



## 2021 Pro Bono Activities Report of the LRCC Representative Cynthia V. Ecube, Esq.



I had the distinct pleasure in assisting in the following Pro Bono activities during 2021.

### Continuing Legal Education

**2021 Power Act Outreach Event,**  
August 24, 2021

The District Court of Guam held its annual Power Act Outreach event, pursuant to the Pro Bono Work to Empower and Represent (Power) Act, on August 24, 2021.



Registrants heard testimonies from Guam Fire Department First Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians, as well as Guam Police Department Officers regarding their professional experience with domestic violence and sexual assault in a pre-recorded edited movie. I participated in a panel discussion after the movie with Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood, Cynthia Cabot, Director of Guam Coalition against Family Violence and Sexual Assault; Jacque Terlaje, Guam Bar Association President. Jocelyn Sablan, a Guam

Fire Department Firefighter, related her own personal experience with sexual assault during the panel discussion.

156 persons attended the event, and a total of two (2) CLE credits were available to participants who were members of the Bar.

**Marijuana Hits The Shores of Guam and CNMI,**  
September 17 2021

A virtual seminar on the fledgling marijuana industry was hosted by the District Court of Guam, the Guam Bar Association, the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands and the CNMI Bar Association on September 17, 2021.



The seminar was open to lawyers, business people, investors, bankers, restaurateurs, hoteliers, and representatives from government agencies. Topics included the impacts of the industry on tourism and revenue generation as well as legal and tax issues.

The Honorable Daniel P. Collins, Chief

Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona, moderated the event. Milton Morinaga, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Guam Visitors Bureau, Mitch Kahn, from Frontline Real Estate and attorney Vanessa Williams of Guam's Recreational Marijuana Board served as panelists.

275 persons attended the event, and a total of two (2) CLE credits, including Ethics credits, were available to participants who were

**inspiHR 2021 Annual Conference,**  
October 22, 2021

members of the Bar.

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Guam Chapter held its 2021 annual conference in partnership with the District Court of Guam. The conference, themed "inspiHR" was SHRM's first virtual conference, and the first time SHRM has partnered with the District Court of Guam. inspiHR 2021 featured two internationally acclaimed keynote speakers: Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., President and CEO of the SHRM national organization, who makes frequent appearances on CNN, and Magie Cook, a well-known entrepreneur and motivational speaker often referred to as America's Success Speaker. Additionally, Dr. Milton J. Perkins, a leading industry expert in human resources, workforce planning, and

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human capital Management facilitated sessions on the topic of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion to local



business leaders and HR professionals. A total of five (5) CLE credits were available to participants who were members of the Bar.

The curriculum and outreach materials will be part of a pilot program in the islands from January to March next year.

A 3-day PJC EQ informational conference - with afternoon train-the-trainer sessions - commenced on December 1, 2021 at the District Court of Guam in Hagatña. Because the borders are still closed on many of the participating islands, the conference was presented using a hybrid online format. It was LIVE (in-person) on Guam and streamed with an interactive platform to all other

PJC EQ Summit on Family Violence,  
December 1-3, 2021



### Community Outreach

The Pacific Judicial Council (PJC) has partnered with the executive and legislative branches of government in Micronesia to take on the rising level of violence in their islands. The PJC, composed of chief judges and justices from Guam, the CNMI, Palau, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Yap, Kosrae, and American Samoa, has begun implementing a proven solution to mitigate family violence termed "EQ" or the emotional quotient of a person. The PJC has commissioned EQ expert, Dr. Neil Nedley, to develop a special EQ curriculum for elementary, middle, and high school grade students, as well as outreach/in-reach seminar materials for the community and those workplaces that promote the mental wellness of their employees.

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Approximately 40 delegates from Palau and the CNMI attended in-person, and approximately 110 delegates from the other islands of Micronesia attended remotely.