



DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM

**2019-2022
REPORT**

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Michael J. Bordallo
U.S. Magistrate Judge

Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

On behalf of the District Court of Guam, U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael J. Bordallo and I welcome you to the 2022 Joint Annual District Court of Guam and Pacific Judicial Council Biennial Conference! We hope that you enjoy the presentations and leave with something that may help you in your practice of law. We are particularly excited to welcome to Guam Ambassador Chantale Wong, United States Executive Director of the Asian Development Bank. We are also pleased to have Judge Margaret McKeown and Judge Richard R. Clifton, from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and Judge Daniel P. Collins, from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Arizona with us.

We hope that you will find this week's conference useful and informative. On Monday, in what will certainly prove to be a highlight of the conference, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood and Attorney Cynthia Ecube will have a conversation ("Kombetsasion") with Ambassador Chantale Wong on her varied career and work at the Asian Development Bank. On Tuesday, Rear Admiral Benjamin Nicholson, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, will join us at lunch for a keynote address and conversation.

Judge Richard Clifton will provide us with an overview of what has been happening at the Ninth Circuit this year. Jacqueline Terlaje, President of the Guam Bar Association will brief us on the State of the Bar, and Judge Margaret McKeown will speak about her new book, *Citizen Justice: The Environmental Legacy of William O. Douglas—Public Advocate and Conservation Champion*.

Judge Daniel Collins will anchor two panel discussions on cryptocurrency: "Demystifying Cryptocurrency and Blockchain for Lawyers" and "Digital Residency and Crypto – Making Blockchain work in Palau in the Strategic Western Pacific." We are honored to have as a member of that panel Minister Kaleb Udoi, Jr., the Minister of Finance for the Republic of Palau. We are excited Judge Collins is working with our court to launch Guam's first Bankruptcy Academy.

The week will include many other presentations and panel discussions, including, but not limited to "Ethics in the Commercial Litigation and Transactional Arena," "How to be a Great Appellate Lawyer in our Federal and Local Court," and "Are Our Lawyers and Judges Safe in and Out of the Courtroom?" In addition, we are honored to welcome our jurists from the Pacific Judicial Council and Pacific Judicial Conference.

We wish to thank all of our honored guests for graciously agreeing to help us make this conference a success!

Please Join Us In Extending a Warm Hafa Adai To Our Guests of Honor



Kaleb Udui, Jr.

Minister of Finance, Republic of Palau

Kaleb Udui, Jr. is the Minister of Finance for the Republic of Palau, having been sworn into office on February 8, 2021. His public service began as the Chief of the Division of Budget and Management three decades ago. He later served as the Financial Advisor to the Ministry and Manager for an UNDP project that covered Personnel, Tax, and Planning reforms. In the 2000's, Minister Udui worked in banking and also served as the President of the National Development Bank of Palau. His private business activities have been in banking, energy consulting and in real estate. He has also served on various public and private boards including Palau's Banking Supervisory Board and the Palau Chamber of Commerce.

Minister Udui is a Palau Government delegate to the Economic Advisory Group (EAG). He has a Bachelor's degree in Finance and Economics from the University of Guam and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Hawaii.



Chantale Wong

United States Executive Director, Asian Development Bank

Ms. Chantale Wong was nominated by President Joe Biden to serve as the U.S. Executive Director for the Asian Development Bank with the designate of Ambassador. She was confirmed by the Senate on February 8, 2022 on a bipartisan vote and was sworn in by Secretary of Treasury Janet Yellen on February 23, 2022 as the first openly LGBTQ+ person of color Ambassador in U.S. history.

Prior to her retirement from Federal service in 2014, she was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as Vice President for Administration and Finance, and Chief Financial Officer at the Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC"). Prior to her work at MCC, she was the budget director at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration during the retirement of the space shuttle, the acting budget director at the U.S. Department of the Treasury during the 2008-2009 financial meltdown, and the Chief of Staff to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Ambassador Wong was appointed by President Bill Clinton to represent the United States on the board of directors of the Asian Development Bank as the Alternate U.S. Executive Director and was also acting as the U.S. Executive Director in 1999-2002.

Ambassador Wong was born in Shanghai and migrated to Hong Kong as a young girl. After moving to Guam with her aunt and uncle, she attended the Academy of Our Lady of Guam, where she graduated in 1976, the same year Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood graduated from George Washington High School. Ambassador Wong and Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood were both student body presidents of their high school and worked closely together on leadership activities at their school.

Ambassador Wong holds a Master in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, where she was a Littauer Fellow and a Women's Leadership Fellow. She has another Master in Environmental Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, with a focus on water and wastewater management. She earned her undergraduate degree in civil and structural engineering from the University of Hawaii.

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Hon. M. Margaret McKeown

United States Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Judge McKeown was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 1998 by President Bill Clinton. Judge McKeown was the first female partner with the law firm of Perkins Coie in Seattle, Washington, and in Washington, D.C.

Judge McKeown is a frequent speaker on judicial ethics, having served for more than a decade on the Judicial Conference of the U.S. Codes of Conduct Committee, the ethics committee for the federal judiciary, including as the committee's chair. She has also lectured and taught extensively on judicial administration, international law, litigation, constitutional law, and intellectual property in Latin America, Asia, and Europe. She is co-author of *Trial Tactics in Trade Secret Litigation*, *Intellectual Property Counseling and Litigation* (Matthew Bender), *Citizen Justice: The Environmental Legacy of William O. Douglas—Public Advocate and Conservation Champion* (Potomac Books), and a number of other books.

Judge McKeown has been recognized for her outstanding work. She received the American Bar Association's Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, the Federal Bar Association's Community Service Award, and the Girl Scouts' Cool Women Award. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wyoming in 1972, graduating Phi Beta Kappa, and her Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center in 1975.



Hon. Richard R. Clifton

United States Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Judge Clifton has been a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit since 2002. His chambers are in Honolulu, Hawaii. After graduating from Princeton University (A.B. 1972) and Yale Law School (J.D. 1975), he moved to Hawaii to serve as a law clerk for Judge Herbert Y.C. Choy, the first Hawaii resident to serve on the Ninth Circuit and the first Article III federal judge of Asian ancestry. Judge Clifton practiced law in Honolulu for 25 years until his appointment to the court. He was a member of the Judicial Conference Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction for ten years (2009-19), the last four years of that term as its chair. In that capacity, he was a liaison between federal and state courts and regularly attended meetings of the Conference of Chief Justices. He is a director of the American Judicature Society, the Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society, the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation, and a member of the American Law Institute, the Ninth Circuit Pacific Islands Committee, and the Pacific Judicial Conference.

For 24 years he was a director of Hawaii Public Radio, six years as its chair. He has taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law intermittently since 1979 and has participated in programs as jurist in residence at several law schools. He is married to Terry Clifton, has two adult children, and is a devoted fan of the Chicago Cubs. He assumed senior status on December 31, 2016, and continues to hear cases in that capacity.

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Hon. Daniel P. Collins

United States Bankruptcy Judge, District of Arizona

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Daniel P. Collins was appointed a Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona, effective as of January 18, 2013. He served as the Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Arizona from March 2014 to March 2018. Prior to taking the bench, he was a shareholder of the law firm of Collins, May, Potenza, Baran & Gillespie, P.C., located in Phoenix, Arizona. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in finance and accounting (1980) and J.D. (1983) from the University of Arizona.

Judge Collins is presently on the 9th Circuit's Bankruptcy Education Committee, is the Education Chair for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, will be NCBJ's President in 2022-3, is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Bankruptcy Institute, is on ABI's Education Committee and Diversity Committee, is on the Board of the Phoenix Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and is a member of the University of Arizona Law School's Board of Visitors. He is a founding member of the Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court. Dan and his wife Roseanne raised their 5 children in Phoenix, Arizona.



Rear Admiral Benjamin Nicholson

U.S. Naval Forces, Marianas/Commander, Joint Region Marianas

Rear Admiral Benjamin Nicholson assumed command of Joint Region Marianas in 2021. His previous sea duty assignments include commander and deputy commander, Destroyer Squadron 22, embarked on USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77); commanding officer and executive officer of USS Pinckney (DDG 91); commanding officer of USS Sentry (MCM 3), USS Gladiator (MCM 11), and USS Defender (MCM 2) as part of MCM Crew Swerve; chief engineer on USS O'Bannon (DD 987) and USS McFaul (DDG 74); and division officer on USS Mitscher (DDG 57).

During his seagoing career, he has made numerous deployments around the world from the Western Pacific, Atlantic, and Indian Oceans to the Mediterranean, Caribbean, Adriatic, Red, and North Seas as well as combat operations in the Arabian Gulf and Gulf of Oman; and counter-narcotics operations around South America. He has been fortunate to have served with multiple Battle Effectiveness Award (Battle "E") winning crews.

His military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (three awards), Combat Action Ribbon, and various campaign and unit awards. He is also a 2015 recipient of the FBI Director's Award.

Rear Admiral Nicholson is a 1993 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering. He also earned a Master's degree in Systems Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School and a Master's degree in National Security from the Naval War College.

New Members of the Court Family



Fernando Leon Guerrero Sablan, second from left, serves as the United States Marshal for the District of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. Marshal Sablan began his law enforcement career with the Guam Police Department where he worked for 22 years, rising through the ranks until he retired as a Major. Following his career with the Guam Police Department, he worked in the private sector as a Security Law Enforcement Officer supporting the General Services Administration and the Federal Protective Services, and as a Special Investigator conducting background investigations in support of the Office of Personnel Management, Department of Defense, and the United States Air Force.



U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael J. Bordallo was sworn in on February 14, 2020. He is joined by his wife, Carla, and Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood.



Haley was hired as Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood's Judicial Assistant in August 2020 after receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Pre-Law in May 2020 from the University of Guam. Haley

interned for the court's Outreach Department and U.S. Probation Office while completing her degree program.



Cynthia started her career as a Deputy Clerk and the Chamber Clerk to Judge Michael J. Bordallo at the Superior Court of Guam. Cynthia served Superior Court from 1986 to 2020. In March 2020, Cynthia came to the District Court of Guam as the Judicial Assistant to U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael J. Bordallo.



Steven joined the court in November 2020 as an Automation Specialist. Prior to that, Steven was an IT Support Technician and Jr. Computer Operator at the University of Guam. Steven has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science from the University of Guam and a Master of Science Degree in Cybersecurity and

Information Assurance from Western Governors University.



Keith was hired as the court's Network Administrator and Security Officer in November, 2020. Prior to that, Keith was the Systems Manager at the Guam Hilton Resort and Spa. He holds a Professional Master of Business Administration (PMBA) with an undergraduate degree in Computer Science.



John is an Information Systems Technician. He graduated from Simon A. Sanchez High School and attended Guam Community College to study Computer Science. He enlisted in the Army and graduated as an Honor Graduate in Basic Combat Training. He

graduated from the University of Guam with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a Minor in Military Science and Public Administration. He earned his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Guam Army National Guard and received the title of Distinguished Military Graduate.



Kirryn is a Scanning Technician after starting off as a student intern in April 2022. Kirryn is currently pursuing her higher education with the University of Phoenix and is expected to graduate in the year 2024 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Correctional Rights Program Support Services.

Court Unit Reports



Office of the Clerk of Court

The last two years have been quite challenging for the court, as they have been for the entire island. Here are some noteworthy projects undertaken by the Clerk's Office during the pandemic to date.

Hybrid Virtual/In-Person Hearings

The court, with the help of its Information Technology staff, implemented a hybrid virtual/in-person courtroom configuration that complies with the "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act" (CARES Act) and the policy of the Judicial Conference of the United States (JCUS). The video conferencing systems connect directly to Zoom™ for case participants, and a parallel Zoom™ conference allows media outlets and the public to view and listen to court hearings.

The CARES Act authorizes the use of video and telephone conferencing, under certain circumstances and with the consent of the defendant after consultation with counsel, for various criminal proceedings, during the course of the Coronavirus pandemic emergency, contingent upon a finding by the Judicial Conference of the United States (JCUS) that emergency conditions exist that materially affect either the federal courts generally or a particular district court of the United States. The JCUS made such a finding, and on March 29, 2020, the Executive Committee of the JCUS, acting on an expedited basis on behalf of the Conference, approved a temporary exception to the Conference broadcast and cameras policy to allow a judge to authorize the use of teleconferencing to provide the public and media audio access to court proceedings. This authorization will expire when the Judicial Conference finds that emergency conditions are no longer materially affecting the functioning of federal courts. Traditional forms of "broadcasting" court proceedings, such as livestreaming court hearings on the internet, are still prohibited by Rule 53 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Pandemic Recovery

The court conducted five jury trials, two of which utilized 18 jurors, during the pandemic thus far. The trials required changes to the courtroom configuration and jury deliberation room in order to facilitate compliance with social distancing protocols due to the pandemic.

General Order 22-0012, issued on May 6, 2022, rescinded the mandatory use of facemasks in the U.S. courthouse, and General Order 22-0014, issued on May 26, 2022, rescinded the court's social distancing protocols.

New Criminal Justice Act Plan

The Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit approved an amended Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Plan for the District of Guam on November 18, 2021. The CJA, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, secures the Sixth Amendment right to counsel for federal criminal defendants. Enacted in 1964, the CJA provides a system for appointing and compensating lawyers to represent defendants financially unable to retain counsel as well as providing for payment of experts, investigators, or other needed defense services in federal criminal proceedings. The new plan implements the interim recommendations of a national CJA review committee with respect to the selection, appointment, retention, and removal of CJA panel attorneys. In addition, the new plan provides for review of vouchers submitted by panel attorneys by a supervising attorney not employed by the District Court of Guam.

Members of the bar with substantial experience in felony defense are encouraged to apply for membership to the panel.

Online Payment of Fees

Effective May 2022, the Clerk's office accepts ACH, PayPal and Debit card transactions for court ordered payments in criminal cases and miscellaneous court fees. Third party payments are also now accepted. The online form may be



Jeanne G. Quinata
Clerk of Court

found at <https://www.gud.uscourts.gov/attorneys/pay-miscellaneous-court-fees-online>.

See the court's fee schedule for fees that may be paid using this form.

New Telephone System

The court is implementing a new voice-over-IP (VoIP) telephone system which will connect it seamlessly to the U.S. Courts National IP Telephone System. The new system will allow for greater flexibility, especially for teleworking staff members and have a substantially annual reduced cost. The project should be completed by the end of 2022.

Magistrate Courtroom Upgrade

The court is pursuing a project to overhaul the audio and video systems in its Magistrate Courtroom. The current system was implemented in 2007 and while it is still functioning, it is overdue for an upgrade. The new system will include new video conferencing system, larger digital monitors, and new pan-tilt-zoom cameras. The system architecture will deploy HDBaseT technology and will be nearly entirely High-bandwidth Digital Content Protection (HDCP) compliant. HDBaseT is the global standard for the transmission of ultra-high-definition video, audio, Ethernet, USB and up to 100W of power over a single, long-distance, cable. The project should be complete by the end

of the first quarter of 2023.

Other Matters

Effective June 15, 2022, the Court approved the use of associate attorneys for tasks in which lead court-

appointed attorney expertise is not required and where the total fees for court-appointed counsel do not exceed the statutory maximum. The associate attorney is now permitted to bill at the rate of \$85.00 per hour.

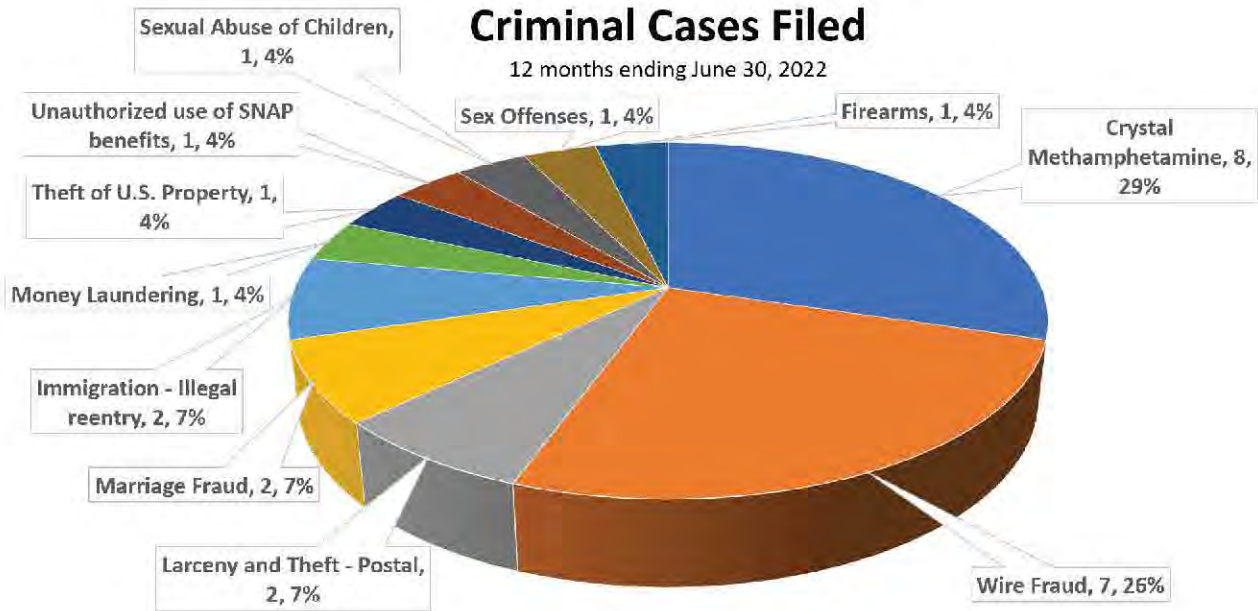
Civil Cases Filed by Nature of Suit

12 months ending June 30, 2022



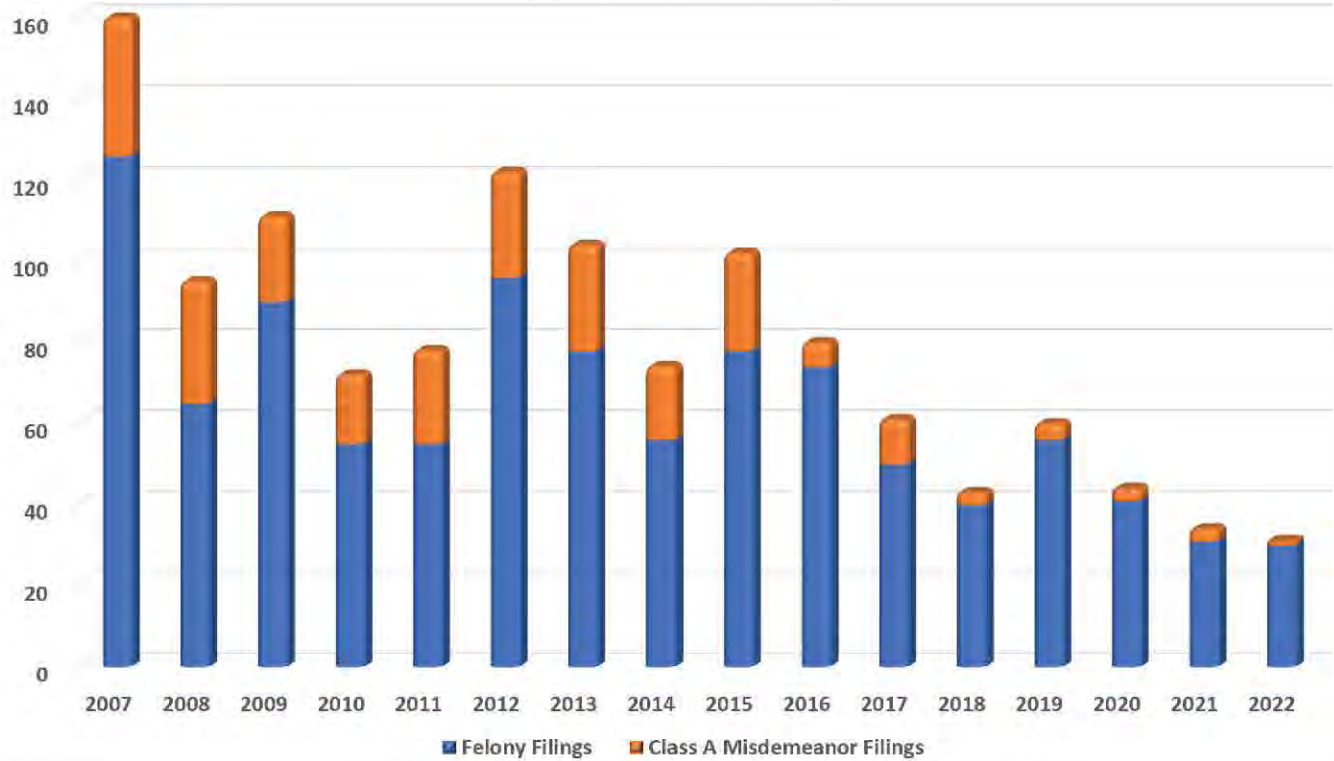
Criminal Cases Filed

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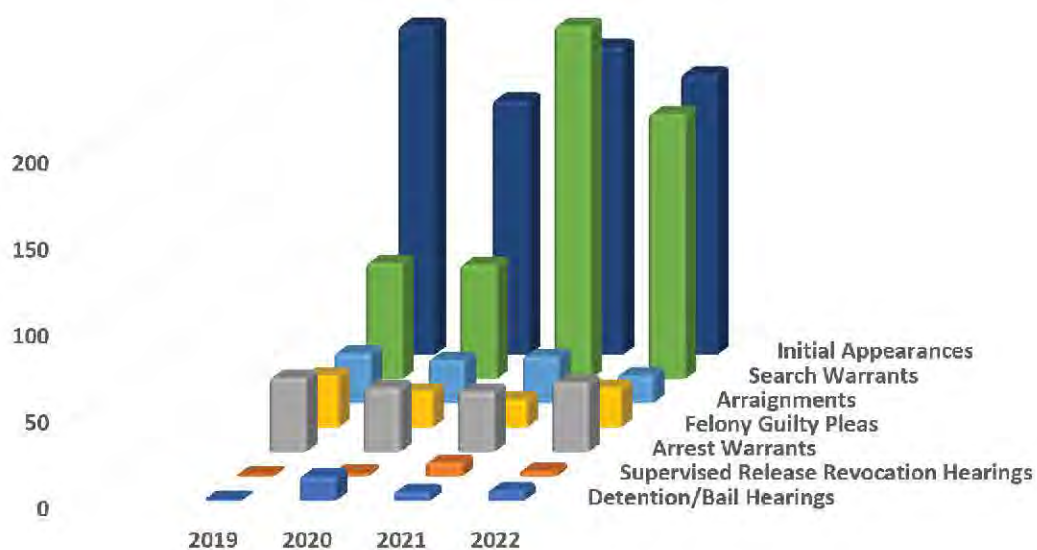
Criminal Offense Filings by Case Type

12 months ending June 30



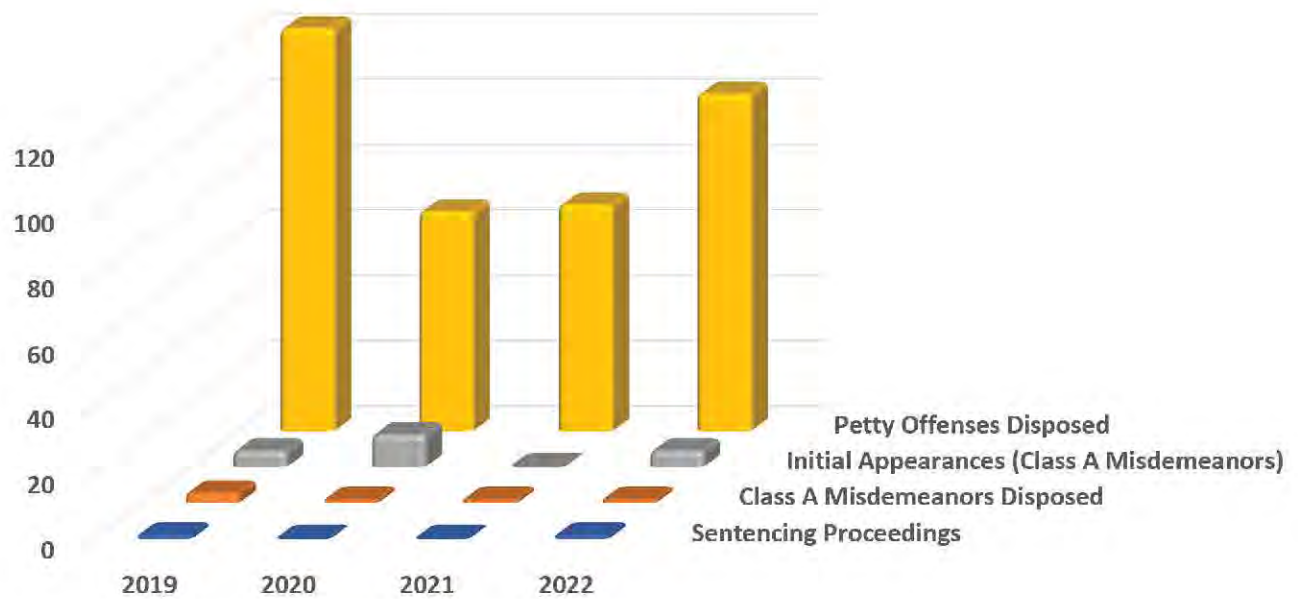
Magistrate Felony Proceedings

12 months ending June 30



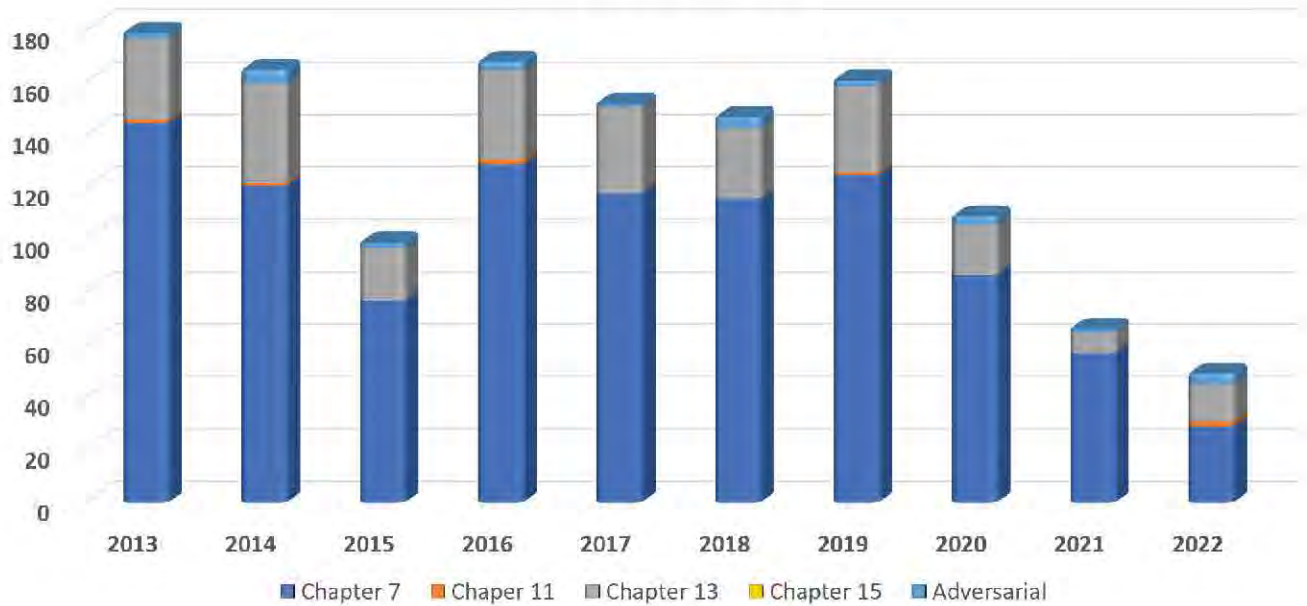
Other Magistrate Proceedings

12 months ending June 30



Bankruptcy Filings

12 Months Ending June 30



U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services Office

Staffing

In the spring of 2021, the unit hired Marlana Pablo as a Probation Services Assistant in the Guam office. Marlana comes to us from Guam Customs where she was a customs officer who was assigned to the



Marlana Pablo
Probation Services Assistant

Homeland Security Investigations (HIS) Task Force. She has both a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology and a Master of Arts degree in Public Administration from the University of Guam. She is a quick learner and a real team player - we are lucky to have her!



Gregory Arriola
Special Offender Specialist

In October 2021, Probation Officer Gregory Arriola in the NMI office was promoted to Special Offender Specialist. Officer Arriola began his career at U.S. Probation in August of 2010. Since then, he has had to learn everything "probation" because of the small size of the office. To that end, he has mastered location monitoring, is a District Firearms Instructor and Officer Safety Instructor. He is also certified in search and

seizure and is learning the complexities of cybercrime including monitoring computers, multimedia, and data storage devices. Officer Arriola is an exceptional officer, and his positive contributions are felt on a daily basis.

Training

On July 28, 2021 the Districts sponsored a virtual Bureau of Prisons (BOP) Symposium which was facilitated by BOP staff from across the nation. There were many participants in both the Districts of the NMI and Guam, including the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Federal Public Defender, and the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel. Some of the speakers from the BOP spoke on behalf of their respected professions from MCC San Diego; FCC Victorville; FCC Tucson; FCI Safford; and USP Leavenworth. There were presentations about designation processing for inmates; inmate medical and mental health classifications; sex offender treatment programs; residential drug abuse programs; education and vocational training; and COVID related strategies. This valuable information was made available to the participants and it also provided a venue to ask follow-up questions on pressing issues regarding inmate welfare.

Adopted Practices

Both district offices have continued to make inroads in the use of technology and meeting the challenges of working dynamically during a pandemic. By utilizing Microsoft Teams and Zoom, staff have been able to keep in touch with each other and attend court hearings and trainings. Some of the practices employed during the pandemic are here to stay. Officers will continue to make use of virtual contacts (Facetime, WhatsApp) with clients. There are so many benefits to this kind of contact. Officers are able to have greater access to their clients. For example, they can participate in treatment sessions, make contact during non-business hours, and conduct home, employment, and collateral visits. Teleworking has been a real boost to ongoing operations. Staff having to isolate or quarantine because of



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

COVID or stay home to "attend" school with their children are still able to work. Hence, work productivity is at an all-time high. The districts continue to rate number one in the country for timeliness of pretrial and post-conviction case plans.

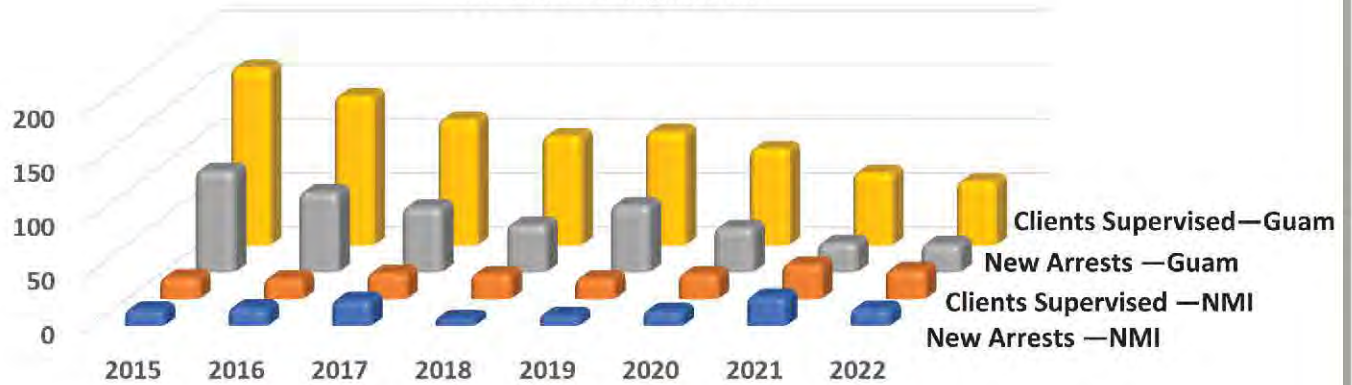
Events

Probation and Parole Supervision Week comes around every July and gives us the opportunity to recognize and celebrate the hard working officers and staff who put so much into their jobs helping others and keeping our communities safe. We took some time out to rally the troops for some low-key celebrations this year. Officer Trina Duenas arranged fun games and activities that boosted morale and provided for much needed smiles and laughs. Everyone was reminded just how much they are appreciated and admired for their contributions to our mission.



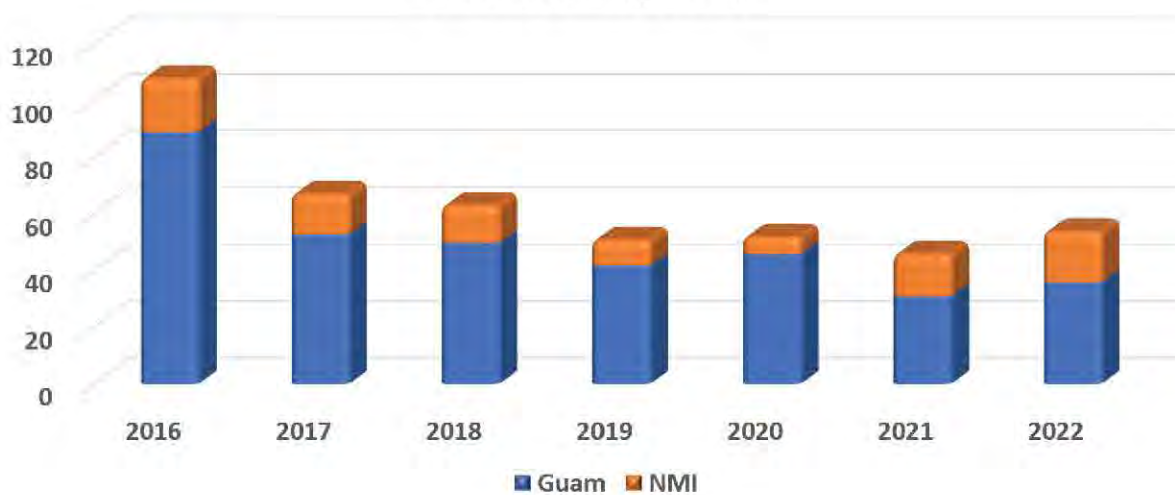
Pretrial Statistics

12 months ending June 30



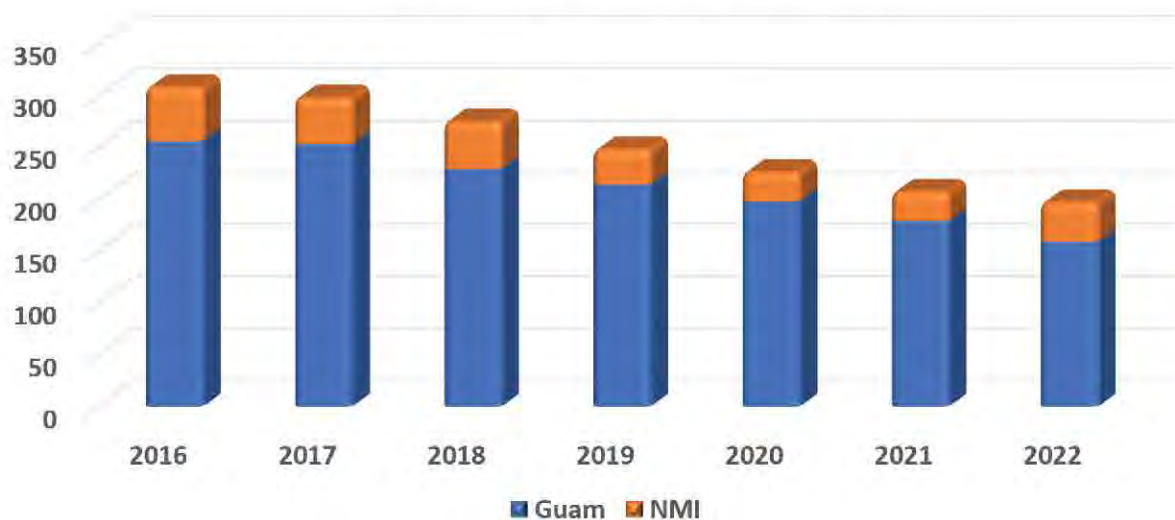
Presentence Reports completed

12 months ending June 30



Post Conviction Supervision Clients Supervised

12 months ending June 30



Partner Agency Reports



Office of the United States Attorney

The United States Attorney's Office (USAO) conducted jury trials during the COVID-19 pandemic period. These criminal trials involved defendants convicted by jury of drug trafficking, attempted child enticement, and wire fraud, money laundering, theft of government property, and conspiracy offenses.

The prosecution of drug crimes comprised 38% of the USAO's caseload. Other cases consisted of violent crimes, white collar crimes, government regulatory offenses, immigration, and official corruption. *United States v. Pacific International Lines (Private) Limited (PIL) et al.*, was an example of a government regulatory offense prosecution with the Department of Justice (DOJ) Environmental Crimes Section. A Singaporean company and its engineers were convicted of felonies for failing to accurately maintain their oil record book, and knowingly discharging oily bilge water in Apra Harbor, and paid a criminal penalty of \$3 million.

The USAO and Guam Attorney General held trainings on

search and seizure, and federal firearms offenses for law enforcement. The USAO also hosted an Unmanned Aircraft Training for law enforcement with speakers from DOJ's National Security and Cyber Crime Section, the FAA, and DOD. The USAO held community outreaches including Elder Justice Initiative training, and, with DEA, the Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative and Red Ribbon Campaign to promote a drug-free Guam. The USAO and ATF held law enforcement trainings about identifying "Ghost Guns."

The USAO Civil Division's caseload included admiralty, asset forfeiture, bankruptcy, civil rights, commercial litigation, environmental, land, fraud, immigration, prisoner litigation, program litigation, social security, and torts. The division's Financial Litigation Program recovered \$2,109,345 in criminal restitution and \$418,000 in civil judgments and the Asset Forfeiture Unit seized substantial properties and funds.

The Civil Division pursued legal actions in areas including: its



Shawn N. Anderson
U.S. Attorney

DEA Diversion cases to protect both Guam and the NMI from opioid and other prescription drug abuses; seeking justice for Government of Guam retirement benefits when employees are deployed for military service; assuring the delivery of safe drinking water to residents and enforcing sewage treatment; collecting restitution for victims; and pursuing actions to force compliance with national standards. The division also represented and defended federal agencies and their agents and employees.

Office of the Federal Public Defender

The Office of the Federal Public Defender (FPD) has weathered the COVID-19 storm and looks forward with renewed optimism. Despite the travails of the pandemic, Guam's Federal Public Defenders continue to be motivated by a simple belief - that justice should not depend on the color of your skin or the size of your wallet.

Our office, which has been open for 28 years on Guam, is small but formidable. We have three attorneys, Leilani Lujan, Briana Kottke and the Federal Public Defender, John T. Gorman. We are bolstered by Administrative Officer, Lita McDaniel, Administrative Assistant, Renate Grimes and Chris Mantanona, our Computer System Administrator. Our caseload consists of major drug trafficking cases, firearms, immigration, fraud and theft offenses and other federal crimes. We provide zealous, effective representation for indigent clients charged with criminal offenses in

federal court.

We adjusted our workplace and initiated strict protocols for our office in response to the pandemic to protect our clients and our staff. We successfully balanced face to face client meetings with interactive video conferencing for client interviews and court hearings. Overall, we succeeded in keeping our clients and ourselves healthy and continuing our zealous defense. We have also embraced telework and have incorporated it fully in our workplace.

One of our major pandemic office initiatives was obtaining the release of federal inmates through the compassionate release program. Prison facilities are overcrowded, old and poorly ventilated, with tight quarters and terrible hygiene conditions. Uneven testing, inadequate medical resources and the constant churn of staff members, visitors and inmates made the system a perfect breeding ground for the



John Gorman,
Federal Public Defender

virus. Our office, along with our national partners, filed a number of motions for compassionate release to free our clients who were particularly at risk due to various comorbidities. We filed 14 compassionate release motions and while several are pending, we are happy to report that seven clients were freed to time-served or house arrest.

Our office is also

extraordinarily proud of our nation's newest Supreme Court Justice, Ketanji Brown Jackson. She is, of course, the first Federal Public Defender to ascend to the Supreme Court. While there have been an abundance of former prosecutors and well heeled civil attorneys on the Court, there has never been a public defender nor has there been a criminal defense lawyer in decades. Ms. Brown Jackson's elevation demonstrates an acknowledgment that public defenders have a deep commitment to individual liberty, to the ideals that the legal system must safeguard all Americans, not just the wealthy and powerful, against governmental overreach. We are also heartened that President Biden, perhaps owing to his own public defender experience, has appointed a

record number of public defenders to federal judgeships.

Our office will also be seeking new leadership in the upcoming year. FPD John T. Gorman, will not be seeking reappointment from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. His term ends on November 16, 2023. Due to the strength of the office, we do not anticipate any problems as we transition to the next FPD.

Our office will continue to speak for the silenced and everyone who has felt powerless or dehumanized when they step into a courtroom. We remain committed to the guarantees of the presumption of innocence and every individual's right



From left: Renate Grimes, Administrative Assistant, Leilani Lujan, Senior Litigator, John T. Gorman, Federal Public Defender, Briana Kottke, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Lita McDaniel, Administrative Officer and Chris Mantonona, Computer System Administrator.

to equal protection under the law.

Biba Constitution yan Bill of Rights!

United States Marshals Service

The USMS is responsible for ensuring the safety of the Federal Judiciary and other court officers; maintaining order during court proceedings; maintaining the security of deliberating and sequestered juries; investigating violations of Federal law; apprehending Federal, State, and international fugitives; maintaining the security of witnesses and their families; guarding and transporting federal prisoners; operating the Asset Forfeiture program; serving and executing civil and criminal process; and responding to emergency situations such as civil disturbances, terrorist incidents, hostage situations, natural disasters where there is a violation of Federal law or Federal property is endangered. The USMS is also responsible for the extradition of fugitives apprehended in foreign countries and wanted for prosecution in the United States.

To accomplish its various missions, the agency ensures its workforce is responsive to new and existing challenges. In 2021, the U.S. Marshals Service personnel for the Districts of Guam and CNMI endured an incredibly challenging year to say the least. The COVID 19 pandemic was rampant throughout the island,

resulting in an island-wide lockdown which affected everyone including the Federal Judiciary. Although the lockdown was in full effect, the USMS adapted- with key personnel continuing to diligently perform their respective duties and thus accomplished their mission.

The following are the accomplishments and other initiatives undertaken by USMS in the past year:

- The District of Guam successfully executed its mandated mission in all mission areas for FY 2022. Notable Achievements:
- Executed 14 JPATS prisoner missions transferring 30 federal prisoners to their designated Bureau of Prison facilities safely and without incident to date.
- Executed 5 multi-agency Sex Offender Compliance operations resulting in the verification of 123 registered sex offenders, 10 non-compliance investigations for "failure to register"; referred to the United States Attorney's Office for prosecution, 2 arrests.
- Conducted over 106 domestic fugitive warrant investigations involving federal, state, and local fugitive warrants resulting in the



Fernando L.G. Sablan,
United States Marshal

- arrest of 81 fugitives.
- Strengthened International Fugitive Investigation cooperative efforts with law enforcement counterparts from Laos, Philippines, South Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam through Asia Pacific Liaison (APIL) outreach that resulted in the investigation of 150 international fugitive cases and subsequent closure of 50 cases.
- Managed approximately 2.5 million dollars in seized asset forfeiture property and monies from federal criminal investigations.
- District onboarded two new personnel. A Supervisory Deputy United States Marshal and a Judicial Security Inspector.

Reports from the Bar



Guam Bar Association

Buenas yan Håfa Adai Todos Hamyu!

The COVID-19 pandemic had certainly imposed limitations on the way we live during the course of over two years. Despite the restrictions, the GBA continued forward by further enhancing our online, fully automated registration and CLE certification process. With social distancing a part of the norm, we launched the Video On-Demand platform, allowing members to obtain CLE credits from the comforts of their home or office. While leveraging new online meeting technology, we are honored to have teamed up with the District Court of Guam and the District of Arizona Bankruptcy Court to launch a four-part online Bankruptcy series which ended with a training session on the business of the legalization of marijuana on Guam. These partnerships have demonstrated our willingness to seek new alternatives to provide CLE opportunities to our membership. New recording technology helped capture the training from the Bankruptcy sessions which

are now part of the video on-demand library. As our island slowly recovered from the pandemic, we reinstated our efforts to help the community by resuming the annual Holiday Gift drive, benefiting social welfare organizations that help countless youth and adults in need, children with disabilities, children and families in foster care and our elderly community.

On the administration side, the GBA opened its official headquarters, located in the heart of Hagåtña, to support its membership. The new office offers two conference rooms that can be utilized by members where neutral-centric meeting rooms are needed. As members of the Board of Governors may change, the new office fosters a seamless transition between administration. The GBA is proud to announce the American Bar Association's recent adoption of Resolution 404, sponsored by the New York and Virgin Islands Bar Associations, to fully support the overruling of the United States

Supreme Court's decisions in the Insular Cases and to urge Congress to enact laws that provide residents of the U.S. territories the same rights, liberties, and protection as citizens of the 50 states. Lastly, the GBA extends our Un Dangkulu na si Yu'us ma'åse' and appreciation to the District Court of Guam, the Judiciary of Guam and the Pacific Judicial Council for providing learning opportunities while receiving CLE credits through the joint conferences.



Jacqueline T. Terlaje
President, Guam Bar Association

Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative

Buenas and Hafa Adai!

As the designated representative for the Lawyers' Representative Coordinating Committee (LRCC) for the District of Guam, I work closely with our other representatives within the Ninth Circuit to assist in the planning and coordination of presentations for the Chief Judges Conference, the Annual Ninth Circuit Conference, and our Annual District Court of Guam Conferences held every year. For the past two (2) years, since March of 2020, much of the meetings and presentations have been conducted via Zoom. The Annual Ninth Circuit Conference for 2020 and 2021 were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I am pleased to report that all in person meetings and conferences have resumed starting with the 2022 Chief Judges

Conference held in Pasadena, California on March 31, 2022. Prior to this Conference, our LRCC group met and conducted monthly Zoom meetings as of September of 2021 to discuss and brainstorm current topics to be presented at the Chief Judges Conference. The topics selected and presented during this Conference included "Implementation Challenges of the First Step Act" and "Professionalism with Vicarious Trauma Issues Raised in the Time of Isolation."

In addition to the planning and presentation of the 2022 Chief Judges Conference, our LRCC group had also discussed proposed topics to be presented during the recent 2022 Annual Ninth Circuit Conference which was held in person in Big Sky, Montana from July 19, 2022 to July 21, 2022. A significant variety of

topics selected by both the LRCC group and the Ninth Circuit Committee, and presented at the Conference by the LRCC group included the Supreme Court Review for 2021 to 2022, Artificial Intelligence in the Law, Ethics, Conflicts and Recusal of Judges in



Cynthia Ecube
9th Circuit LRCC Representative

cases, Merits and Pitfalls of Free Speech, and Social Media and Democracy. The Conference ended with a one (1) hour conversatorio presented by Associate Justice Elena Kagen. Aside from the Annual Conference, the LRCC representatives from the various jurisdictions within the Ninth Circuit planned and coordinated its annual District Dinner with other states and territories within the Ninth Circuit. This year's dinner was coordinated by Hawaii and was held at the Cinnamon Lodge in Gallatin, Montana and included Guam,

Nevada, Hawaii, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Many of the presentations for the upcoming District Court of Guam's Annual Conference are generated from the ideas and topics originating from the Chief Judges' Conference and the Annual Ninth Circuit Conference. This year, the District Court of Guam is pleased to present its first "in person" Annual Conference since 2019 to be held from September 19th to September 22,

2022. The District Court of Guam has been working closely with the Guam Bar Association, the Judiciary of Guam, and District Court of the NMI to plan the week long conference, which will include a variety of legal topics. We look forward to many of our federal and local Guam bar members joining the Annual Conference this week.

Attorney Admissions



Left to Right: Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Isa Baza, Yoshihito Tada and Siyan Hu
August 15, 2022



Yusuke Haffeman-Udagawa
December 6, 2021



Frankie T. Perez, Jr.
May 11, 2021



Alexander Shell
June 9, 2021



Heather Martinez Zona
July 8, 2021

Education & Community Outreach



Special Naturalization Ceremonies



Former Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez was the keynote speaker at the Naturalization Ceremony held at the District Court of Guam on December 30, 2021.



Rear Admiral John Menoni, formerly Commander of Joint Region Marianas, was the Keynote Speaker at a Naturalization Ceremony on April 22, 2021.



Honorable Telo T. Taitague, Senator, 36th Guam Legislature was the Keynote Speaker at the Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month Naturalization Ceremony on May 26, 2021.





The District Court conducted an outdoor Naturalization Ceremony in celebration of Veterans Day on November 10, 2020.



The District Court of Guam hosted a Naturalization Ceremony in celebration of Liberation Day on July 20, 2020. The court welcomed eight new citizens who hailed from the Philippines, South Korea, and Taiwan, and the ceremony took place outdoors, at the front doorsteps of the courthouse. This was the first Naturalization ceremony to take place at the District Court of Guam since the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic.



2022



The District Court of Guam welcomed newly sworn-in University of Guam student interns Scott Ishizu, Aleiah Chargualaf, and Cedera Aguilar, and a High School student, Noah Maravilla.



McCool Middle School 8th Graders visited the District Court during Law Month 2022.



GUAM GIRL SCOUTS
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
District Court of Guam, Judiciary of Guam, and the
Guam Bar Association



2022 JUSTICE PATCH EVENT

Saturday, May 7
District Court of Guam, Hagatna

Hosted by Kyle Mandapat
Join us for raffles and giveaways

EARN AND RECEIVE YOUR JUSTICE PATCH AT THIS EVENT

- ✓ Tour the Courthouse
- ✓ Learn about Law
- ✓ Meet a Judge
- ✓ Meet a Law Enforcement Officer
- ✓ Meet a Lawyer

Due to capacity restrictions, space is limited. Register today!

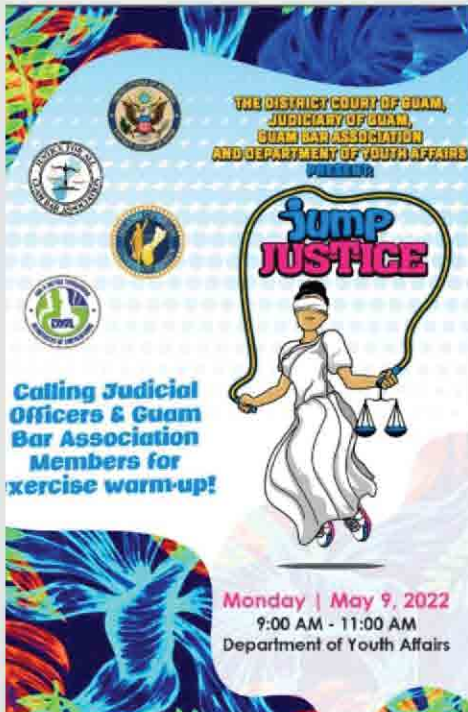
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Guam Girl Scouts spent the morning at the District Court of Guam for Justice Patch Day on May 7, 2022.



2022 Jump for Justice



**HAMI I TAOTAO: PERSPECTIVES
ON GUAM'S CONSTITUTIONAL
HISTORY AND FUTURE**

Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2022
Time: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
(Tour of Tarzango Cultural exhibit)
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Forum in Guam Museum theatre)
Location: Guam Museum
CIP: 1.5 credits

Speakers:
Retired Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibao, Jr.
Former Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez
Victoria Lola Leon Guerrero, Director of Publishing
of UOG Press, Co-chair of the Independence for
Guam Task Force

Moderator:
Attorney Joaquin C. Arrubla, Jr.

Admission is Free. For attorneys seeking CLE credit, \$25 administrative fee due to GBA.

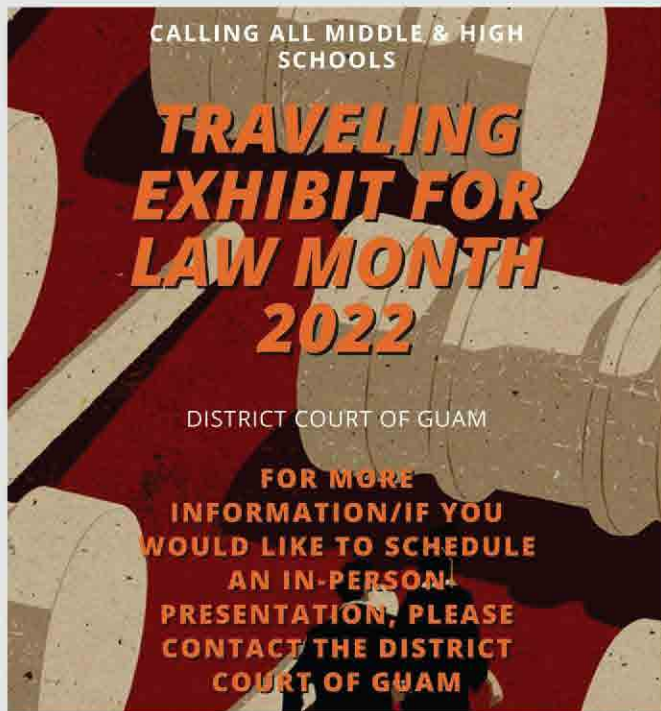


Special Olympics Guam Kickball Tournament, May 22, 2022



Special Olympics Guam Kickball Tournament, May 22, 2022





Traveling Exhibit and Presentation by U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael J. Bordallo to public schools.



2022 Hustisia Award Ceremony— Congratulations to Honorable Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, Retired Judge, who was presented with the Hustisia Award— May 12, 2022.



Commissioner Norma V. Cantú and Staff Director Mauro Albert Morales from the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights visited the District Court during Law Month 2022.



Race Judicata 5K— May 14, 2022



Pride Month 2022—Proclamation Signing and Wave

“Planting Toward a More Perfect Union” Law Month 2022 Contest Awards Presentation - June 10, 2022

Congratulations to the schools winning the “Most Harvest” Award (eggplant and tomatoes) and were presented with a \$500 check:

- Elementary School Winner: Saint Francis Catholic School Crusaders
- Middle School Winner: Inarajan Middle School Warriors
- High School Winner: George Washington High School Geckos Baseball Team Led by Avian Gumataotao & Kioni Raguindin

Honorable Mention winners who were presented with a \$50 check:

- M.U. Lujan Elementary School
- UPI Elementary School; &
- B.P. Carbullido Elementary School: Kindergarten & ESL class



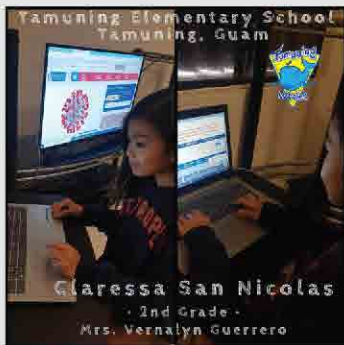
The winners of our 2022 Vegetable Planting Contest, Saint Francis Catholic School Crusaders' Team Tao Tao Pas. Teams from island schools were given tomato and eggplant seedlings that would grow over the course of three months. Planting teaches the community how to be good contributing citizens while learning about sustainability, and how to safeguard our environment.



2021



“Secure the Blessings of Liberty by Planting” Law Day 2021 Planting Contest. In collaboration with Judiciary of Guam, Guam Bar Association, and Guam Department of Agriculture, we distributed 425 plum tomato seedlings to participants in elementary through high school grade levels. The awards ceremony was held on June 5, 2021, for the Healthiest Plant Overall, The Most Harvest, and The Contender.



April 20, 2021 Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood and U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael J. Bordallo launched an education campaign to help students learn about the “Rule of Law” and “Separation of Powers” during lockdown at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Educators, students, and parents utilized the “Court Shorts” videos from the United States Courts website for a teaching and learning resource. The judges made themselves available to appear virtually for zoom presentations with the students and educators.



April 20, 2021: Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood and Chief Deputy Charles “Chuck” White discuss the District Court of Guam’s COVID-19 Pandemic Plans with Sabrina & Chris on KUAM.



April 24, 2021: Beautification Task Force Clean Up Day. Court staff and family members volunteered to assist the Government of Guam in cleaning around the courthouse and the main highways along the courthouse in Hagatna, Guam.



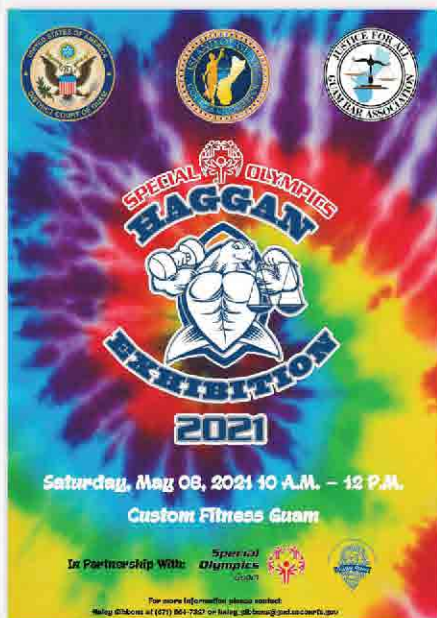
The District Court of Guam sponsored its annual “Jump for Justice” jump rope competition with the Department of Youth Affairs on April 26, 2021.



May 5, 2021: Open house visit to courthouse for Special Olympics kids and families.



May 18, 2021: Drug Court Month Education Outreach Panel Presentation, “Looking Through My Door.” Former District Court of Guam defendants shared their struggles and success stories in a two-hour in person and virtual presentation. Welcome remarks and Introduction of Panel Members were presented by Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood. Moderator for the panel discussion was Guam Assistant Federal Public Defender Leilani Lujan. Panel members included: Jesse Mendiola, Duane Calvo, Daniel Mesa, and Honofre Chargualaf. Over 100 people attended virtually while the panelists, Chief Judge, moderator, U.S. Probation staff, and court staff were present in the courtroom.



On May 8, 2021, the 2021 Haggan Exhibition Games with Special Olympics Guam took place in honor of Law Month 2021.

What Does Our American Community Ask of Us?

2021 NINTH CIRCUIT CIVICS CONTEST

<p>Essay Winners</p> <p>1st Place: Jin Chung</p> <p>2nd Place: Kasey Xu</p> <p>3rd Place: Azia Pilar</p>	<p>Video Winners</p> <p>1st Place: Alexander Gayle Jin Chung Elizabeth Chua</p> <p>2nd Place: Kelvin Lee</p>
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On October 05, 2021, Guam winners for the 2021 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest. Awards were presented at a virtual ceremony. Winners received cash prizes and certificates.



On May 20, 2021, in honor of Asian American and Pacific Island Heritage month, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals hosted a discussion with Ninth Circuit Judges Atushi W. Tashima, Jacqueline Nguyen, Kenneth Lee, Patrick Joseph Sumatay, Margaret McKeown, and Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood.



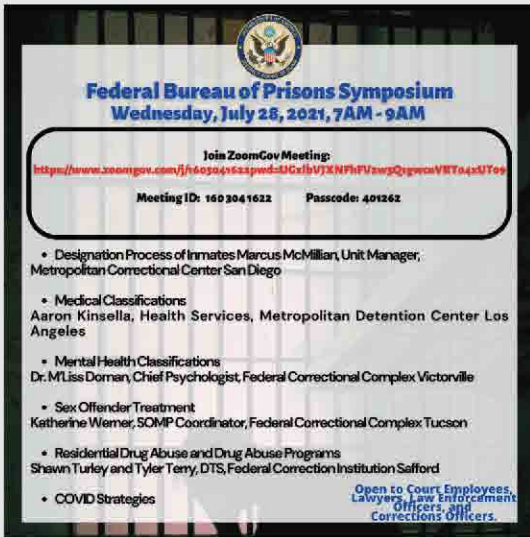
June 2021 – August 2021: Local college students participated in a Summer internship opportunity at the District Court of Guam: Maya Jacob (University of San Francisco), Kole Aaron Ada (University of San Diego), Brandon Moylan (University of Guam), and Keenan Blas (Florida State College).



June 24, 2021: Book Reading by Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood at Adacao Elementary School. Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood visited Adacao Elementary School students to read the book entitled: "We the Kids," by David Catrow. Students were presented with gavel pencils and stickers from the District Court of Guam.



June 29, 2021: The District Court of Guam and the Guam Bar Association proudly joined in celebrating Pride Month for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) community's contributions in the Judiciary. The panel discussion topic was "Equality and inclusivity in the workplace and in the community."



July 28, 2021: In partnership with the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the U.S. Probation Office of Guam, the District Court of Guam hosted a symposium. The symposium was open to Court Employees, Lawyers, Law Enforcement Officers, and Corrections Officers.



A spinoff competition for our 2021 Law Month Planting Contest winners turned into a “Grow a Garden” competition. The 2021 Law Month Planting Contest winners received several seeds as gifts from the Guam Department of Agriculture, which encouraged all 20 winners to continue to be good citizens by contributing to the community by growing a garden.



Judge Sukola’s Retirement Ceremony. She was the longest serving Designated District Judge.



September 2021: Constitution Day and Citizenship Day Traveling Education Banners. Portable education banners were shared with all schools to display during the month of September. Judges and court staff present to schools to discuss the Constitution and the Citizenship process.



MARIJUANA HITS THE SHORES OF GUAM & CNMI

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 17, 2021**

VIRTUAL SEMINAR

**GUAM TIME:
10:30 AM TO 12:30 PM**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND Open to lawyers, businesses, investors, bankers, restaurants, hotels, consumers, and government agencies.	MODERATOR Honorable Daniel P. Collins JUDGE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, DISTRICT OF ARIZONA	REGISTRATION 2.0 CLE Credits, including Ethics Credits for Bar Members. Registration Fee: \$100 for Bar Members. Free to the public. Registration will open on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, via Guam Bar Association's website: www.guambar.org For more information, contact: Edgar Dumlap GUAM BAR ASSOCIATION Telephone: 671.989.4227 Email: info@guambar.org Stacy McDonald Flores DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM Telephone: 671.969.4494 Email: stacy.mcdonald-flores@gup.uscourts.gov
WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED 1. Will the marijuana industry help or harm the tourism industry? 2. What are the risks and benefits? 3. What revenues can be generated in the medicinal and recreational marijuana business? 4. What legal issues will lawyers face when representing businesses, consumers, and government regulators? 5. What are the criminal, banking, tax and bankruptcy consequences?	PANELISTS Milton Morinaga CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, GUAM VISITORS BUREAU Mitch Kahn FRONTLINE REAL ESTATE Attorney Vanessa Williams RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA BOARD Biographies attached	

September 24, 2021: Anniversary of the Federal Court System. Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood and Magistrate Judge Michael J. Bordallo created short videos for elementary school students who are studying about the government, how the federal courts system differs from the local/state courts, and the duties and responsibilities of a Chief Judge, Magistrate Judge, and Bankruptcy Judge. The videos were shared with students in honor of the anniversary of the federal court system.



October 2021: The District Court of Guam is co-chair to Drug Enforcement Administration's annual Red Ribbon Campaign Month on Guam. Guam's Red Ribbon Campaign committee includes over 50 stakeholders from the Government of Guam, community members, the United States Military, local businesses, local and federal agencies, private organizations, and all the schools throughout the island. Throughout the month of October, we coordinate outreach events to all the schools with judges, probation officers, and other court staff presenting to students in-person and/or virtually. Our court also participates in educating students and the community during our annual closing event: "Say Boo to Drugs" where we distribute candies to students on Halloween day reminding all about the effects of drugs and the importance of living a healthy and drug-free lifestyle.

2021 POWER ACT OUTREACH EVENT

TUESDAY AUGUST 24, 2021

9 am - 11 am

Zoom Virtual Platform

In September 2018, the President of the United States signed into law the Pro bono Work to Empower and Represent (POWER) Act, Pub. L. No. 115-237 (herein referred to as the "POWER Act"). This law requires the Chief Judge of each judicial district annually to hold at least one public event designed to encourage pro bono representation for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

For more information, contact:

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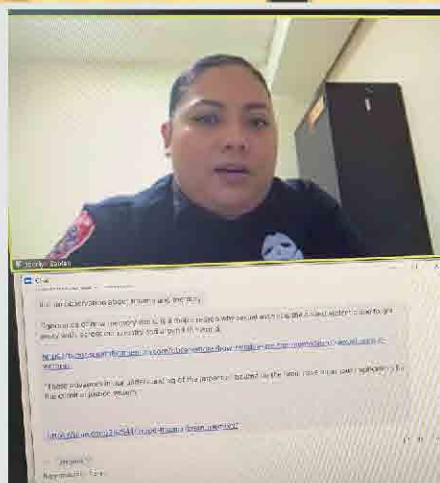
Guam Fire Department First Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians

Guam Police Department Officers

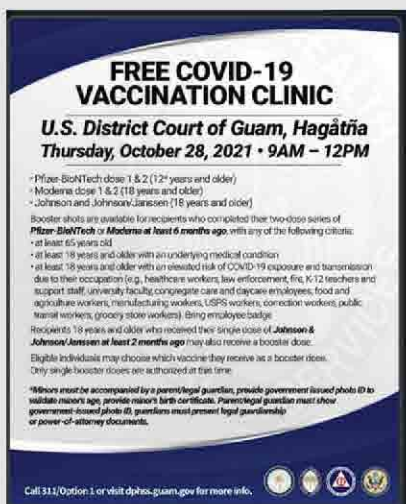
regarding Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Cases.



Seasoned, uniformed personnel first responders provided testimonies on some of their most shattering experiences as a result of domestic violence and sexual assault cases. Testimonies included pleas to lawyers regarding the importance of trying to help victims and survivors with pro bono services and one female firefighter shared about her experience as a victim/survivor from sexual assault. A live discussion panel for questions and answers included panel members Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Firefighter Joceyln Sablan, Guam Fire Department, and a Victim/Survivor of Sexual Assault, Attorney Cynthia V. Ecube, Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative, Attorney Jacqueline T. Terlaje, President, Guam Bar Association, and Ms. Cynthia Cabot, Executive Director for Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence.



October 22, 2021: The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Guam Chapter annual conference took place on Friday, October 22, 2021. The conference themed "inspiHR" was the first of its kind for the Chapter and was co-sponsored by the U.S. District Court of Guam. This year's conference had a lot to offer not only to fellow HR and business professionals, but also to legal professionals, whom we have leaned on heavily for guidance during this pandemic. The list of distinguished presenters for the legal segment of the conference included Attorney Vince Camacho of the Camacho Calvo Law Group, who led employers and HR professionals in dissecting the components of labor cases and what they should know to avoid them; Attorney Tom Sinclair of Calvo Fisher & Jacob, who walked participants through a hypothetical COVID-19 Workplace Dispute case from the Plaintiff's perspective; and Attorney Yohance Edwards, Director of Workplace Relations for the U.S. Courts of the Ninth Circuit, who provided a fascinating look at Workplace Policy Developments in the Federal Courts.



The District Court of Guam hosted free COVID-19 vaccinations outside of the courthouse on October 28, 2021.



December 1 - 3, 2021: Emotional Quotient "EQ" Education Program to Decrease Family Violence Throughout Micronesia. As the President of the The Pacific Judicial Council (PJC), Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Goatewood, along with her team and the Pacific Judicial Council (PJC) have partnered with the executive and legislative branches of government in Micronesia to take on the rising level of violence in their islands.

2020



On right: The District Court of Guam hosted the High School Mock Trial semi-finals on March 3, 2020.



April 8, 2020: The District Court of Guam launched an engaging and enjoyable program to help school administrators/teachers during the pandemic using the Court Shorts Videos: "Rule of Law" and "Separation of Powers." We sent the videos to every school on island, along with the teaching modules for each video that was provided by Ms. Rebecca Fanning.



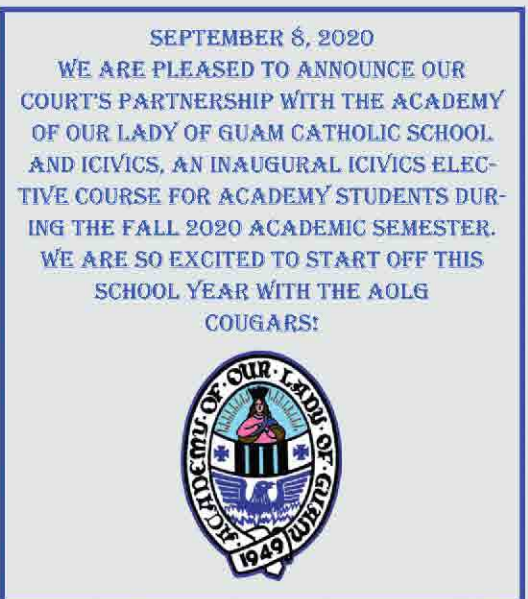
June 4, 2020: The District Court of Guam hosted the iCivics COVID-19 Educational Challenge Awards Presentation via Zoom. We received a total of 116 entries for the challenge.



2020 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest Awards Ceremony.



On June 16, 2020, two interns, Matthew Roberto Flores and Shane T. Healy, were sworn in and reported to work at the District Court of Guam.





On July 24, 2020 the Guam Police Department conducted its Criminalist Mock Trial in the Chief Judge's Courtroom. Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, and Assistant Federal Public Defenders Leilani V. Lujan and Briana E. Kottke served as judges and coaches throughout the mock trial.



On June 29, 2020, Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood and U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael J. Bordallo received a courtesy visit from Consul-General Kobayashi Toshiaki of Japan.



On September 18, 2020, the District Court of Guam family mourned the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. While attending the Annual Chief Judges Conference in Washington D.C., Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood of the United States District Court of Guam met on Tuesday with the three leading women jurists of the United States Supreme Court, Associate Justices Sonia Sotomayor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Elena Kagan. Joining her were Chief Judge Ramona Manglona of the CNMI (2nd from right) and Jennifer Romero, former resident of Guam, United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Democratic Staff Director and Chief Counsel (far right).

BUILD A BANKRUPTCY PRACTICE

Covid-19 will bring a wave of bankruptcy filings. Be prepared.

Presenters:

Prosemer Anthony J. Dancy
Dancy Dancy, P.C. Bankruptcy Law, P.A. & P.C.
The National Law School of the University of Chicago

Angela Yee, M.D., Counsel
Lawson & Scullin, LLP

Honorable Daniel Collins
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, District of Arizona

Thursday, September 24, 2020 @ 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

at 430 HUIHNS \$100 Registration Fee

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Wednesday
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10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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During the Age of COVID-19

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- Office of the Attorney General of Guam
- Superior Court of Guam
- Guam Legal Services Corp.

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Online Registration will open on 07.25.2020. Look for an email from GBA.

POWER ACT SUMMIT

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Monday, August 10th



Virtual tour of courthouse during the COVID-19 Pandemic.



Mentorship meeting with a high school student.



Speaking about the success of the D.O.R.E. Program on K57 Radio.



December 1, 2020: In the spirit of Christmas, hundreds of hygiene necessities, such as deodorant, shampoo, bodywash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, and shower baskets were donated to the youth correctional facility. Items were donated by personal contributions from the District Court of Guam and U.S. Probation Office staff.



HAPPY 2020 CONSTITUTION DAY AND CITIZENSHIP DAY

September 17, 2020

Since 2006, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood and Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. (Retired) U.S. District Court of Guam, have naturalized approximately 12,000 new U.S. Citizens on Guam from countries all over the world.

American Samoa
Australia
Bangladesh
Belgium
Canada
Chile
China
Cuba
Dominican Republic
El Salvador
Japan

Federated States of Micronesia
Germany
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Honduras
Hong Kong
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HAPPY 2020 CONSTITUTION DAY & CITIZENSHIP DAY!

SEPTEMBER 17

A NATIONAL FEDERAL OBSERVANCE THAT RECOGNIZES THE ADOPTION OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THOSE WHO HAVE BECOME U.S. CITIZENS.

CELEBRATE AND ENGAGE STUDENTS IN LEARNING ABOUT THE U.S. CONSTITUTION.

SINCE 2006, CHIEF JUDGE FRANCES TYDINGCO-GATEWOOD & MAGISTRATE JUDGE JOAQUIN V.E. MANIBUSAN, JR. (RETIRED), DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM, HAS NATURALIZED APPROXIMATELY **12,000** NEW U.S. CITIZENS ON GUAM.

2022 Cristobal C. Dueñas Excellence Award

The 2022 Cristobal C. Dueñas Excellence Award has been bestowed upon Federal Public Defender John T. Gorman.

The Office of the Federal Public Defender in Guam celebrates its 28th anniversary this year and Mr. Gorman led the office for the last nineteen years. First appointed to the office Federal Public Defender in 2003 by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Mr. Gorman is supported by two assistant federal public defenders and three office staff. His office in Mongmong handles approximately 70% of the criminal cases filed in the District Court of Guam. Major drug trafficking cases, firearms, immigration fraud and theft offenses and other federal crimes make up their caseload.

Originally from New York State, Mr. Gorman received his bachelor's degree from Drake University in Iowa in 1980. He served in the Peace Corps in the Bengut province in the Philippines, where he supervised construction of a drinking water system for a tribal group in North Luzon's Cordillera Mountains. From 1985

to 1989, Mr. Gorman was a case worker at refugee camp. He then entered law school at Northeastern University in Boston and received his juris doctor in 1992. While in law school, he clerked for Judge Wendie Gershengorn of the Massachusetts Superior Court. Following law school, he served as a trial attorney with the Defender Association in Philadelphia. In 1997, he relocated to Guam to work as a senior litigator in the Office of the Federal Public Defender.

Mr. Gorman has been a longtime volunteer at Habitat for Humanity on Guam, and was that organization's president for two years. Habitat for Humanity has built dozens of houses for Guam residents since the island chapter was founded in 1996.

"Guam has been blessed to have had John Gorman at the helm of the Office of Federal Public Defender for almost two decades. During that time John has been untiring in his defense of men and women in great need of counsel and advocacy," said Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood.



John T. Gorman,
Federal Public Defender

The District Court of Guam expresses its utmost gratitude with a sincere "Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase" to John Gorman 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, 1969, he was confirmed by the U.S. 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. After a long and distinguished judicial career, Judge Dueñas died on February 14, 2010. He will long be remembered for his humility, courage, and keen intellect.





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