



District Court of Guam

2018 Report



About the Front Cover

“Judge Manibusan”

Artist: Darren P. Caldwell, First Place, High School Division of the court’s 2018 Law Month Sketch Artist Competition

U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. has announced that he will be retiring from the Judiciary upon completing his second eight-year term in February 2020. At that time, Judge Manibusan will have served 16 years as a U.S. Magistrate Judge, after serving as a judge in the Judiciary of Guam for over eight years. We appreciate his many years of service to the courts and to the people of Guam!

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Frances Tydingco-Gatewood
Chief Judge

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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 are pleased to present this annual report of the District Court of Guam.

I am also sad to share with you Judge Manibusan's announcement that he will be retiring from the Judiciary upon completing his second eight-year term in February 2020. At that time, Judge Manibusan will have served 16 years as a U.S. Magistrate Judge, after serving as a judge in the Judiciary of Guam for over eight years. We appreciate his many years of service to the courts and to the people of Guam and we will certainly be savoring the short time he has left with us.

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, in November, we completed an overhaul of the audio and video systems in our fourth floor courtroom. In December, we transitioned to mandatory electronic filing and electronic service.

Among the projects on our plate for 2019 are the upgrade of our case management and electronic filing systems to "NextGen CM/ECF," the Judiciary's next generation version. We also are beginning the design of new audio and video systems in our Magistrate courtroom.

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 Services 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 led by Shawn Anderson; and the Office of the Federal Public Defender, led by John Gorman, for a successful year. I also thank the Judiciary of Guam and the Guam Bar Association and its president, Jacqueline Terlaje, for their community partnership.

Clerk's Office

Compensation for Court-Appointed CJA Panel Attorneys Increased

The Judiciary's Defender Services Account received fiscal year 2018 funding in the "Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018" to increase the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel attorney hourly rates.

The CJA panel attorney hourly rates of \$140 for non-capital representations and \$188 for capital representations apply to services performed on or after March 23, 2018. For services on or after February 15, 2019, the hourly rates are \$148 for non-capital cases and \$190 for capital cases.

LiveChat

In May 2018, the Clerk's office launched its "LiveChat" application on its main webpage. "LiveChat" allows the court's customers to contact an available deputy clerk with the click of a button. It also establishes "tickets" for issues or questions that cannot be resolved immediately. We intend to renew this service and hope that it makes the Clerk's Office more accessible to the public and to the Bar.

Juror Daily Attendance Fees Increased

The daily juror attendance fee increased by \$10 to \$50, effective May 7, 2018. This is the first such increase since 1990.

Petit jurors required to attend more than ten days hearing one case, and grand jurors required to attend more

than 45 days of actual service may be paid an additional fee, not exceeding \$10 more than the attendance fee for each additional day of service.

Next Generation Case Management

In January 2019, the Clerk's office began the implementation of the U.S. Courts' Next Generation Case Management and Electronic Filing (NextGen CM/ECF) system. The implementation of this new application for bankruptcy cases and for civil and criminal cases is expected to be complete by the end of 2019. The new systems will include many new and upgraded features, but perhaps the most useful feature for members of the bar will be the "Single Sign On" feature that will allow users to sign on with one set of credentials to access PACER and the electronic filing systems of any court with which they are registered.

Courtroom Upgrade

In November 2018, we overhauled the audio and video systems in our fourth floor courtroom, greatly improving the audio quality and making digital video the standard in that room. The courtroom now includes 24" monitors for jurors, and 23" monitors for counsel, two 60" displays for the gallery, four new cameras and one new infrared transmitter to improve coverage for assisted listening and interpretation. Attorneys may now use HDMI, DisplayPort, and Mini DisplayPort devices for presentations.



Jeanne G. Quinata
Clerk of Court

Jury Administration

It is said that there is a time and season for everything, and this includes Jury Administration at the District Court of Guam. In January 2019, we said "Adios" to our long time Jury Administrator, Marilyn Alcon, who served in that position for more than 20 years. We also welcomed a seasoned staff member, Leilani Hernandez, into that position. We wish Marilyn a long and refreshing retirement!

Mandatory Electronic Filing and Service

The Judicial Conference of the United States approved amendments to Appellate Rule 25, Bankruptcy Rule 5005, Civil Rule 5, and Criminal Rule 49 mandating electronic filing and service in civil, criminal, and bankruptcy cases. Those amendments were transmitted to Congress on April 26, 2018 and became effective December 1, 2018.

The District Court of Guam amended its General Rules of Local Practice and its Administrative Procedures for Electronic Filing and Service to accommodate the amendments to the federal rules. These local amendments may be found here:

<http://www.gud.uscourts.gov/general-order-18-0022>

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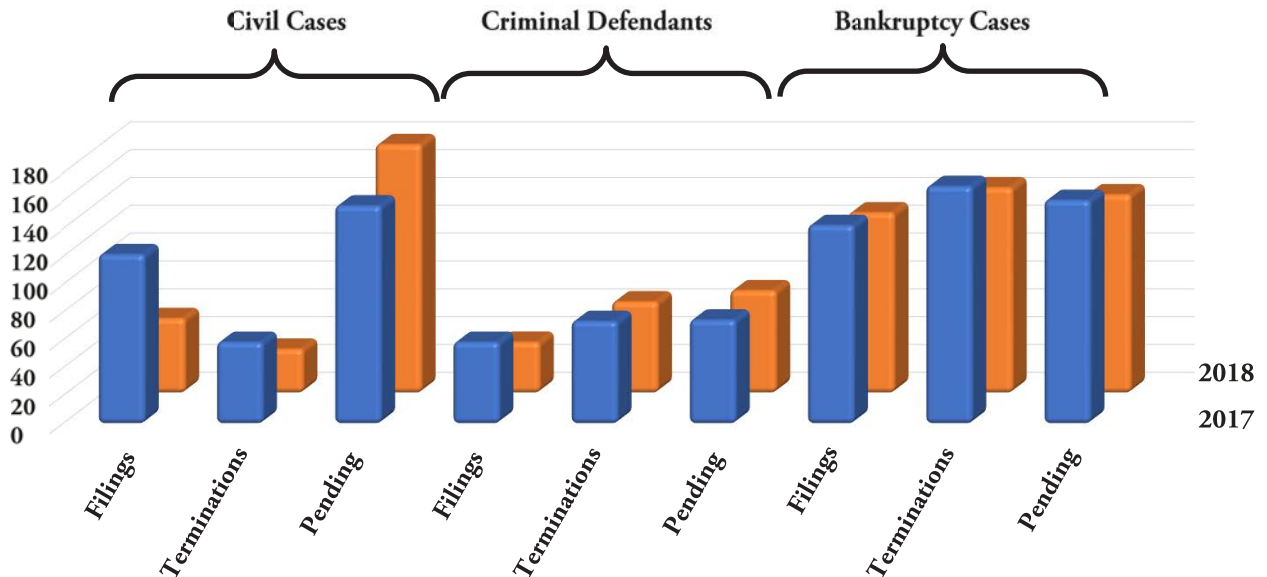
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- U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services Office: (671) 969-4600

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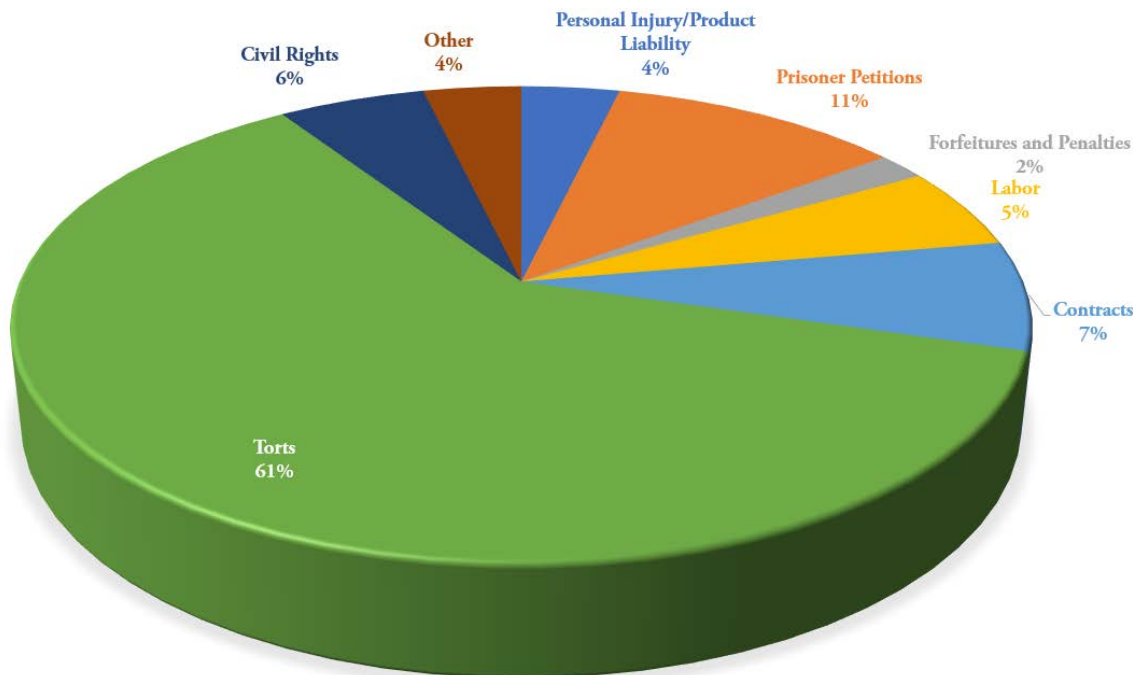
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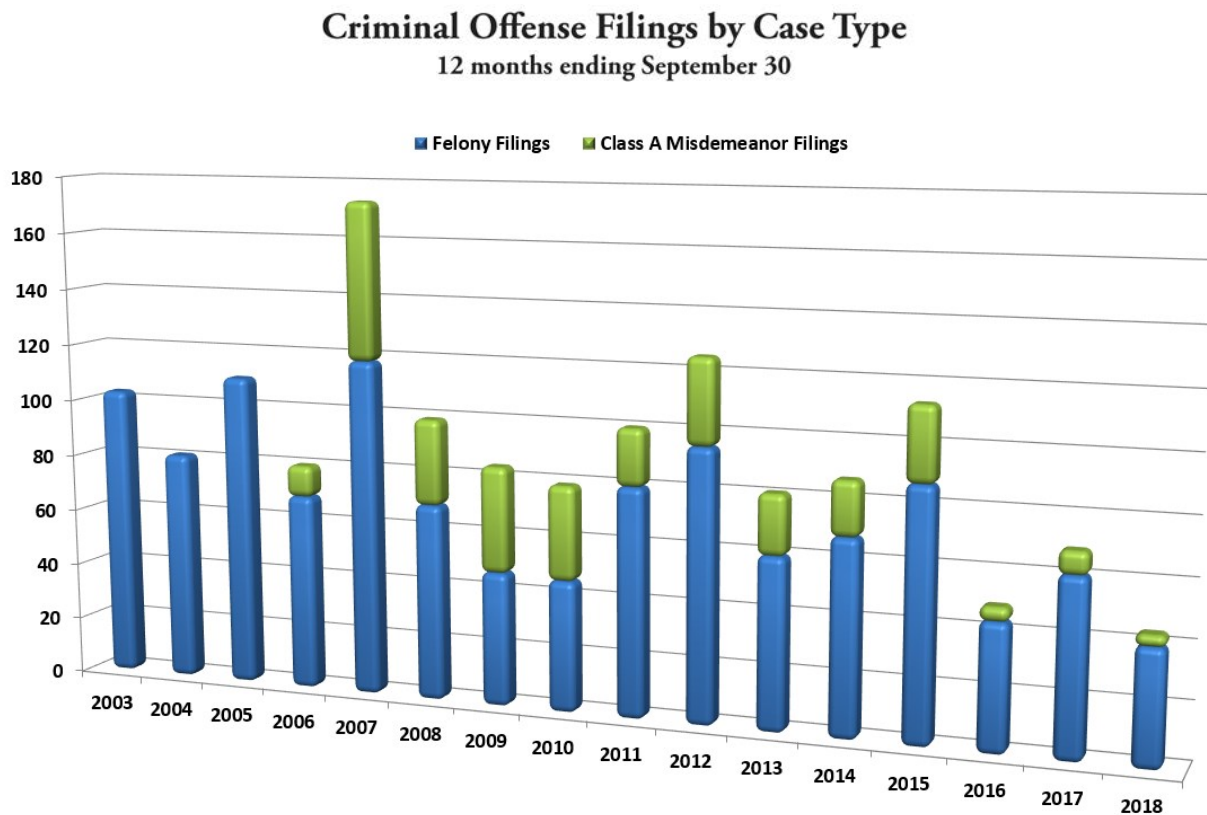
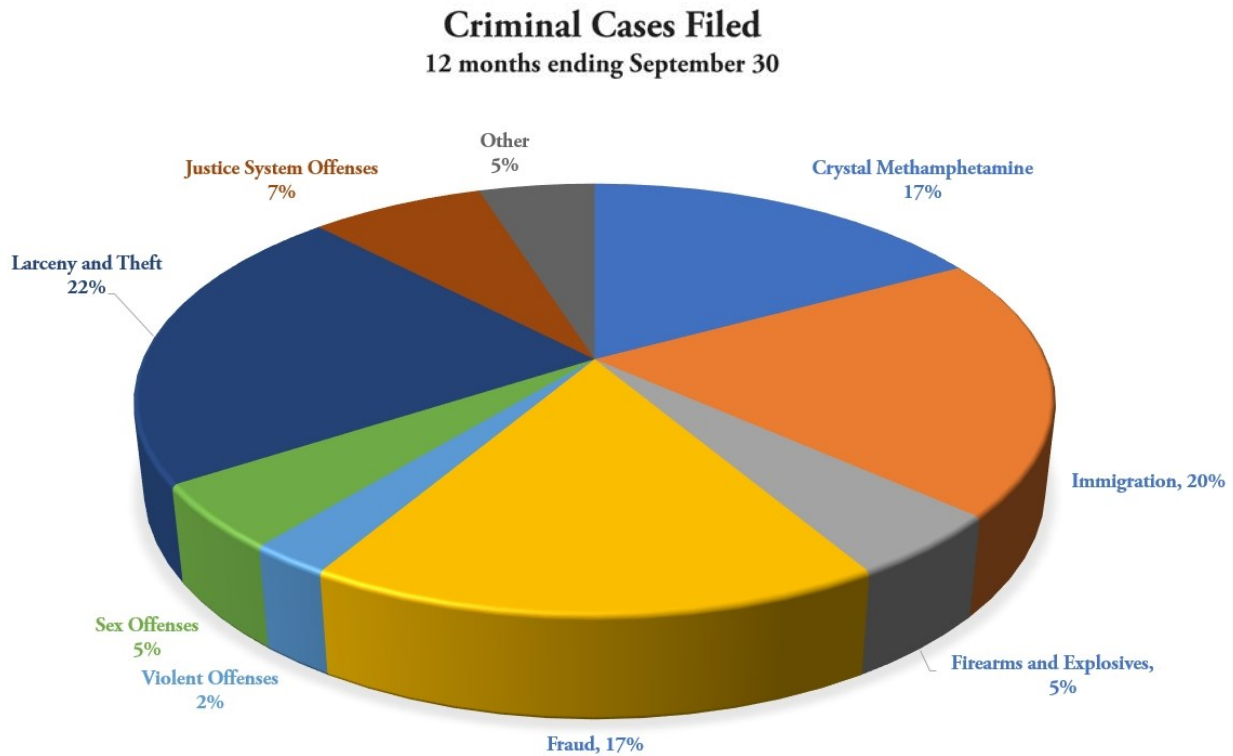
District Caseload Measures
12 months ending September 30



Civil Cases Filed
12 months ending September 30

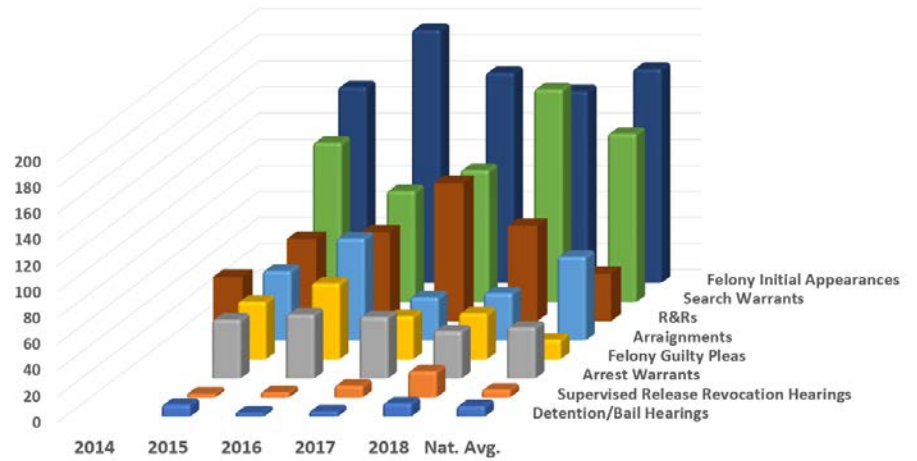


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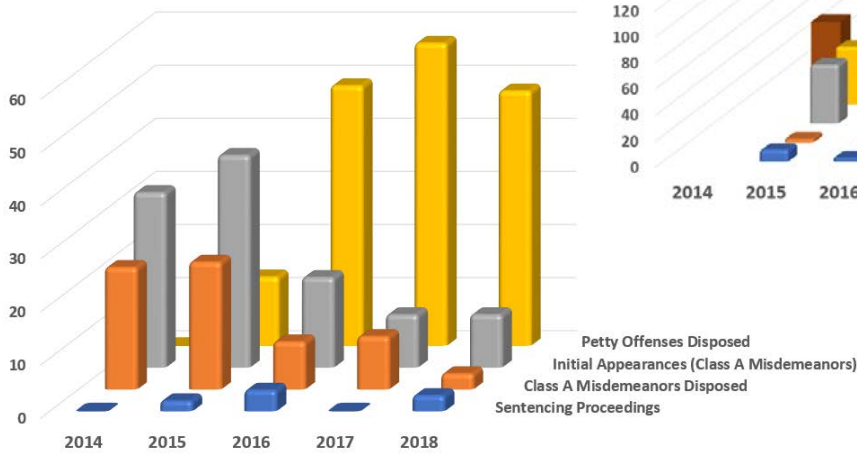


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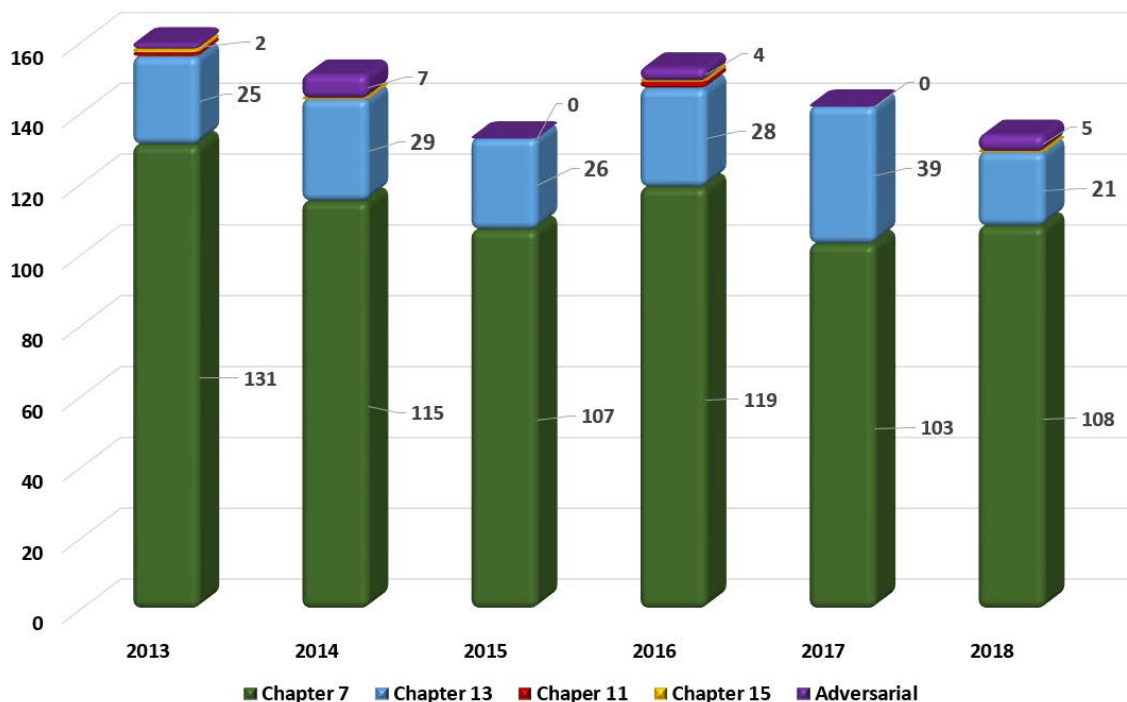
Magistrate Felony Proceedings 12 months ending September 30



Other Magistrate Proceedings 12 months ending September 30



Bankruptcy Cases Filed 12 months ending September 30



U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services Office

Staffing

After 20 years of service Specialist U.S. Probation Officer Margarita (“Maggie”) Wonenberg retired on August 17, 2018. When Maggie began her career as an officer, she was the only employee serving the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). She was solely responsible for all the duties and responsibilities of running the office. Eventually support staff and another officer were hired to work with Maggie. Maggie was an exemplary employee. She was committed and of high character. Although Maggie is missed, we understand she has moved to the state of Idaho to be reunited with her children.

Training

After years of training and preparation to become armed, Officers began carrying firearms in early 2018. All armed Officers have qualified with the Glock Model 17 and Model 19, 9mm Firearms. Officers who choose to carry are required to attend ongoing training and qualify annually.

In February 2018, U.S. Probation Officer Gregory Arriola successfully completed the Firearms Instructor Recertification training program at the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Academy in Charleston, South Carolina.

In late March 2018, U.S. Probation Officer Janet Yamashita traveled to the Academy and successfully completed a two-week course certifying her as a Firearms Instructor. We are proud to announce that she is now a certified Firearms Instructor for Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. She joins Lead Firearms Instructor Ricardo Leon Guerrero and Firearms Instructor Gregory Arriola.

In June 2018, Ricardo Leon Guerrero successfully completed the Glock Armorer’s Course allowing him to perform annual inspections and

maintenance of the firearms as well as performing repairs. Officer Leon Guerrero also attended the Glock Instructors Workshop, a two-and-a-half day tactical firearms training.

The districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands applied and were accepted to participate in the Federal Judicial Center’s “Science Informed Decision Making” workshop held at Harvard Law School. The workshop focused on the risks and needs of “justice involved” individuals with mental and substance use disorders who move through the federal criminal justice system. Participants worked through real case studies with assigned expert clinical consultants who helped to identify issues and possible interventions. As a result of the workshop, probation officers have incorporated the use of a questionnaire that asks for information regarding adverse childhood experiences (ACE). Officers include this information in the Presentence Reports and can use it to support a downward departure or variance in their sentencing recommendations.

In March 2018, U.S. Probation Officer Melinda Brunson-Santos attended the Second Chance Act Conference, where the Probation and Pretrial Services Office (PPSO) provided technical assistance to help pretrial and probation offices understand the new expended authority and how to best understand and implement services through the Risk, Need, Responsivity (RNR) model.

In August 2018, six officers attended the first PPSO conference on Evidence Based Practices in Pretrial Services. The conference featured pretrial practitioners and presenters who provided information and research regarding the fundamentals of evidence based pretrial release and detention. Districts were encouraged to increase release rates with the understanding of the value of assessing pretrial risk factors.



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

In September 2018, PPSO coordinated its first WebEx training for the Districts on the Principles of Effective Supervision based upon the RNR model.

The RNR supervision model looks at identifying the risks and needs of a person under supervision and matching the individual to services and interventions to increase the chance that the individual will succeed and have positive outcomes on supervision.

From December 10, 2018 through December 13, 2018, U.S. Probation officers attended the GRACIE Survival Tactics (GST) Level I course hosted by the U.S. Marshals Service. Superior Court of Guam probation officers and marshals were also in attendance. GST is a defensive tactics program based on Brazilian jiu jitsu customized for law enforcement officers. It has been taught to agencies at the local, state, and federal level. The program has undergone medical and legal review and has been found to be effective in the use of leverage to defend against individuals who may be larger and stronger.

Events/Outreach

The District of Guam U.S. Probation Office participated as trainers in the Pacific Judicial Council (PJC) 2018 Court Security Training, from November 5-8, 2018. Court, probation

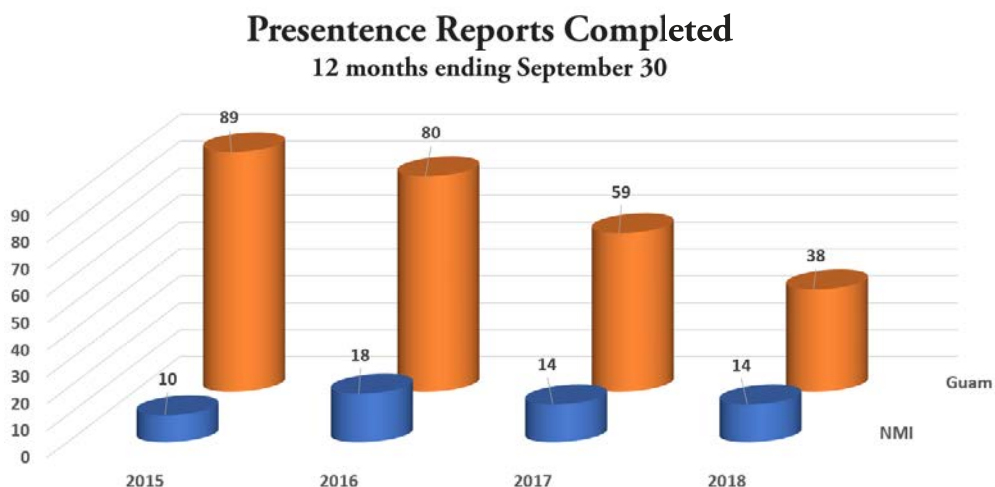
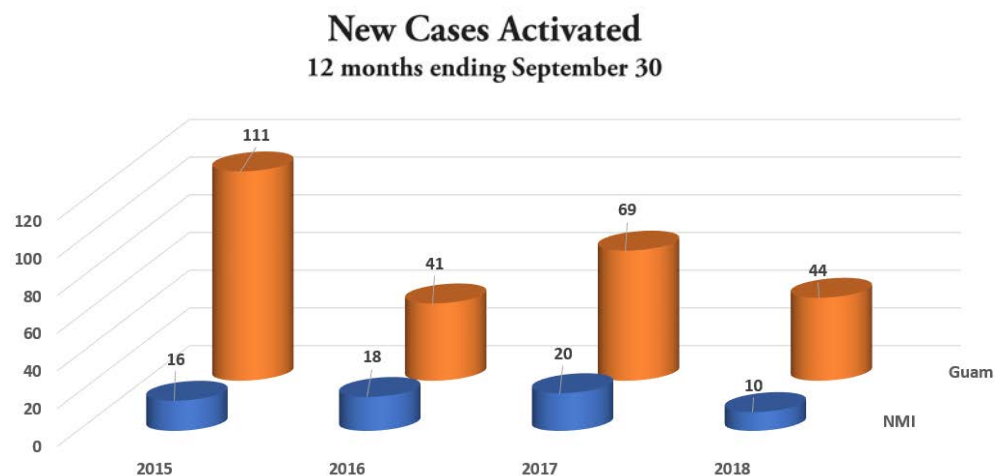
and marshal staff from the neighboring island nations that represent the PJC were in attendance.

Trained U.S. Probation Officers set up and operated the state of the art MILO Use of Force Training Simulator, which allowed participants to work through realistic use of force scenarios

interactively. The MILO system was well received, with most participants having a go at it.

On March 2, 2018, U.S. Probation Officer Jeffrey Ventura and IT Systems Administrator Barbara Hattori were invited to Agana Heights Elementary School to discuss online

safety and introduce the students to computer programming/coding. Jeffrey and Barbara taught three 45-minute sessions to approximately 70 Fourth Grade students. The students were engaged in the important topic of online safety, asking many relevant questions.



Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative

My duties as the district's lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit's Lawyer Representative Coordinating Committee (LRCC) have kept me very busy over the last year! In that position, you might say that I have official duties and "unofficial" duties.

My official duties include:

- Attending and participating in all joint meetings of lawyers and judges in the district, including any district conferences.
- Attending and participating in the annual judicial conference.
- Voting in lawyer representative elections and in balloting for judicial conference resolutions.
- Participating actively in the conference resolution process, including proposing, drafting, and debating resolutions.

- Educating members of the Bar generally about the conference and soliciting their reviews.
- Speaking up at district meetings and at the judicial conference to assure that the views of lawyers are heard.

I have attended several teleconferences and meetings with other Ninth Circuit LRCC members, most of which concerned planning the annual Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. My most recent meeting, however, was with other LRCC members and the Ninth Circuit Chief District Judges. There we had two very provocative presentations with discussions about immigration and asylum issues and alternatives to incarceration. I hope to share a bit about these issues at the district conference.

My unofficial duties center mainly on the court's civics outreach



Cynthia V. Ecube
9th Circuit LRCC
Representative

activities. I was deeply involved in almost all the outreach events sponsored by the court over the last year, and you can read about them later in this district report.

In the next year, please let me know if you have any issues or questions that you would like me to address as your LRCC representative.

Guam Bar Association President

Buenas yan Håfa Adai! 2018 was a year for collaboration with the District Court of Guam and the Guam Bar Association (GBA) in introducing new programs in the community to not only promote our presence in the island community, but to showcase the many contributions the legal community brings to our island. From the annual Law Week which included our legacy programs of mock trial, Race Judicata Fun Run, Haggan Games, Law Fair, essay and art contests, we introduced the first Justice Patch for Girl Scouts and Jump for Justice programs.

Following the events, the American Bar Association awarded the District Court of Guam, Guam Bar Association and Judiciary of Guam its 2018 Law Day Best Public Program Award. The GBA is proud to have co-

sponsored several community outreach events with the District Court including the celebration of Constitution Day & Citizenship Day, and a photo contest which was open to students of all grade levels. We then embarked on another first for the GBA – supporting the Red Ribbon Campaign – an effort to educate our youth on the dangers of illegal drugs and the abuse of prescription medication.

When our neighbors in the CNMI were affected by Super Typhoon Yutu, the GBA held a relief drive and filled a 40-ft container of essential supplies which benefited entities like the families of the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands. Another first is the launch of the Senior Law Clinic, an educational workshop on estates, probates and



Jacqueline T. Terlaje
President, Guam Bar
Association

wills; close to 250 senior citizens across three senior centers attended by year end. 2018 ended on a high note with the celebration of our 40th year as a public body corporate. We look forward to 2019 and the continued collaboration and partnership with the District Court of Guam.

United States Attorney's Office

In May, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood appointed Shawn N. Anderson as United States Attorney for Guam until a presidential appointment with Senate confirmation occurs. The USAO welcomed Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Sambataro in the Criminal Division. AUSA Sambataro is a graduate from Pepperdine University School of Law and a former prosecutor with the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore.

In 2018, prosecution of theft-related crimes comprised approximately 32% of the USAO's caseload. Other prosecutions involved drug crimes (17%), immigration fraud (17%), violent crimes (11%), white-collar fraud/official corruption (11%), government regulatory offenses (9%), and crimes against children (3%).

The USAO held community outreaches as part of the Department of Justice's Elder Justice Initiative (EJI), Project Safe Childhood (PSC), and Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) initiatives during 2018. The USAO met with personnel from social service providers, non-profit organizations, and senior citizen centers to strengthen awareness about elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of seniors. The USAO partnered with the DEA and participated in the annual National

Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative, Red Ribbon Campaign and Say Boo to Drugs events. The USAO and ATF conducted an anti-bullying safety presentation to children with the Island Girl Power. To promote firearm safety and address gun violence, the USAO and ATF demonstrated ways to safely maintain firearms and distributed gunlocks, safety pledges and booklets.

The Civil Division's cases and matters rose 11% for 2018. The Civil Division's workload is comprised of program litigation (47%), asset forfeiture (14%), environmental/lands (14%), bankruptcy (10%), civil rights (5%), immigration (5%), and frauds (5%). The USAO also restructured its Asset Forfeiture Unit within the Civil Division. The unit pursues judicial forfeiture in criminal and civil cases with the assistance of federal law enforcement. AUSA Jessica Cruz Wessling is the coordinator of the unit. The inclusion of Asset Forfeiture, along with the Financial Litigation Unit, has made it a full-service division for monetary penalties and restitution. The unit recovered approximately \$892,672 in criminal restitution and \$31,504 in civil judgments.

The Civil Division worked to ensure pharmacies and medical professionals comply with the



Shawn N. Anderson
U.S. Attorney

Controlled Substances Act and that companies and individuals are held accountable for committing fraud against the government under the False Claims Act.

The Civil Division defended the U.S. military in lawsuits involving environmental challenges to the military build-up, judicial review of disclosures under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and medical malpractice allegations. The Civil Division also pursued a civil rights action to ensure that the Government of Guam's housing policies are fair to all Guamanians, regardless of their lineage or the lineage of their spouse.

United States Marshals Service

Court Operations

In June and November 2018, District of Guam deputies, in collaboration with United States Air Force Security Forces personnel, conducted a combined nine-day training session in Air Force Combative and Gracie Survival Techniques. Attending were 25 law enforcement officers from American Samoa, the Judiciary of Guam, the Republic of Palau, and the United States Marshals Service (USMS). Training focused on the development of officer

tactics designed to neutralize the immediate threat from an aggressive subject, weapon control and retention, and achieving position of advantage. These techniques were designed to increase officer survivability during threat encounters.

Judicial Security

The entire courthouse's old, outdated electronic security system was gutted and replaced with an updated version enhancing the capability of the USMS to provide a safer environment for

all tenants and users of the courthouse.

Enforcement Operations

For 13 months ending on October 31, 2018, the USMS Taotaomona Task Force investigated and executed 263 warrants by physical arrest or coordination with other USMS districts. The success of the task force achievement is a direct result of a continuing collaboration between the USMS District of Guam and its task force partners from the Department of

Office of the Federal Public Defender

The Office of the Federal Public Defender (FPD) celebrates its 25th Anniversary this year with renewed optimism. For 25 years, the work of Guam's Federal Public Defenders has been motivated by a simple belief that justice should not depend on the color of your skin or the size of your wallet.

Our office is small but dedicated. We have two attorneys: Leilani Lujan, and the FPD, John T. Gorman; Administrative Officer, Lita Dueñas, Administrative Assistant, Renate Grimes and Chris Mantañoña, our Computer Systems Administrator. Our caseload consists of major drug-trafficking cases, firearms, immigration, fraud and theft offenses, and other federal crimes. We strive to provide zealous, effective representation for indigent clients charged with criminal offenses in federal court.

Recent policy and political developments offer hope for long overdue and meaningful federal sentencing reform. While the U.S. has less than 5% of the world's population, we have almost 25% of the world's prison population. Our nation's failed mass incarceration policies which have shamefully led us to be the world's largest jailer are perhaps finally being dismantled. One beginning step is the First Step Act, which was signed into law on December 21, 2018.

The First Step Act, which passed with bipartisan support, takes modest steps to improve the federal criminal system and ease the very punitive prison sentences at the federal level. It affects only the federal system - which, with about 181,000 imprisoned people, holds a small but significant fraction of the U.S. jail and prison population of 2.1 million. Essentially, the law allows thousands of people to earn an earlier release from prison and will curb some of the excessiveness of future sentences.

Here are some of the major provisions of the First Step Act:

- Makes retroactive the reforms enacted by the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010, which reduced the disparity between crack and powder cocaine sentences and could affect up to 26,000 federal inmates.
- Eases the draconian federal mandatory minimum sentences.
- Increases the "good time credits" inmates can earn from 47 days per year to 54 days. The change applies retroactively which will allow some prisoners to qualify for an earlier release.
- Allows inmates to get "earned time credits" for participation in more vocational and educational programs.



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

This will not only ease prison overcrowding but vocational and educational programs reduce recidivism and future crime.

- Allows elderly and/or seriously ill inmates early release through the Compassionate Release Program.

Nothing in this new law is groundbreaking. That is why it is called the First Step. But it is a step and one that Congress has not taken in years. Our office remains hopeful that more steps will be forthcoming and that we are on the path to true reform in the criminal justice system. Meanwhile our office remains committed to the guarantees of the presumption of innocence and every individual's right to equal protection under the law.

Biba Constitution yan Bill of Rights!

Homeland Security; Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO); the Department of Corrections, and the Judiciary of Guam.

Sex Offender Investigations

During 2018, Operation Deviant Guard verified 517 Registered Sex Offenders for compliance. Twenty Registered Sex Offenders were found to be non-compliant, and 89 Warrants of Arrest were executed for various offenses.

Administrative News

In August 2018, the USMS welcomed a new addition to its family,

Justin Sotomil. Justin was hired as the Criminal Program Specialist and is responsible for the administration of various criminal and administrative duties. Justin brings to the USMS valuable experience gained while employed with the ERO. He currently serves as a reservist in the United States Navy as a Master at Arms.

In 2018, the USMS district of Guam received recognition from the Austin Processing Center for achieving a 100% submission rate for financial documents.



**Frank Leon Guerrero
U.S. Marshal**

Events, Outreach, and Ceremonies



Okkodo High School defeated defending champion Notre Dame High School to claim the 2018 Guam High School Mock Trial championship.



Chief Judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood and U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. presented the court's Cristobal C. Dueñas Excellence Award to local attorney Rodney J. Jacob at the Annual District Conference of the District Court of Guam on March 8, 2018.

The District Court of Guam hosted the FBI Citizens Academy on March 28, 2018. Attendees were able to gain a greater understanding of the role of federal law enforcement agencies in the community.



American Samoa's baseball team visited and toured the courthouse after placing 2nd in the U18 Baseball Confederation of Oceania Championship Games.



The District Court of Guam and the Guam Bar Association held a CLE Presentation on the topic of U.S. Constitutional Rights in the Territories on July 2, 2018. The featured speaker was the Honorable Gustavo A. Gelpi, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico.



Girl Scouts of Guam had an opportunity to meet with Chief Justice Katherine A. Maraman and Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood at the Agaña Heights Gymnasium.



Court staff at Agaña Shopping Center for a Red Ribbon Campaign event.



Independence Day Naturalization Ceremony. Hon. Gustavo A. Gelpi, Chief Judge for the U.S. District Court of Puerto Rico, Keynote Speaker.

Events, Outreach, and Ceremonies



In celebration of Law Month, the District Court of Guam and Guam Bar Association hosted a unique contest for aspiring court sketch artists. High school students and adult members of the public registered for the contest online and sketched an aspect of any public court proceeding at the District Court of Guam between April 1, 2018, through April 27, 2018. The sketches were judged by a panel of three local artists, all from the island's legal community, and prizes were awarded to the winning contestants in each division.



Notre Dame High School student Darren P. Caldwell was awarded first place with this entry in the Law Month Sketch Artist Contest.



In celebration of Law Month, the District Court of Guam, the Judiciary of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association hosted the first JUMP FOR JUSTICE event, an individual jump rope competition.



On August 15, 2018, the District Court of Guam held a Staff Appreciation Luncheon and Employee Recognition Awards Ceremony. Left Photo: Ms. Lolita C. Toves was presented with a certificate and a pin for 35 years of service. Right Photo: Ms. Marilyn Alcon and Mr. Charles White were presented with a certificate and a pin for 25 years of service.



In celebration of Law Month, the District Court of Guam in partnership with the Guam Bar Association and the Judiciary of Guam, designed the “Haggan Games,” a fitness challenge to engage our island’s courts, bar association, local and federal law enforcement agencies and the community to promote personal awareness about physical fitness and encourage healthy behaviors. Pictured: “Team Feds” who are representatives from local federal agencies.



Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood with Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency K9 Officers for a Red Ribbon Campaign event.



Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood presents to hundreds of students from Agana Heights Elementary School as part of the Red Ribbon Campaign.

Events, Outreach, and Ceremonies



Constitution Day and Citizenship Day Naturalization Ceremony: United States Citizenship & Immigration Service Staff; Chief Judge

Frances Tydingco-Gatewood; Senior U.S. District Judge Conseulo B. Marshall, Central District of California; Guest singer Ms. Fa'aasu Henry; Jacqueline T. Terlaje, President, Guam Bar Association; Mr. Ulu Henry; and U.S. Magistrate Judge Manibusan.



Columbus Day and Filipino American History Month Naturalization Ceremony. Mr.

Norman Analista, President of the Filipino Community of Guam; Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood; Guest singer Ms. Fantaysha Umbrero Rioja; Ms. Jennifer Umbrero Rioja; Ms. Kaye Custodio, Treasurer and Secretary, Filipino Community of Guam; and U.S. Magistrate Judge Manibusan.



The Guam Bar Association, District Court of Guam, and Judiciary of Guam commemorated Constitution Day

and Citizenship Day with a photography contest with an Award Ceremony at the Latte of Freedom in Adelup, Guam.



Veteran's Day Naturalization Ceremony. Captain Hans E. Sholley, Chief of Staff for Joint Region Marianas, Keynote Speaker, in the white uniform with other members of the armed forces.



The Guam Girl Scouts and the District Court of Guam created two local Justice designs for the Guam Girl Scouts for Law Month festivities with the help of representatives from the Judiciary of Guam and the Guam Bar Association.



In celebration of Law Month on Guam, the District Court of Guam, the Judiciary of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association hosted a day for the Girl Scouts of Guam to meet judges and members of the

Guam Bar Association.



Celebrating "Mes Chamoru" (Chamorro Month) with local arts and crafts lessons from weaver artist, Mark Benavente, and craft artist, Elsie Quichocho Flores.



The District Court of Guam partnered with the Guam Bar Association and the P.D. Hemlani Foundation to assist the NMI District Court with relief in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Yutu.

Events, Outreach, and Ceremonies



While attending the Conference of Chief Judges of U.S. District Courts in Washington D.C., Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood met with the three female associate justices of

the Supreme Court of the United States. Left to Right: Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate Justice Elena Kagan, Chief Judge Ramona Manglona of the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, and Jennifer Romero Monaco, a former resident of Guam and Democratic Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.



A dinner in honor of Senior United States District Judge Consuelo Bland Marshall, was held on January 25, 2019. Participants from L-R: Judge Anita A. Sukola; Mayor Melissa

Savares; Judge Pro Tempore Linda I. Ingles; Retired Judge Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson; Chief Justice Katherine A. Maraman; Governor Lou Leon Guerrero; Senior United States District Judge Consuelo Bland Marshall; Speaker Tina Muna-Barnes; Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood; Senator Therese Terlaje, Judge Elyze McDonald Iriarte; and Administrative Hearing Officer Bridget Ann Keith.



The Guam Bar Association hosted a Women's History Celebration on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at the Outrigger Resort.



Ceremonial Swearing-in of the Honorable Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, Guam Delegate to the

United States House of Representatives on March 18, 2019. Left to Right: U.S. Magistrate Judge Juquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr.; Justice Robert J. Torres, Jr.; Justice F. Philip Carbullido; Ms. Kathryn San Nicolas; Kaleb San Nicolas; Chief Justice Katherine A. Maraman; Katelyn San Nicolas; Congressman Michael F. Q. San Nicolas; and Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood.



Women's History Month Naturalization Ceremony: Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-

Gatewood; Guest singers, Ms. Yvonne Perez and Ms. Amanda Pangelinan; Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, Keynote Speaker; Lt. Colonel Esther Aguigui, the Adjutant General, Guam National Guard; USCIS staff; and Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr.



President's Day Naturalization: Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood; Guest singer Ms. Shelby Rae Weilbacher; Lieutenant Governor Joshua F. Tenorio, Keynote Speaker; Attorney

Jacqueline T. Terlaje, President, Guam Bar Association; and U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr.

Federal Bar Admissions



Braddock J. Huesman
January 29, 2018



Karen K. McKenzie
February 20, 2018



James L.G. Stake
May 14, 2018



Dean V. Atalig Manglona
May 30, 2018



Zachary G. Damian
June 27, 2018



William Bucky Brennan
January 25, 2019

2019 Cristobal C. Dueñas Excellence Award

Frederick A. Black was born in San Francisco on the Presidio Army base, the second of six children, to Dr. John and Dorothy Black. He was raised in Santa Monica, California where he did lots of camping and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Black attended the University of California at Berkeley, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1971. Mr. Black then studied law at the Lewis and Clark School in Portland, Oregon where he was awarded a Juris Doctor in law in 1975. His legal career began on Guam that same year, after being recruited by attorney Ladd Baumann to serve as a public defender.

In 1978, Mr. Black was appointed as Assistant United States Attorney for Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands by the United States Department of Justice. In that position he worked with talented federal and local law enforcement agents to successfully prosecute many significant federal crimes.

In 1981, Mr. Black left Guam to join the Office of the Federal Public Defender in Portland, Oregon as Deputy Chief. He returned to Guam in 1984 to resume his career as an Assistant United States Attorney. In 1990, he was appointed as Acting United States Attorney and served in that role until 2002 when he resumed his position as Assistant United States Attorney.

Mr. Black says, "A major focus of my career has been on the prosecution of high-level public corruption and shutting down significant narcotics organizations."

During his tenure as Assistant United States Attorney, Mr. Black has served on the Criminal Local Rules Committee and the Prugraman Hinalom Talo (Drug Offender Re-Entry Program) Committee.

Apart from the law, Mr. Black is an avid outdoorsman, swimmer and water polo athlete. He was a member of the University of California's swim team and water polo team, and he represented Guam in spear fishing in the South



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Pacific games in New Caledonia and Tahiti. Mr. Black continues to enjoy water sports on Guam.

The District Court of Guam expresses its utmost gratitude with a sincere "Dangkulu na Si Yu'os Ma'ase" to Frederick A. Black 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 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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