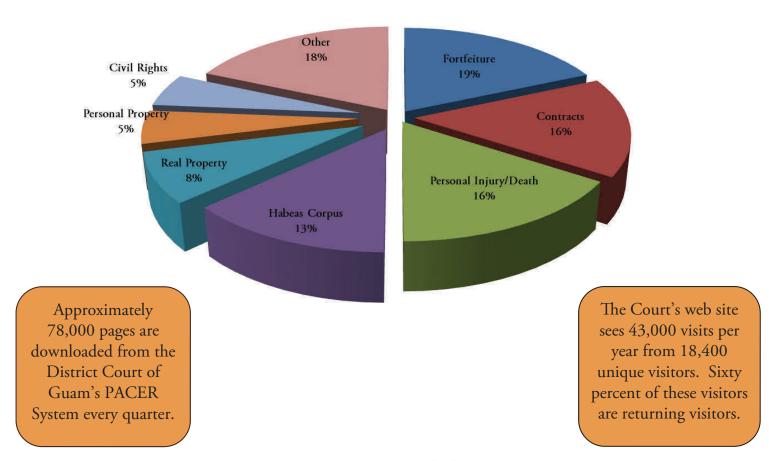
12-Month Period Ending June 30

Year	Non-Civil Violations Bureau (CVB) Petty Offenses Disposed	Class A Misdemeanors Disposed	Initial Appearances (Misdemeanor)	Jury Trials	Sentencing Proceedings
2011	2	30	46	1	1
2012	3	23	42	0	0
2013	3	20	33	0	0

Case Statistics

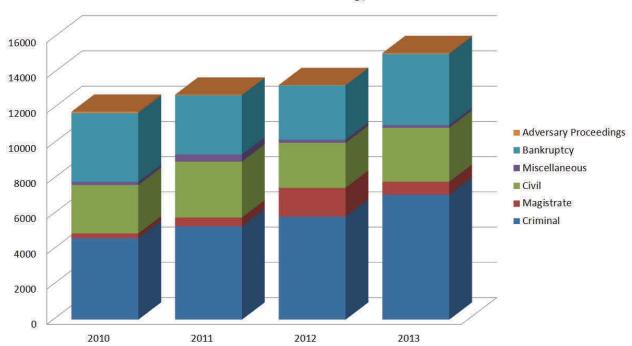
Civil Cases: Nature of Suit

12-Month Period Ending June 30, 2013



Documents Filed

12-Month Period Ending June 30



U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services Office

Staffing

The U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services Office has seen some staff changes within the past year. Of great significance was the retirement of U.S. Probation Officer Specialist Christopher Dueñas on March 30,



Christopher Dueñas U.S. Probation Officer Specialist (RET)

2012 after having served the District Courts of Guam and the Northern



Stacy McDonald Flores **Administrative Assistant**

Mariana Islands (NMI) for 20 years. Administrative Assistant Stacy McDonald-Flores resigned in June 2012 which was followed by the



Carleen Boria **U.S. Probation Officer**

resignation of U.S. Probation Officer Carleen Borja in January 2013.

On June 27, 2013, Riaka McCormick was appointed as U.S.



Riaka McCormick U.S. Probation Officer

Probation Officer. Officer McCormick Evidence Acquisition Specialist began her court employment on July 29, 2013. She was employed as a Parole Officer with the Department of Corrections, Government of Guam, for seven years prior to her appointment.

Pretrial Release

In support of the Bail Reform Act, the Office of Probation & Pretrial Services at the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts has been working with districts to improve pretrial release rates. Excluding illegal citizenship defendants, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands were rated in the top five districts for pretrial release rates for Fiscal Year 2012. This achievement could not have been attained without the use of a new risk assessment tool and the support of our Guam and NMI judges in their consideration of recommendations for bail by the probation officers.

Digital Forensics

In light of the increase in computer crimes, the U.S. Probation Office has been working towards improving its ability to supervise



Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon Chief U.S. Probation Officer

defendants and offenders who commit this type of crime. U.S. Probation Officer Jeffrey Ventura has been participating in digital forensics training. He completed the Digital Training Program in August 2012 and will participate in training on the Mobile Device Investigations Program and the Introduction to Digital Evidence Analysis in July 2013. Training for these programs is coordinated through the Office of Probation & Pretrial Services' National



Jeffrey Ventura **U.S. Probation Officer**

Training Academy and administered at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, Georgia.

The U.S. Probation & Pretrial Office produced 89 pre-sentence investigation reports for Sentencing proceedings during the 12-month period ending June 30, 2013.

Probation/Pretrial Statistics 12-Month Period Ending June 30, 2013

	Guam # of cases (% change)	NMI # of cases (% change)
Pretrial:		
Cases Activated (regular):	107 (+4%)	33 (+27%)
Cases Activated (diversion):	2 (-78%)	0 (no change)
Clients Supervised During Time Period	154 (+16%)	41 (+24%)
Clients Active as of June 30, 2013	113 (+5%)	26 (+8%)
Diversion Clients Supervised During Time Period	12 (-14%)	0 (no change)
Diversion Clients Active as of June 30, 2013	5 (-58%)	0 (no change)
Presentence:		
Presentence Reports Completed:	89 (+39%)	32 (+88%)
Post-Conviction:		
Probation/TSR/Parolee Clients Supervised During Time Period	212 (no change)	81 (+3%)
Probation/TSR/Parole clients active as of June 30, 2013	160 (no change)	46 (+28%)

Guam Bar Association President



Cynthia V. Ecube President, Guam Bar Association

After starting 2012 with the historic and unforgettable visit to Guam by **Justice Sonia** Sotomayor of the U.S. Supreme Court, the Guam Bar Association continued its outreach to the

community by sponsoring several more initiatives and projects with the District Court and Judiciary of Guam.

Several of our members have played a crucial role in revising the Local Rules of Practice of the District Court.

You can find a list of these generous bar members on the next page.

The Guam Bar Association also was a co-sponsor of Law Week 2013, which had the theme, "Realizing the Dream: Equality for All." It is my hope that the programs that the Guam Bar Association sponsored, with the District Court and the Judiciary of Guam, helped to educate the community - especially the youth - about the role of the law and the legal system and how the rule of law guarantees our civil rights and protects our freedoms.

In December 2012 we were happy to co-sponsor a "Toys for Tots" program that collected donated toys for the children of clients at Alee Shelter and those served by Erica's House. Alee

Shelter is a shelter run by Catholic Social Services to protect children and victims of domestic abuse and violence, while Erica's House offers support for parents and children in need of visitation and exchange services.

We are also pleased to be a cosponsor of the 2013 District Court Conference and to welcome the Honorable Vaughn Walker, the retired Chief District Judge of the Northern District of California as our keynote presenter. Judge Walker was nominated to the federal bench by President George H.W. Bush in 1989 and presided over many notable cases during more than twenty-two years on the bench.

Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative

Since the last annual district report was published in early 2012, I have had the privilege of taking part as the district's Ninth Circuit Lawyer Coordinating Committee Representative, in assisting in many useful projects and events at the District Court of Guam, and it is my pleasure to give you a short report on them.

Local Rules of Practice

Over the last year or so I have had the opportunity to assist the District Court in the challenging project of updating their Local Rules of Practice. Seven committees have been formed. each consisting of attorneys and court staff members and each dedicated to one

Local Rules of Practice Government and Guam Bar Committee Members			
Rules	Attorney		
Admiralty	David Ledger, Jehan'ad Martinez		
Bankruptcy	Mark Beggs, Mark Williams, Seth Forman		
Civil	Mikel Schwab, Elyze M. Iriarte, Rodney Jacob, Thomas Sterling, Thomas Tarpley, R. Todd Thompson		
Criminal	John Gorman, G. Patrick Civille, Joaquin C. Arriola, Jr., Marivic David, Howard Trapp, Fred Black		
General Rules	Jacqueline Terlaje, Cynthia Ecube, Vanessa Ji		
Habeas Corpus	Rosetta San Nicolas, Marianne Woloschuk		
Tax	Timothy McLaughlin, Carlos Taitano, Joseph Razzano, Jacqueline Terlaje, Mikel Schwab		

of the seven areas of rules: Admiralty, Criminal, Civil, Bankruptcy, Tax, Habeas Corpus, and General Rules. The updated Admiralty Rules were issued on November 5, 2012.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder Visit

In June of last year, the District Court of Guam and the Office of the United States Attorney were privileged to host the 82nd Attorney General of the United States, Eric H. Holder, to Guam. During his short stay on the island, Mr. Holder held a question and answer session with over 100 active



U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder with Chief Judge Ramona Manglona and Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood.

members of the Guam Bar Association and attended a merienda at the courthouse with many island leaders.

Seminar on Bankruptcy Law

Assistant U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee Curtis B. Ching visited the court in September 2012 to conduct an informative seminar for several dozen bar members. Mr. Ching provided an overview of consumer bankruptcy law (Chapters 7 and 13). While here, he was also invited by the Guam Chamber



Rodney J. Jacob 9th Circuit LRCC Representative

of Commerce to deliver a keynote address on Bankruptcy Law and Trends at their membership luncheon.

Law Week 2013: "Realizing the Dream: Equality for All"

We commemorated Law Year 2013 by remembering the 150th Anniversary of the Signing of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 50th Anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. Events at the U.S. Courthouse included school tours, a Veterans' Merienda, a Law Day Naturalization Ceremony, Student Island Leadership Day, and a Law Fair at the Micronesia Mall. The week was capped off by a Forum on Human Trafficking at the University of Guam.



Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, and Rodney Jacob with school children at the Law Fair.

Office of the United States Attorney

Last year was a very productive year for the U.S. Attorney's Office, thanks to the efforts civil rights cases, personnel actions, of its three divisions. The office's criminal division successfully brought federal criminal cases and investigations involving human trafficking, major drug trafficking operations, violent crimes, firearm offenses, child pornography, financial fraud, health care fraud, environmental crimes, civil rights, immigration crimes, and public corruption, among other cases. In addition to the Assistant U.S Attorneys prosecuting this caseload, military attorneys acting as Special Assistant U.S. Attorneys prosecuted cases involving theft of government property and housing fraud.

The U.S. Attorney's Office's civil division provided legal representation to the federal government, its agencies and employees in civil court actions, defending them against claims by individuals and corporations. The civil division also brought affirmative lawsuits on behalf of the United States, seeking damages and relief from those who harmed the interests

of the country and its residents. The civil division's cases included essential personal injury defense, medical malpractice, civil fraud, environmental violations, labor enforcement, foreign litigation, and more. In addition, the division's financial litigation unit serves as a collection agent for judgments taken on debts to the United States and to victims of crimes, including delinquent loans, unpaid fines and restitution.

Behind the scenes, the U.S. Attorney's Office's administrative division and support staff provided unflagging assistance to the office's mission, along with logistical support for the 37 federal employees of the U.S. Attorney's Office on Guam and the NMI. They also coordinate between the U.S. Department of Justice on Guam and the other federal agencies throughout the nation.

The United States Attorney, Alicia Limtiaco, places a high priority on training and community outreach. During 2012, the office took a leadership role in trainings,



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

conferences, and outreach efforts involving child sexual exploitation, human trafficking, cooperation with regional governments, anti-drug abuse, prescription drug take back programs, and anti-terrorism efforts. The U.S. Attorney has reached out with training and support to other federal agencies, local and federal law enforcement police and agents, victim advocacy groups, social service providers, medical and other health care providers, educators and students, inter-faith community members, consulate offices, and other community stakeholders.

Office of the Federal Public Defender

It is ironic that in the year that we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court Case of Gideon v. Wainwright, which established the right to counsel for poor people charged with crimes, that the Office of the Federal Public Defender is facing unprecedented financial woes. The Sequester, a.k.a. the Budget Control Act of 2011, was supposed to cut most federal budgets

by approximately 4.7% across the board, starting in 2013 and going until 2021. The Sequester axe, however, fell unduly hard on the Federal Public Defenders.

Our 2013 budget was cut by 11%. This took us by surprise as this office has always been a good fiscal steward, financially prudent, and cost effective. We consistently seek



Iohn Gorman Federal Public Defender

appointment for the most-culpable defendants, volunteer for leadership roles in multi-defendant cases and work to save Criminal Justice Act panel resources by offering our office's institutional knowledge and expertise to help panel attorneys. Our office has traditionally handled over 65% of the indigent cases in this district. This year, our two attorney office is projected to handle approximately 160 weighted open cases. In response to the cuts, we embarked on a stringent austerity program. Our longtime Assistant Federal Public Defender, Richard Arens, retired on December 31, 2012. I handled all the cases in the office for the first four months of 2013, providing a significant cost savings. All the staff has also been furloughed (a day without pay), for at least 5 days so far this fiscal year. All

spending on travel and training was also scrapped and all expenses strictly scrutinized. But, alas, our fiscal responsibility was not rewarded, but led to more pain.

While our 2013 financial situation was certainly hard, our 2014 budget outlook is bleak. Our office is scheduled for a further 23% in cuts starting on October 1, 2013. No amount of stringent austerity will permit our present program to absorb a 23% budget cut. We will have to lay off our only investigator, and possibly our computer person and one administrative support staff. This could leave us with two attorneys and our administrative officer. Obviously, our ability to take certain serious and complex cases will be compromised and we have to consider radical

adjustments to the way in which our office operates. Of course, I will not take any of these actions without consultation with the Court, but together we will be required to select the least harmful of a number of bad options.

Federal Defenders nationally are doing everything possible to avoid this looming crisis and secure adequate funding. We are determined not to go down without a fight. Regardless of our current financial difficulties, the Federal Public Defenders remain committed to maintaining the high quality of representation our clients have always expected and the Constitution demands.

United States Marshals Service

The U.S. Marshals Service provides protection to U.S. Supreme Court Justices just as the U.S. Secret Service protects the President of the United States. On January 2012, Supreme Court of the United States Associate Justice Sonya Sotomayor made an official trip to the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI), and U.S. Marshals from the Districts of Guam and NMI provided transportation and security to the visiting Justice.

The U.S. Marshals Service provided Court Security Officer (CSO) training to court security personnel of the Districts of Guam and the Northern Offender Registry, and local law Mariana Islands, as well as to court security officers of court members of the "Operation Deviant Guard". This Pacific Judicial Council. Instructors for the class were provided by the U.S. Marshals Service Training Academy.

The U. S. Marshals Violent Fugitive Task Force is comprised of officers from the Department of Corrections Parole Division, Judiciary of Guam Marshals and the Guam Police Department. The Task Force's primary mission is to locate and apprehend fugitives wanted for violent crimes on federal, state and territorial warrants. The Task Force was responsible for the arrest of 256 violent fugitives, of which 197 are fugitives wanted locally.

The U.S. Marshals Service, in partnership with the Guam Sex Offender Registry, the CNMI Sex enforcement authorities, conducted multi-agency operation resulted in the compliance verification of 377 registered sex offenders and the



Frank Leon Guerrero U.S. Marshal

eradication and seizure of marijuana plants with an estimated street value of \$107,000.00. One sex offender was indicted in the federal district court and later arrested; eight fugitive warrants issued in the Superior Court of Guam were cleared by physical arrest, and two subjects were arrested for noncompliance pending formal charges by the CNMI Attorney General's Office.

School Tours and Presentations



Students from Andersen Middle School.



Students from George Washington High School.



Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Professor Frank Ishizaki with his Criminal Justice Class from Guam Community College and court staff.



L to R: Cathy Catterson, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Executive; Circuit Judge Sydney Thomas, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood (serving as Chief of Chiefs), Judge Thomas F. Hogan, and Chief Judge Ann Aiken (Oregon).

Law Week 2013: "Realizing the Dream: Equality for All"

Law Day Naturalization Ceremony



Members of the armed services taking the Oath of Citizenship on Tuesday, April 30, 2013.



Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido presenting the Keynote Address.

Island Leadership Day



Students participating in Island Leadership Day on Thursday, May 2, 2013 with their executive counterparts. L to R, Front Row: U.S. Probation Officer Maria Cruz, Chief U.S. Probation Officer Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon, U.S. Attorney Alicia Limtiaco, U.S. Marshal Frank Leon Guerrero, Attorney Rodney Jacob, Guam Bar Association President Cynthia V. Ecube. L to R, Back Row: Island Leadership Students with Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood.

Law Fair, Micronesia Mall



Members of the public attending the Law Fair held at the Micronesia Mall on Saturday, May 4, 2013.



Island Leadership Day Students participating in a close quarter battle exercise.



Foreground: Geraldine Cepeda, the Compiler of Laws and Executive Director of the Territorial Law Library, at the Law Fair.



Court staff, L to R: Holly Gumataotao, Rose Nangauta, Karen Quitlong, Shirlene Ishizu, Cynthia Palacios, Virginia Kilgore, and Judith Hattori.

Eric H. Holder, Attorney General of the United States



L to R: Chief Judge Ramona Manglona, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Captain Casey White (USCG), Rear Admiral Paul Bushong (USN), Attorney General of the United States Eric H. Holder, Brigadier General Stephen Garland (USAF), Vice Commander Donald Drechsler (USAF), and U.S. Attorney Alicia Limtiaco. July 16, 2012.

Court Tours



St. John's High School Advanced Placement Government and Politics Class with U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. (far left), and Chief U.S. Probation Officer Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon (far right).

Ceremonial Swearing-In for Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo



L to R: Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood, Congresswoman Bordallo's niece, Kylie Baker, nephew Dillon Baker, and Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo.



Kevin Clifton and Paul Castro, from the U.S. Secret Service, show visiting students examples of counterfeit currency.

2012 Summer Interns



L to R: Candise Lizama, Lilly Gill, U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr., and Corey Westfall. Intern Kaz Shigeta is missing from the photograph.

Toys for Tots, Christmas 2012



L to R: Cynthia Ecube, Guam Bar Association President, Sr. Brigid Perez RSM, Alee Shelter Director, and Tricia Tenorio, Administrative Assistant at Alee Shelter.

Red Ribbon Campaign 2012



Children from several local elementary schools, including St. Anthony Catholic School, and Bishop Baumgartner Memorial Catholic School, taking the Drug Free Oath, along with Governor Eddie Baza Calvo, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, U.S. Attorney Alicia Limtiaco, and Guam Attorney General Leonardo Rapadas.

2013 Veterans Merienda



Veterans Francisco L.G. Mendiola, and Bernice T. Mendiola present a Certificate of Appreciation to Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood and U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. on April 29, 2013.

Federal and Military Bar Admissions



L to R: James R. Haslup, Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood.



L to R: Law Clerks Cathleen L.G. Moylan, Kim Walmsley, and Karen Quitlong (admittee)



L to R: George Neil P. Valdes, Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood.



Brian Patrick Kelley



L to R: Brooke Elizabeth Wright, Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood.



L to R: Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood and Jane Lee, Law Clerk



L to R: Jennifer Buyske, Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood.



L to R: Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Benjamin C. Sandel, First Assistant U.S. Attorney Belinda Alcantara.



L to R: John R. Bordallo Bell, Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood.

Cristobal C. Dueñas Excellence Award



Cristobal C. Dueñas, a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, was appointed by President Richard M. Nixon on September 23, 1969 to be the first Chamorro 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 Dueñas 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. He will long be remembered for his humility, courage, and keen intellect.

Richard Parker Arens, a retired Assistant Federal Public Defender in Guam, was awarded the Cristobal C. Dueñas Excellence Award in a special ceremony held on December 13, 2012. The award is given in memory of Judge Cristobal Dueñas in recognition of service to the Court and to the District.

Richard has been an indefatigable advocate for the indigent and marginalized throughout his legal career, serving stints as both a prosecutor and a defender. Richard began working in the Office of the Attorney General, Prosecution Division, writing appeals and focusing on the prosecution of Family Violence and Criminal Sexual Conduct cases. After spending two years with the law firm of Horecky and Associates, in 1996 he became an associate attorney with the law firm of Cunliffe and Cook where he began to concentrate on criminal defense.

In September of 2003 and after spending many years as a dedicated member of the Court's CJA Panel, Richard accepted the position of trial attorney with the Office of the Federal Public Defender. Federal Public Defender John Gorman says, "Richard was renowned for going well above the call of duty in his zealous representation of his clients. He treated all his clients with dignity and respect. An eternal optimist, he believed all his clients could be rehabilitated. On more than one occasion, Richard would personally pick clients up at the jail and transport them to the Lighthouse Rehabilitation Center." He retired from the Office of the Federal Public Defender in December 2012.

Please join us in thanking Richard for his heartfelt and principled contributions to the pursuit of justice on Guam. We wish him the best in his retirement and his future adventures.

Richard earned the Guam Cross of Valor for saving a life at Tarague Beach.



L to R: Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Richard Arens, U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr.

Richard returned in 2006 from 12month tour of duty in the Horn of Africa. The District Court would like to extend a sincere Si Yu'us Ma'ase to Judy Flores for allowing us to use this piece of art for our cover. The District Court will be using the work of local artists for covers of future Annual Reports.

The proa painting is made by local artist Judy Flores, working in her home studio in Inarajan, Guam. She creates batiks which depict the present-day and by-gone Chamorro culture which she has been a part of for over forty years.

Cover: A batik painting depicting a "proa" or "sakman", a traditional indigenous sailing vessel, representing the collective ingenuity and intrepid spirit of the ancient Chamorro mariners graces this cover. It is our desire to approach the future of justice on Guam in that same spirit.

Batik painting by local artist Judy Flores, GUAHAN PROA -ANCIENT MARINERS, Framed, Etc. Gallery 477-7873, www.guambatikgallery.com

