



DISTRICT OF GUAM

Report of the Ninth Circuit LRCC Representative Rodney J. Jacob

Director of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons Visited Guam

The then-director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Charles Samuels, and his team visited Guam in June, 2015 for a series of meetings with Guam's leaders about the island's correctional facility's handling of federal detainees. Mr. Samuels visited



**Charles E. Samuels, Jr., then-Director
Federal Bureau of Prisons**

four facilities that house federal detainees, including the Hagåtña Detention Facility, the women's facility in Mangilao, and two other housing units. Representatives from the Office of the Attorney General, Office of the Lieutenant Governor and federal stakeholders, such as the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Federal Public Defender, the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Office, and the U.S. Marshals Service joined Mr. Samuels and Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood on the tour.

In addition to the tour, Mr.

Samuels made courtesy visits to the Governor of Guam, the Judiciary of Guam, and the 33rd Guam Legislature. His trip to Guam concluded with a Question and Answer session at the District Court of Guam for all of the federal and local stakeholders.

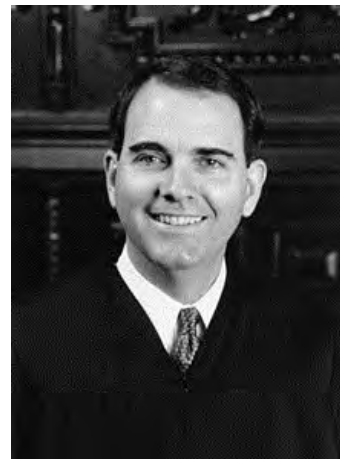
Workforce Development Training

On June 16, 2015, Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood moderated a panel presentation at the "One Community Guam" Workforce Development Training sponsored by the U.S. Attorney's Office. The panel presentation, entitled, "Re-entry Programs in Guam's Federal Court", discussed the U.S. Probation Office's Defendant/Offender Workforce Development Program and included presenters from the U.S. Probation Office, the Agency for Human Resource Development, the Federal Public Defender, two private business owners, as well as one offender who had successfully completed the culinary program while serving an imprisonment term at the Bureau of Prisons.

2015 District Conference

The District Court of Guam welcomed Circuit Judge Jay Bybee of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit to the 2016 District Conference, held on February 4, 2016 at the Guam Hilton Resort and Spa.

Judge Bybee presented a talk entitled, "*Ethics: Truth in Advocacy*",



Judge Jay Bybee, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

and presented a review of recent cases from the U.S. Supreme Court.

Other guest speakers and topics included: a panel group consisting of Jean Song (In house Counsel for the IRS/Seattle Office), Teri L. Alexander (IRS Agent/Seattle Office), John Camacho (Director/ Department of Revenue & Taxation), Marie Benito (Deputy Director/ Department of Revenue & Taxation) and Attorney Vince Camacho discussing "*Working with the IRS & Department of Revenue & Taxation: Do's & Don'ts*"; a "Conversatorio" with Senior Judge Alex R. Munson and Attorneys Rodney J. Jacob (Lawyer Representative for the District Court) & B. Ann Galey-Keith (Staff Attorney/ Judiciary of Guam); a panel discussion on the 2015 amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure conducted by Magistrate Judge Joaquin V. E. Manibusan, Jr. and Attorney Rodney J. Jacob; and lastly, the topic



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“Ethics Trap: Is representing legalized Marijuana Interests legal?” presented by Attorney Jacqueline T. Terlaje.



L to R: U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr., Magistrate Judge Alberto Tolentino, Retired Guam Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Cruz, Guam Supreme Court Justice F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Senior Judge Alex R. Munson, Linda Ingles, and Circuit Judge Jay Bybee.

Senior Judge Alex R. Munson was presented with the District’s Cristobal C. Duenas Excellence Award at the Conference. The award honors the legacy of the late Retired District Judge Cristobal C. Duenas by recognizing a person or entity for significantly advancing the administration of justice and the legal profession on Guam through meritorious deeds or exemplary service. Judge Alex R. Munson, the former Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, generously served as a designated judge for the District Court of Guam for over twenty-seven years and served on appellate panels in the District’s Appellate Division for seven of those years.

Retirement of Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon

Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon,

Chief U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Officer for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, retired from her post at the District Court of Guam on March 31, 2016. Rossanna fruitfully served the people of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands in key positions within the local criminal justice system for over thirty-six years. She joined the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office in 1993, and was appointed Chief U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Officer for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands by the Honorable Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief Judge for the District Court of Guam, and the Honorable Alex R. Munson, then Chief Judge for the U.S. District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands. She served in that position for almost nine years.

As Chief U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Officer, under the leadership of Chief Judges Frances Tydingco-Gatewood and Ramona V. Manglona, Rossanna implemented an automated system to expedite the production of bail and presentence reports, oversaw the deployment of evidence-based risk assessment tools to aid in making recommendations to the Court regarding individualized strategies for supervising defendants, and initiated "Carmen's Closet" in the Guam office, an innovative program that assists individuals with clothing needs for employment. During her tenure she also began a sex offender treatment program,

a program that offers support services to individuals as authorized under the Second Chance Act, and she expanded the Location Monitoring Program as an alternative to incarceration for pretrial, sentencing, and revocation hearings.

Appointment of Kim Walmsley

Replacing Chief Villagomez-Aguon is Kim R. Walmsley, J.D. After graduating from Hastings College of Law, Kim moved to Guam in 1998 to become Judge Michael Bordallo’s first law clerk. She then went to work for the Guam Supreme Court. From the Supreme Court she joined the law firm of Lannen, Dooley, Roberts & Fowler, which she left in 2002 to work for the District Court of Guam. Kim served as Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood’s career law clerk until she relocated to Perth, Australia, where she lived until her return to Guam on May 11, 2016. While in Perth, Kim was employed as a Transit Officer with the Public Transport Authority, an experience which gave her additional skills that will lend themselves to her newly appointed position as the Chief U.S. Pretrial and Probation Officer of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. Kim looks forward to serving the two communities in her new role.

2016 Law Week Activities

The District celebrated 2016 Law Week with a variety of events, including:

- ◆ a Naturalization Ceremony that



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welcomed 29 new citizens;

- ◆ a Citizenship Outreach Program for the new citizens so that they were able to register to vote and apply for a U.S. passport after the ceremony;
- ◆ a tour of the court by twenty-one students from Guam High School's American Government class;
- ◆ an interview with the court's judicial officers on K57 Radio's Big Show with host Travis Coffman;
- ◆ a Juror Appreciation Merienda with former jurors; outreach visits to two Island schools; court tours,
- ◆ a Conversatorio with university and community college students on "Miranda: More than Words";
- ◆ an Essay and Video Contest, in association with the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in which over 100 local high school students took part; and hosting of the four winners of an essay contest on the Miranda Rights at "Island Leadership Day".

The court also produced two 5-minute videos for the Law Week Celebration: "[Miranda Rights: More than Words](#)", and "Jury Service at the District Court of Guam."



The Guam High School Color Guard presented the colors at the Law Day Naturalization Ceremony on May 2, 2016.



New Citizens at the Martin Luther King Day Naturalization Ceremony on January 20, 2016.



Participants in the Upward Bound program at the University of Guam, all local high school students, toured the District Court on Thursday, July 2, 2015.



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Naturalization Ceremonies and Community Outreach



The Honorable Katherine A. Maraman, Associate Justice for the Supreme Court of Guam, was the keynote speaker at the Naturalization Ceremony commemorating Constitution Day, September 17, 2015.



Arnold Bobalan Fojas takes part in the Veterans Day Naturalization Ceremony on November 16, 2015.



Adjutant General Roderick R. Leon Guerrero delivered the Keynote Address at the Veterans Day Naturalization Ceremony on November 16, 2015.



Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III delivered the Keynote Address at the Columbus Day and Filipino Heritage Month Naturalization Ceremony held on October 16, 2015.



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Chief U.S. Probation Officer Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon at the 2015 Red Ribbon Proclamation signing on September 28, 2015.



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Admissions to the Federal Bar



**Theresa V. G. Rojas,
September 18, 2015**



**Duane J. Sablan and Joseph Blas
Gumataotao,
September 29, 2015**



**Christopher Odaca,
October 5, 2015**



**Special Assistant U. S. Attorney Lindsay
McCarl, October 27, 2015**



**First Assistant U.S. Attorney Shawn N.
Anderson, January 27, 2016**



**Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Corey
Rotschafer, March 17, 2016**