

District Court of Guam

2016 Report



Please join us in extending a warm Hafa Adai
to our Guests of Honor



The Honorable Paul J. Watford

The Honorable Paul J. Watford serves as a Circuit Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, with chambers in Pasadena, California. He was nominated by President Obama on October 17, 2011, and confirmed by the Senate on May 21, 2012.

Judge Watford received his undergraduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1989 and his law degree from the UCLA School of Law in 1994. From 1994 to 1995, Judge Watford served as a law clerk to Judge Alex Kozinski of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and from 1995 to 1996 he served as a law clerk to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court. From 1997 to 2000, Judge Watford served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles, and from 2001 until his appointment to the bench, Judge Watford was in private practice at Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP in Los Angeles, where his practice focused primarily on appellate litigation.



Professor Jonathan Turley

Jonathan Turley is a nationally recognized legal scholar who has written extensively in areas ranging from constitutional law to legal theory to tort law. After a stint at Tulane Law School, Professor Turley joined the George Washington University School of Law faculty in 1990, and in 1998, became the youngest chaired professor in the school's history.

He is the founder and executive director of the Project for Older Prisoners (POPS). He has written more than three dozen academic articles that have appeared in a variety of leading law journals including those of Cornell, Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, and Northwestern Universities, among others. He most recently completed a three-part study of the historical and constitutional evolution of the military system.

He has served as a consultant on homeland security and constitutional issues, and is a frequent witness before the House and Senate on constitutional and statutory issues as well as tort reform legislation. He is also a nationally recognized legal commentator.

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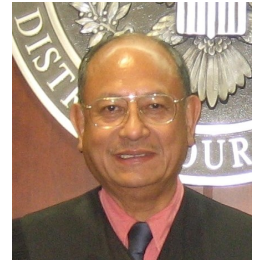
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Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr.
U.S. Magistrate Judge

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 2017 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 Judge Paul J. Watford, a Circuit Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and Jonathan Turley, a nationally recognized legal scholar who has written extensively in areas ranging from constitutional law to legal theory to tort law. We are grateful to our dedicated lawyer representatives, Rodney Jacob and Cynthia Ecube for the help they gave us in planning this conference.

Over the last year we have said "Ádios Esta Ki" to Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon, our Chief U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Officer for many years. She retired in March 2016 and we miss her still. Kim Walmsley, a long time law clerk for the court, took the helm of our Probation and Pretrial Services Office soon thereafter and is performing admirably there.

We have successfully completed several initiatives over the last year, and we have more planned for the coming year, which you can read about in detail in the following pages. For example, we have officially begun accepting online payment via credit card and ACH for certain case related fees, we've completely overhauled our court website, and we've hosted two training sessions, one for trial advocacy and one for bankruptcy, for island attorneys to earn continuing legal education (CLE) units.

Among the projects on our plate for 2017 are the updating of our Local General Rules of Practice, expanding the transactions and fees eligible for online payment, migrating to a new financial system, and moving to the next generation of the U.S. Courts' electronic case management and electronic case filing system.

The work of our court units, the other law-related federal agencies, the Judiciary of Guam and the Guam Bar Association can be seen in the following pages. I thank the hardworking staff of the Clerk's Office, led by Jeanne G. Quinata; U.S. Probation & Pretrial Service Office, led by Kim Walmsley; U.S. Marshals Service (including Court Security Officers), led by Marshal Frank Leon Guerrero; Federal Protective Services, led by Salvador Lujan; the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Office of the Federal Public Defender for a successful year. I also thank the Judiciary of Guam, along with Guam Bar President Jehan'ad Martinez and the Guam Bar Association for their community partnership.

Office of the Clerk of Court

Mandatory E-filing

The Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States has drafted proposed changes to federal rules to make electronic filing mandatory in all districts. The proposed change to Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d)(3)(A) includes this clause:

“A person represented by an attorney must file electronically, unless non-electronic filing is allowed by the court for good cause or is allowed or required by local rule.”

More detailed information about the proposed amendments may be found here: <http://www.gud.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/documents/usc-rules-cr-2016-0005-0002.pdf>.

Comments should be submitted no later than Wednesday, February 15, 2017, and may be submitted electronically by following the instructions at: <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/proposed-amendments-published-public-comment>. If approved, the proposed amendments would become effective on December 1, 2018.

Electronic Payments

The court implemented electronic payment of case-related fees on a limited basis in its electronic filing systems in January 2017. The types of transactions that may be paid with credit card or ACH will be expanded throughout the year.

New Website

The court overhauled its website in November 2016, adding new features and making it more accessible to smartphones and mobile devices. New features include an enhanced and streamlined menu system, a feature slider to highlight important news or notices, and "responsive" features that render usable screens for smartphones and other mobile devices.

Local Rules

Updated General Rules, including rules regarding attorney admission and discipline, will be implemented in the first quarter of 2017, but not without public notice and comment, pursuant to 28 USC 2071(b).

Next Generation Case Management System

The court will move to the Judiciary's next generation Case Management and Electronic Case Filing System in 2017. New features include Judge Review Packets, which will allow judges and chamber staff to gather together in one place materials relevant to pending motions or other matters, and a Central Sign-on module for district and bankruptcy court users and public filers.

Judiciary Integrated Financial Management System (JIFMS)

The court will be moving to an updated financial system called the Judiciary Integrated Financial Management System (JIFMS) this year. This browser-based system will allow court personnel to record and maintain the Judiciary's financial and procurement information, as well as to report on that data, within one application. JIFMS interfaces with U.S. Treasury systems and other Judiciary operational systems which will eliminate duplicative entry and strengthen the court's internal controls.



Jeanne G. Quinata
Clerk of Court

New Employees

We welcomed two new employees to the Clerk's Office in 2016. Stacy McDonald Flores, an administrative assistant, and Cecila "Cil" Scroggs, a deputy clerk, both joined the court in February 2016. Stacy has taken an active roll in planning court outreach events, while Cil has been staffing the intake counter and performing case management functions.



The intake counter of the Clerk's Office.

Main Telephone Numbers

- Clerk's Office: (671) 969-4500
- Chambers of the Chief Judge: (671) 969-4501
- Chambers of the U.S. Magistrate Judge: (671) 969-4507
- U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services Office: (671) 969-4600

Fax Numbers

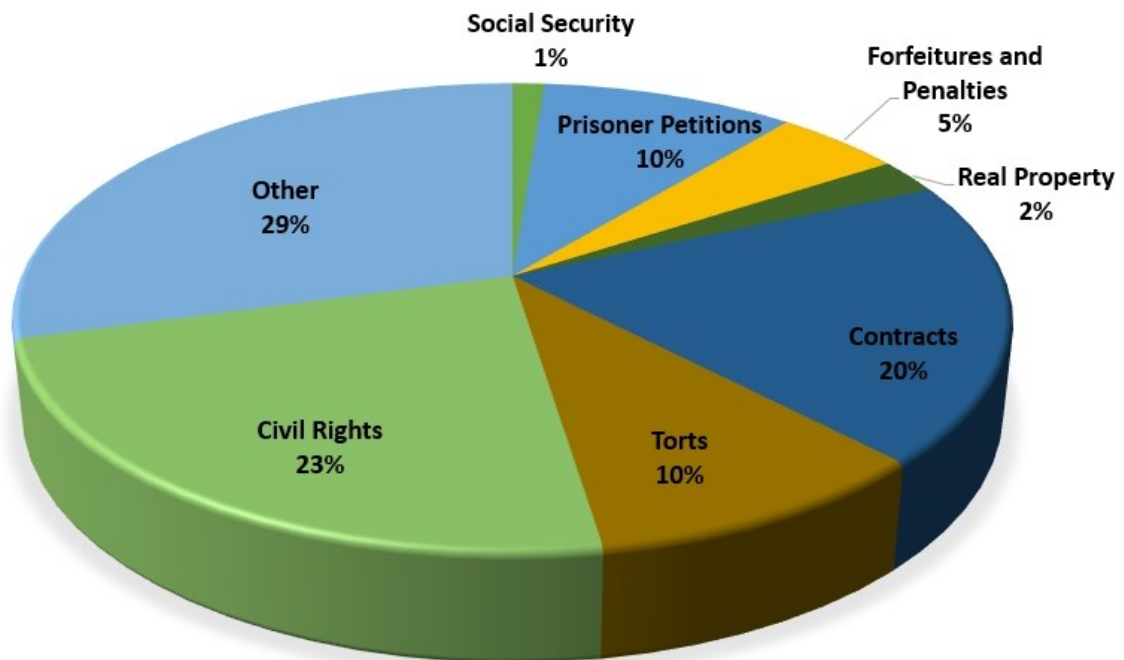
- Clerk's Office: (671) 969-4488
- Chambers of the Chief Judge: (671) 969-4492
- Chambers of the U.S. Magistrate Judge: (671) 969-4486
- U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services Office: (671) 969-4601

Case and Workload Statistics

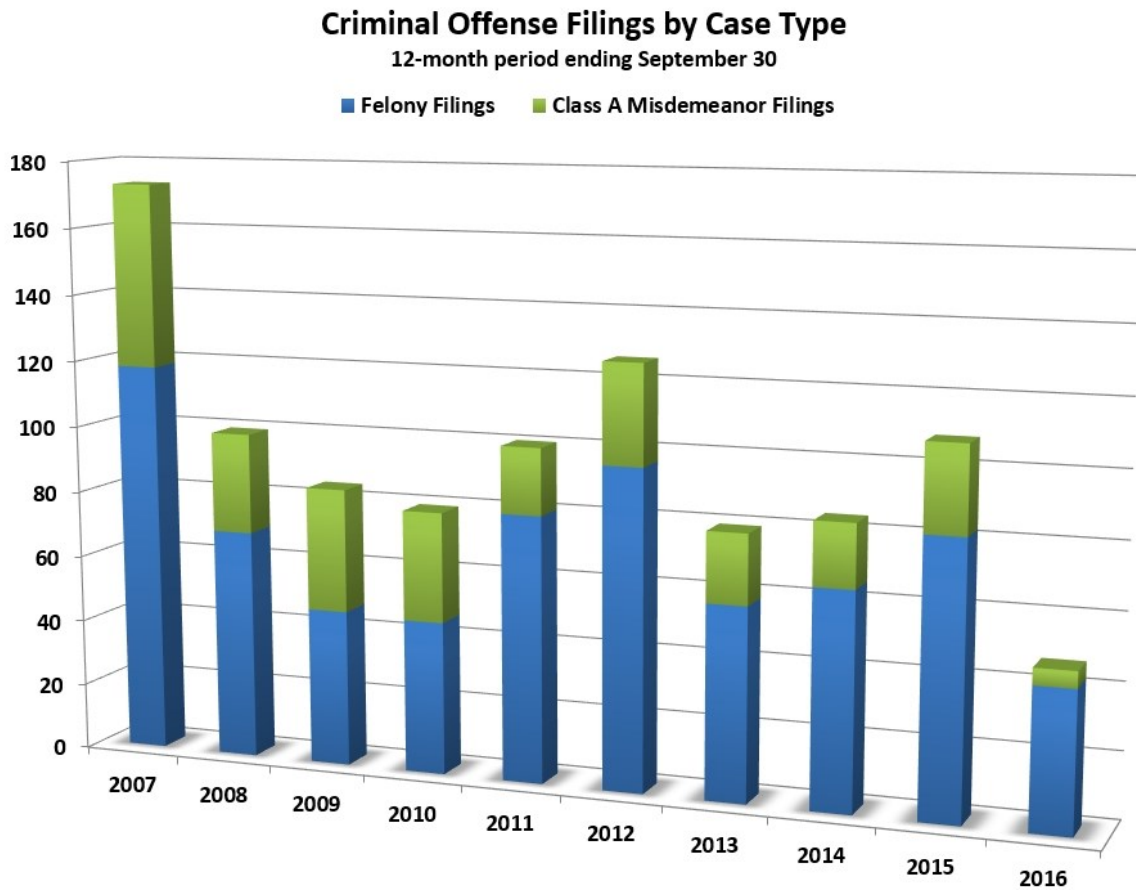
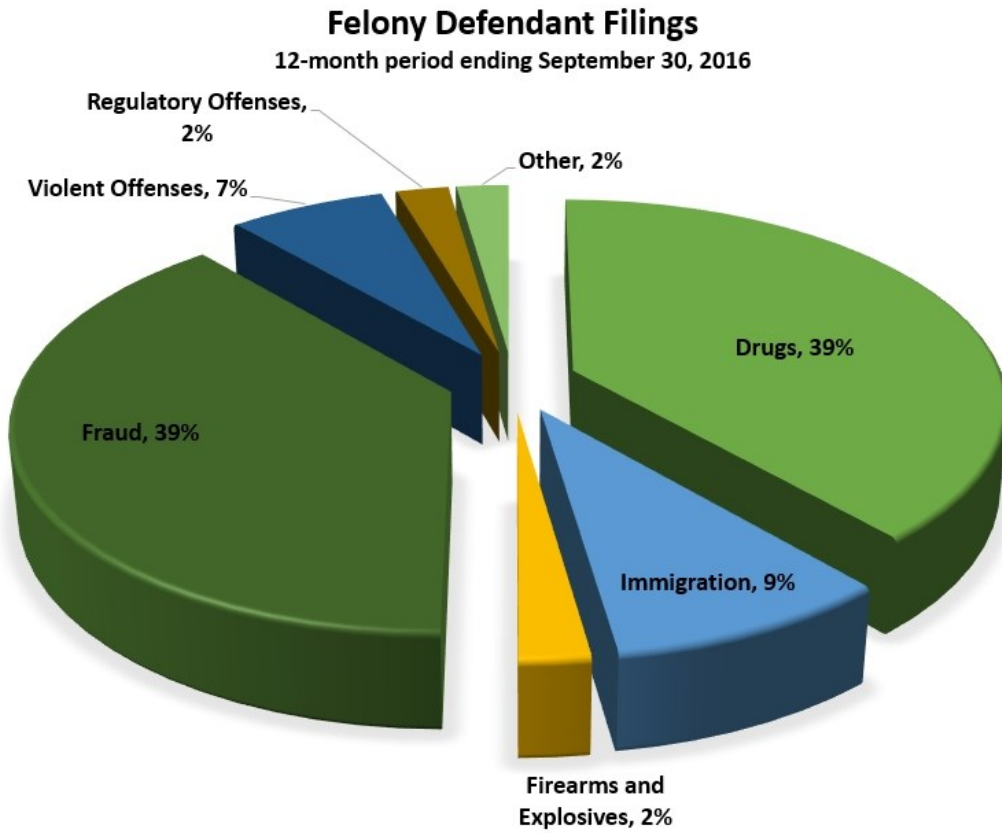
District Caseload Measures (12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2016)				
	2014	2015	2016	% Change (2016/2015)
Filings				
Civil	21	47	82	+74%
Criminal Defendants	62	113	49	-57%
Bankruptcy	147	133	152	+14%
Terminations				
Civil	37	33	53	+60%
Criminal Defendants	91	104	83	-20%
Bankruptcy	143	120	141	+18%
Pending				
Civil	47	61	89	+46%
Criminal Defendants	75	117	89	-24%
Bankruptcy	166	179	190	+6%

Civil Cases Filed

12-month period ending September 30, 2016



Case and Workload Statistics



Case and Workload Statistics

Magistrate Felony Proceedings

12-Month Period Ending September 30

Year	Search Warrants	Arrest Warrants	Initial Appearances (inc. for revocations)	Arraignments	Detention/ Bail Hearings	Felony Guilty Pleas	Supervised Release Revocation Hearings
2013	136	27	106	40	20	61	5
2014	122	45	150	53	9	44	3
2015	85	49	194	78	3	58	4
2016	101	47	161	33	4	33	9

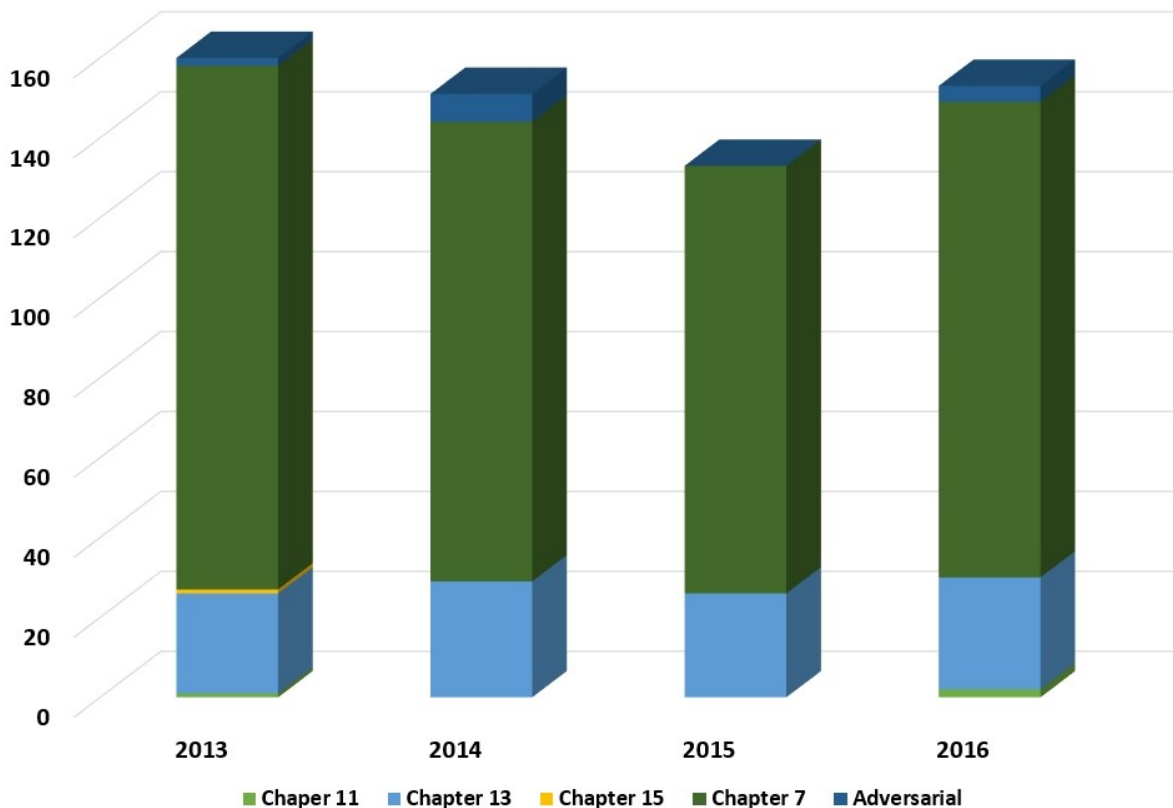
Other Criminal Magistrate Work

12-Month Period Ending September 30

Year	Petty Offenses Disposed	Class A Misdemeanors Disposed	Initial Appearances (Misdemeanor)	Sentencing Proceedings
2013	0	25	36	0
2014	0	23	33	0
2015	13	24	40	2
2016	49	9	17	4

Bankruptcy Filings

12-month period ending September 30



U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services Office

Staffing

After 23 years of service, Chief U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Officer Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon retired on March 31, 2016. Rossanna was appointed as Chief U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Officer for Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) in November 2007. Throughout Rossanna's tenure, new programs and practices were ushered in to better serve the U.S. Probation and Pretrial clients, as well as protect the community. For example, evidenced based practices, such as Pretrial Risk Assessments and Post-Conviction Risk Assessments were implemented. Rossanna also oversaw the start of the Drug Offender Reentry Programs in the District Court of Guam in 2008 and the District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands in January 2016.

Replacing Chief Villagomez-Aguon is Kim R. Walmsley, J.D. Ms. Walmsley is no stranger to Guam. She served as Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood's career law clerk until December 2012, when she relocated to the land down under, where she lived in Perth, Australia, until her return to the island on May 11, 2016. While in Perth,

Ms. Walmsley was employed as a Transit Officer with the Public Transport Authority. That experience gave Ms. Walmsley additional skills that lend themselves to her newly appointed position.

On September 19, 2016, U.S. Probation Officer Specialist John W. San Nicolas II was promoted to Supervisory United States Probation/Pretrial Officer. John was the lead firearms instructor for over 14 years and was instrumental in drafting the firearms policy, which was approved by the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. John brings to the position over 15 years of experience and is well regarded in and out of the office.

In May 2016, U.S. Probation Officer Ricardo Leon Guerrero graduated from the eight week National Training Academy's Initial Probation/Pretrial Officer Training program. In December 2016, he returned to the National Training Academy and successfully completed the two week Initial Safety Instructor Certification program, certifying him as an Officer Response Tactics Instructor.



Kim R. Walmsley
Chief U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Officer

Training

On Friday July 1, 2016 training was conducted by Mr. Michael G. Santos, author, *Earning Freedom: Conquering a 45-Year Prison Term*, who spoke about his own personal journey through 26 years in federal prison, the challenges faced by those in prison and the opportunities for reentry into the community. Mr. Santos spoke to legal professionals and many of the U.S. Probation and Pretrial clients. Mr. Santos encouraged those awaiting sentencing to take advantage of all opportunities offered by the Bureau of Prisons.

In July 2016, U.S. Probation Officers attended a four day training in MRT-Moral Reconciliation Therapy. MRT is an intensive cognitive-behavioral counseling training program that combines education, group and individual counseling, and structured exercises designed to explore the dynamics and basic personality traits, as well as foster moral development in treatment-resistant clients.

In preparation of implementing the firearms program, Firearms Instructors Derek Kim, from the District of Hawaii, John W. San Nicolas II, from the District of Guam, and Gregory F. Arriola, from the District of the NMI, conducted a two day firearms training at the Guam Community College's Firearms Range. In November 2016, the Firearms



U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Office staff members with retired U.S. Chief Probation and Pretrial Services Officer Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon.

Policy for the Districts of Guam and NMI was approved by the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood and Ramona Manglona, respectively.

In September 2016, U.S. Probation Officer Specialist Derek Kim, from the District of Hawaii, provided Financial Investigative Training for Guam and NMI U.S. Probation Officers. Officer Kim demonstrated how the officers could improve their efforts in collecting restitution, fines, and special assessments owed. After the training, Guam improved its national ranking from 68th to 3rd, and NMI went from 18th to 5th.

The U.S. Probation Office

purchased the MILO Range Pro system, which is an interactive video use-of-force training simulator. In December 2016, a MILO representative came to Guam to train the officers on how to use the system. MILO will be used to enhance officer's decision making skills. The system comes with more than 700 scenarios and the instructor has the capability to alter each use of force situation, to keep officers focused on judgment. The simulator helps to train officers to think and act

quickly and efficiently in stressful situations. Debriefing occurs after each training session to discuss what the officers did well and what they could have done better.



U.S. Probation Officers Ricardo Leon Guerrero and Jeffrey Ventura practice with the MILO Range Pro simulator.

Probation/Pretrial Statistics 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2016

	Guam # of cases (% change)	NMI # of cases (% change)
Pretrial:		
Cases Activated (regular) and Illegal Aliens:	41 (-61%)	18 (+13%)
Cases Activated (diversion):	0 (-100%)	0 (no change)
Clients Supervised During Time Period	109 (-34%)	21 (+17%)
Clients Active as of September 30, 2016	66 (-40%)	15 (+7%)
Diversion Clients Supervised During Time Period	4 (-64%)	1 (-50%)
Diversion Clients Active as of September 30, 2016	0 (-100%)	0 (-100%)
Presentence:		
Presentence Reports Completed:	80 (-7%)	18 (+80%)
Post-Conviction:		
Probation/TSR/Parolee Clients Supervised During Time Period	248 (+2%)	51 (-6%)
Probation/TSR/Parole clients active as of September 30, 2016	206 (+13%)	41 (+3%)

Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative

Law Week 2016: “Miranda: More than Words”

I would like to thank all the judges and members of the bar who assisted in the civics outreach events associated with Law Week 2016. I especially thank those of you who helped with our “Conversatorio” at the District Court on the subject of the Miranda Rights. Dozens of island students, including many from the University of Guam took part in what was, in my opinion, a very fruitful discussion.

Mandatory Electronic Filing

Please take note of Jeanne Quinata’s discussion about the possibility of a nation-wide mandate to use electronic filing in federal trial courts, including this one, by the end of next year (page 3). Many or most of you probably already file electronically in our district, but if you have an opinion about this,

we’d like to hear it.

Today’s Speakers

Lastly, I am most grateful to Circuit Judge Paul J. Watford, and Professor Jonathan Turley for agreeing to come to the island and speak with us today. Judge Watford will give us an update on the Ninth Circuit, as well as a presentation on appellate advocacy, while Professor Turley will be giving us fascinating presentations on the history of the Supreme Court, the use of cultural norms in criminal and civil cases, and current ethical issues facing counsel in criminal cases. We’ll end the afternoon with an informative session entitled, “*Pot or Not?*”, which will include issues relating to the collision of Guam law with federal law regarding the legalization of marijuana for medical and recreational use. Panel members will include Dr. Paul Coty, the Chief Medical Officer of Guam



Rodney J. Jacob
9th Circuit LRCC Representative

Regional Medical City, Attorney General Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, DEA Agent Kirk Williamson, Federal Public Defender John Gorman, Presiding Judge Alberto Lamorena, III of the Superior Court of Guam, Gerard Cruz, President of Community First Guam Federal Credit Union, and attorneys Dana Gutierrez and Jacqueline Terlaje.

Guam Bar Association President

The Guam Bar Association (“GBA”) is charged by law to, among other things, “improve the administration of justice, improve the standards of the legal profession, [and] encourage higher and better education of its members[.]” Because the GBA has no permanent employees, all of its functions are carried out by volunteers from its membership. As a consequence, it takes dedication and commitment of many volunteers, and components of Guam’s judicial family, to fulfill the GBA’s mandates. This includes the support of the District Court of Guam.



The generous commitment of time and resources to the GBA by the District Court of Guam, Chief Judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood, and Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr., have played a substantial role in helping the GBA fulfill the important obligations of improving the standards of the legal profession and educating the GBA’s members. In 2016, the District Court of Guam sponsored the District Conference, at which GBA participants were able to fulfill nearly all of their annual mandatory continuing legal education obligations for the year. And, the District Court of Guam’s efforts to providing relevant training to the GBA extended well beyond the District Conference.

These efforts included a very well received, 3-day trial skills development training program, a bankruptcy court primer, and co-sponsoring the very well received, and



Jehan’ad Martinez
President

GBA’s first, Business Law and International Practice Conference held in Ortigas, Philippines. The GBA is privileged to have the District Court of Guam and its judicial officers and staff as partners in bringing education opportunities to the GBA’s membership, which help us better serve our island community.

Office of the United States Attorney

In 2016, the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) welcomed a new First Assistant/ Criminal Chief to the District. We also saw the departure of one AUSA due to the expiration of Department of Interior funding.

In the Criminal Division, prosecutions for drug offenses under Title 21 of the United States Code remained the largest component of the USAO's workload, increasing to nearly 50 percent. The prosecutions included Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) cases, and convictions for conspiracy to import and distribute methamphetamine, attempted possession and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, and other crimes associated with drug trafficking such as tampering with a witness and obstruction of a criminal investigation by bribery.

Prosecutions for white collar crimes constituted approximately 25 percent, including convictions for bank fraud, aggravated identity theft, conspiracy to commit money laundering, conspiracy to defraud and deprive honest services, conspiracy to commit health care fraud, and other fraudulent schemes. Convictions involving child sexual exploitation, failure to register under SORNA, immigration fraud, visa fraud, alien smuggling, and firearm offenses comprised another 25 percent of criminal prosecutions.

Over \$8.4M in criminal and civil

judicial forfeitures were actively pending before the Court in 2016. These assets included real property, currency, vehicles, firearms, ammunition, jewelry and other personal property associated with criminal activity in the District. By year-end, over \$1,955,000 were ordered forfeited to the United States government.

In the Civil Division, affirmative civil enforcement increased with a doubling of civil fraud prosecutions and civil immigration cases also doubled. Over \$317,000 were collected in three civil matters and cases alone. The Division actively pursued and defended matters and cases involving civil rights, fraud, environmental issues, employment discrimination, torts, land, taxes, foreclosures, immigration, foreign litigation, bankruptcy, social security, commercial litigation and Touhy requests over the past year. Touhy matters regarding subpoenaed federal employees and files increased, which involved the Division in local cases. The Financial Litigation Unit (FLU) collected over \$533,000 in restitution from defendants in criminal cases and over \$1,474,000 from defendants in civil cases.

Consistent with Department of Justice initiatives, the USAO continued its engagement and collaboration with community partners, including task force and coalition members consisting of local and federal government agencies, military counterparts, nongovernmental organiza-



Alicia A.G. Limtiaco
United States Attorney

tions, and the private sector. The USAO also organized trainings and conferences, and conducted community outreaches supporting the *Smart On Crime Initiative* on crime prevention, strengthening protections for vulnerable populations, and reentry efforts through workforce development strategies; national community policing; civil rights and prevention of hate crimes including the first roundtable meeting with the LGBTQI Community Coalition, law enforcement and government agencies; our *Pacific Regional Response to Combat Human Trafficking Initiative* including training conducted in Hawaii, American Samoa, the FSM, Palau and the Marshall Islands; *Project Safe Childhood* and prevention of child sexual exploitation; *Project Safe Neighborhoods* and anti-gun violence, gang violence, bullying, and cyberbullying efforts; *Red Ribbon Campaign* and drug abuse prevention; and *National Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative*.

Office of the Federal Public Defender

The Office of the Federal Public Defender (FPD) celebrates its 23rd Anniversary this year with renewed optimism. The Guam FPD opened in 1994 as a branch of the Hawaii FPD and became an independent office in 2001. Our office continues to provide zealous, effective representation for indigent clients charged with criminal offenses in federal court. Our nation and our island face a cycle of poverty, criminality, and incarceration that traps too many Americans and weakens too many

communities. The past presidential administration introduced many reforms for a smarter and more equitable criminal justice system. We hope the new administration will continue on the path to reform. We had two noteworthy programs this year.

Four Executive Grants of Clemency

"The power to grant pardons and commutations . . . embodies the basic belief in our democracy that people deserve a second chance after having made



Staff of the Office of the Federal Public Defender: L to R: Lita Dueñas, James Maus, Leilani Lujan, John Gorman, Renate Grimes, and Chris Mantanoña.

a mistake in their lives that led to a conviction under our laws." President Obama

One highlight was that the president granted our clemency petitions for four clients. On August 5, 2016, James J. Dino was granted clemency. Mr. Dino was sentenced to a mandatory 20 years imprisonment in 2006 for methamphetamine distribution. Now aged 64, he has already served 10 and a half years and suffers from a number of severe and chronic health problems. President Obama commuted Mr. Dino's sentence to 193 months, a reduction of 47 months. He is due to be released later this year.

James Cabaccang and Frank Okiyama were granted clemency on January 17, 2017. Mr. Cabaccang was sentenced to Life Imprisonment in 1998. He is 61 years old and has already served over 19 years in jail. His life sentence was commuted to 292 months and his estimated release date is now in early 2021. Mr. Okiyama was sentenced to 37 years and 3 months in 1993 for a methamphetamine distribution and gun possession case. He

is 71 years old and has served over 23 years in jail. Okiyama is due to be released on January 17, 2019.

Lourdes Castro Duenas was granted clemency on January 19, 2017. She was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment in 2009. She is 50 years old and has served over 9 years in jail. Her sentencing judge, the Honorable Dean Pregerson, submitted a letter in support of her clemency, stating he believed the sentence to be unnecessary and excessive. Ms. Duenas will also be released on January 19, 2019.

Mr. Dino, Mr. Cabaccang, Mr. Okiyama and Ms. Duenas were low-level, non-violent offenders with no gang, organization or cartel affiliations. If they each were sentenced today, they would have received substantially reduced sentences due to changes in the federal sentencing guidelines. They were all model prisoners who received outstanding prison work evaluations and completed a slew of

educational courses.

29 Sentence Reductions

Another successful initiative our office steered through the court is the reduced sentences under the *All Drugs Minus Two* Federal Sentencing Guidelines reforms. We were able to secure lower and more equitable sentences for 29 clients in the past year and a half under this program. The sentence reductions averaged almost 3 years per person.

The Office of the Federal Public Defender will continue the fight for a fair and just criminal justice system. There will be considerable changes in the federal judiciary in the upcoming year, especially with four open seats in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, but we continue to look forward with optimism.

Biba Constitution yan Bill of Rights!

United States Marshals Service

The U.S. District of Guam Marshals Service operations continues to upgrade and refine our District's security measures. Some of those measures include collaborations with local and federal agencies such as the Guam law enforcement entities and the federal homeland security.

One of the newest innovation against terrorism is an operation entitled "*Contra I Peligro*" which tests the District's building and personnel security measures. The Guam U.S. District Courthouse security measure did extremely well during the last test. Along



the same note, extensive upgrades are constantly being made on the electronic security systems.

On the community side, the U.S. Marshals Service of Guam has a solid "warrants team" that performs daily compilations of local and federal fugitive warrants. This team has been instrumental in apprehending hundreds of Guam fugitives. The Guam U.S. Deputy Marshals are assisted by officers from the Judiciary of Guam, Department of Corrections, Guam Police, and Federal Immigration. One of the most comprehensive manhunts is called "*Operation Violent Reduction*", a federal initiative to apprehend the country's most violent offenders. This concerted effort concluded with the apprehension of numerous violent-offender fugitives who were taken off the streets of Guam.

The U.S. Marshals Service personnel here has continued to grow



Frank Leon Guerrero
U.S. Marshal

and are now at full capacity. The Guam Marshals Service personnel are close knit and often share in annual events such as personnel birthdays. Last September, the U.S. Marshals Service celebrated its 226th birthday since its inception in 1789.

Events, Outreach, and Ceremonies

2016 District Conference, February 4, 2016



L to R: Hon. Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr., Hon. Alberto Tolentino, Senator Benjamin F. Cruz, Hon. F. Philip Carbullido, Hon. Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Hon. Alex R. Munson, Hon. Linda Ingles, and Hon. Jay S. Bybee.

American Prison Consultant Michael Santos



Michael Santos, author, professor, and former prisoner. July 1, 2016.

High School Mock Trial Semi-Finals



L to R: Academy of Our Lady of Guam, Simon Sanchez High School, Notre Dame High School, and St. John's School. March 16, 2016.

2016 Civics Contest Winners



L to R: Attorney Jennifer Davis, Hon. Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Anne Wen, Raizel Yu, Avery Fernandez, Marie Bagana, Mikaela Agtay, Ivan Skvaril, Hon. Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr., and Chief Deputy Clerk Charles White. June 7, 2016. Skvaril went on to place first in the Ninth Circuit Video contest, and Yu proceeded to place second in the Ninth Circuit Essay contest.

“Miranda: More than Words”



On May 6, 2016, the District Court of Guam hosted a Conversatorio, “Miranda: More than Words,” with island students. Panelists discussed the Miranda Rights with students from the University of Guam, Guam Community College, Pacific Islands University and seniors high school students from Guam High School.

Events, Outreach, and Ceremonies

Festival of Pacific Arts Delegates



Delegates from Easter Island, French Polynesia and the Cook Islands, June 1, 2016.

Red Ribbon Presentation



U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. at Untalan Middle School on October 8, 2016.

Naturalization Ceremony Guest Speakers



Jon Fernandez, Superintendent of the Guam Department of Education, Martin Luther King, Jr. Naturalization Ceremony, January 20, 2016.



Dr. Mary Ann Young Okada, President of Guam Community College, Presidents' Day Naturalization Ceremony, February 16, 2016.



Attorney Rod Jacob, Law Day Naturalization Ceremony, May 2, 2016.



Hon. Maria Cenzone, Superior Court of Guam, Memorial Day and Asian and Pacific Island Heritage Month Naturalization Ceremony, May 27, 2016.



Attorney Minakshi V. Hemlani, Constitution Day and Citizenship Day Naturalization Ceremony, September 16, 2016.



U.S. Marine Corps Colonel Brent W. Bien, Veterans Day Naturalization Ceremony, November 10, 2016.

Events, Outreach, and Ceremonies

Courthouse Visits and Tours



University of Guam Journalism class, February 8, 2016.



Guam High School, May 2, 2016.



University of Guam Criminal Justice class, October 31, 2016.



FBI Citizens Academy, October 19, 2016.



The choir class from Notre Dame High School entertained the staff at the District Court on December 15, 2016.

2016 Haggan Games



As part of Law Week 2016, The District Court of Guam co-hosted a day-long athletic competition on May 28, 2016. Participants included teams from the District Court, the Judiciary of Guam, the United States Marshals Service and the Guam Army National Guard.

Events, Outreach, and Ceremonies

Anatomy of a Criminal/Civil Trial Training, August 10-12, 2016



Participants in the “Anatomy of a Criminal/Civil Trial” training program, with the help of instructors from the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) (<http://www.nita.org>), used the “learning-by-doing” method to learn, practice, and perfect trial skills in some of the challenging arts of trial advocacy, persuasion, and communication.

Bankruptcy Seminar, August 30, 2016



The District Court hosted a Bankruptcy Seminar on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 for members of the Guam Bar Association and their legal staff. Acting U.S. Trustee Tiffany Carroll and Assistant U.S. Trustee Curtis B. Ching presented topics that included information gathering, sanctions, and small business and individual chapter 11 cases. Participants earned 2.5 Continuing Legal Education (CLE) hours.

Federal and Military Bar Admissions



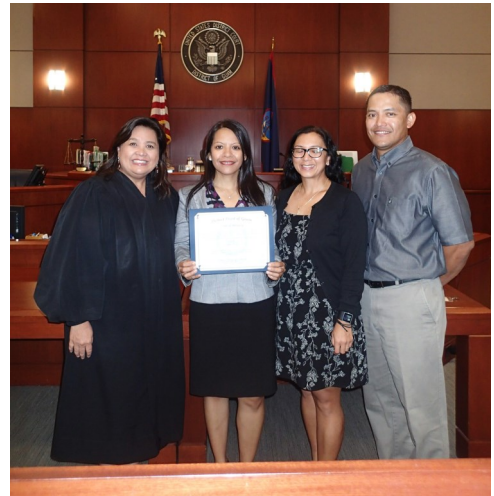
Aleyshia F. Young,
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2017 Cristobal C. Dueñas Excellence Award

With over 60 years of practice as a highly respected lawyer in the Guam and CNMI courts, and as one of Guam's first Chamorro lawyers, Mr. Joaquin C. Arriola, Sr. has been at the forefront of Guam's legal history. In addition to his extensive years of legal practice, Mr. Arriola was a Senator in the fledgling Third and Fourth Guam Legislatures; Legislative Legal Counsel for the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Guam Legislatures; and Speaker of the Ninth and Tenth Guam Legislatures. He was an Associate Justice (part-time) of the Guam Supreme Court. He served as Chairman on numerous Boards and Commissions, including the then College of Guam Board of Regents, and was legal counsel to many Government of Guam agencies, including the Guam Power Authority and the Guam Economic Development Authority.

He was instrumental in

organizing and forming the Bank of Guam, where he has served as general counsel since its incorporation, and has served on the Board of Directors and as Secretary for BankPacific.

Mr. Arriola attended the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota from 1947-1950, graduating *cum laude* in 1950. He graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1953 and passed the Minnesota State Bar the same year. He is currently a member of the Guam and CNMI bar Associations (and served as president from 1956-57), and is admitted to practice before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. The University of Guam awarded Mr. Arriola its Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) in December 2007.

Mr. Arriola is the founding partner of Arriola, Cowan & Arriola,



Mr. Joaquin C. Arriola, Sr.

Guam's oldest established law office. He has had a varied general practice, with a primary focus in litigation; Mr. Arriola still tries civil cases.

The District Court of Guam expresses its utmost gratitude with a sincere "Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase" to Joaquin Arriola for his outstanding dedication, ethics, and professionalism in the practice of law and in service to the District Court of Guam and to the people of Guam.

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.





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