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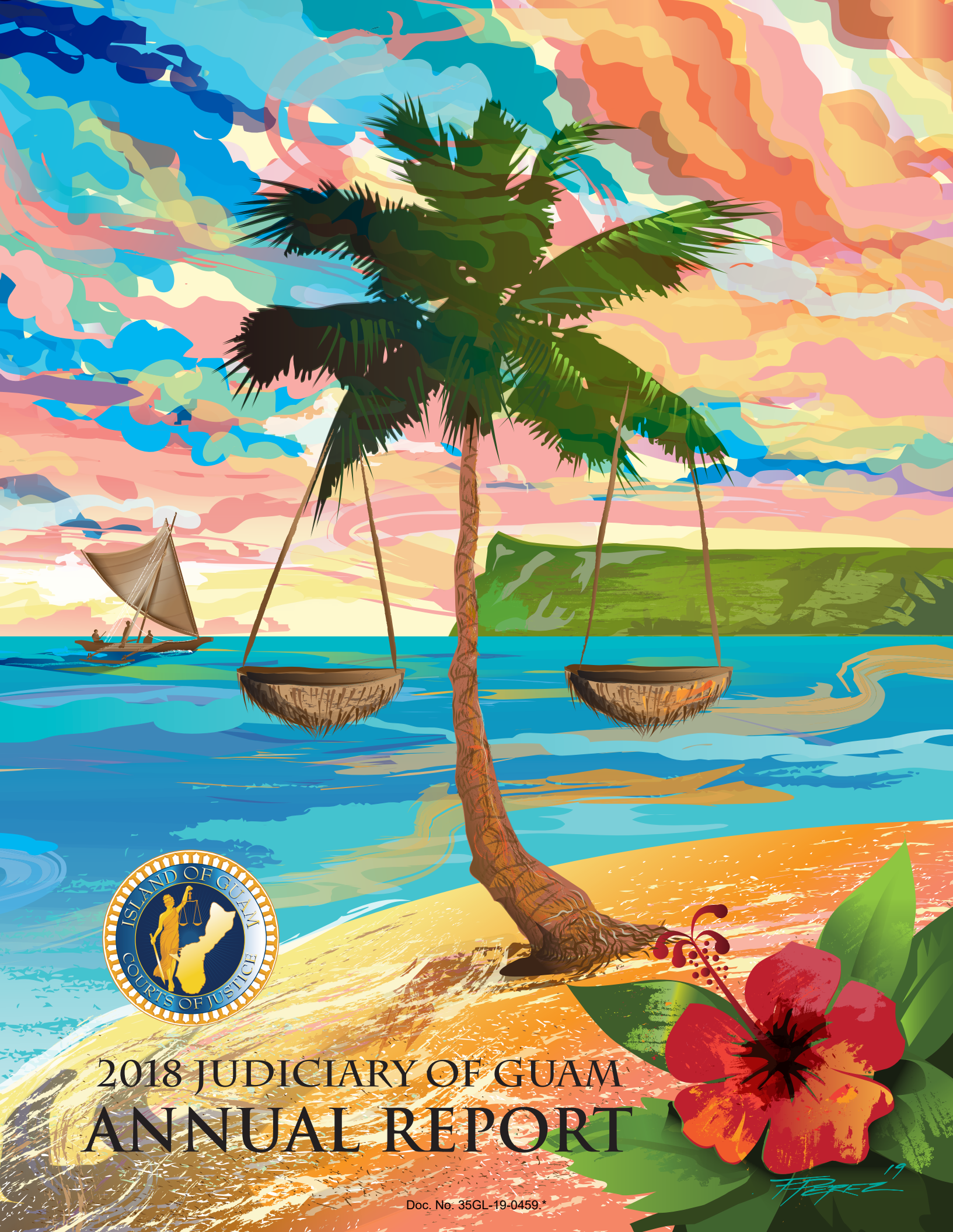
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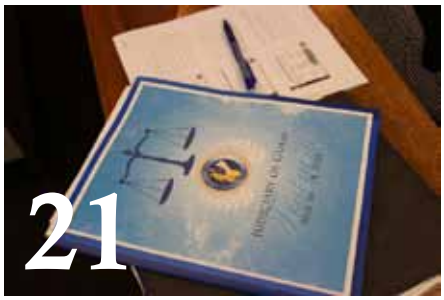
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Message from the Chief Justice and the Administrator of the Courts

Håfa Adai!

On behalf of the Judiciary of Guam, it is our privilege to present our 2018 Annual Report. In 1950, the Organic Act of Guam signaled the establishment of our modern local government to include the introduction of judicial authority through a District Court of Guam. That same year, the "Judiciary Act" strengthened and reorganized the island court system. 24 years later the Superior Court of Guam was created. From the same Court Reorganization Act of 1974, the first Supreme Court of Guam was born. 30 years later, federal law was amended that formally established the Judicairy of Guam as an independent, co-equal branch of the Government of Guam.

Since that time, the modern court management structure we have seen has and will always be a work in progress. Nevertheless, 2018 was a year that put on display the work of our judicial branch that is uniquely positioned to respond effectively to the needs of our rapidly growing and changing island community. Professional and focused court management has been an essential ingredient in ensuring that our trial and appellate courts can provide fair and accessible justice to all. Courts must have the confidence of those we serve in order to function effectively, and our judicial system has made unprecedented efforts to earn the respect and trust of the public and to meet its needs.
The size and complexity of today's judicial branch would astonish those who began the process of providing a strong structure for our island court system 68 years ago. The numbers of cases filed, the variety of claims, the diversity of those appearing before the courts, and the tools available to today's judges, court executives, and staff create challenges and opportunities unimaginable in 1950.

Guam and Micronesia is truly fortunate that experienced judges and professional court staff stand ready and able to meet future challenges with the same dedication that already has achieved so much.

Senseramente,

KATHERINE A. MARAMAN
Chief Justice of Guam

JOHN Q. LIZAMA
Administrator of the Courts

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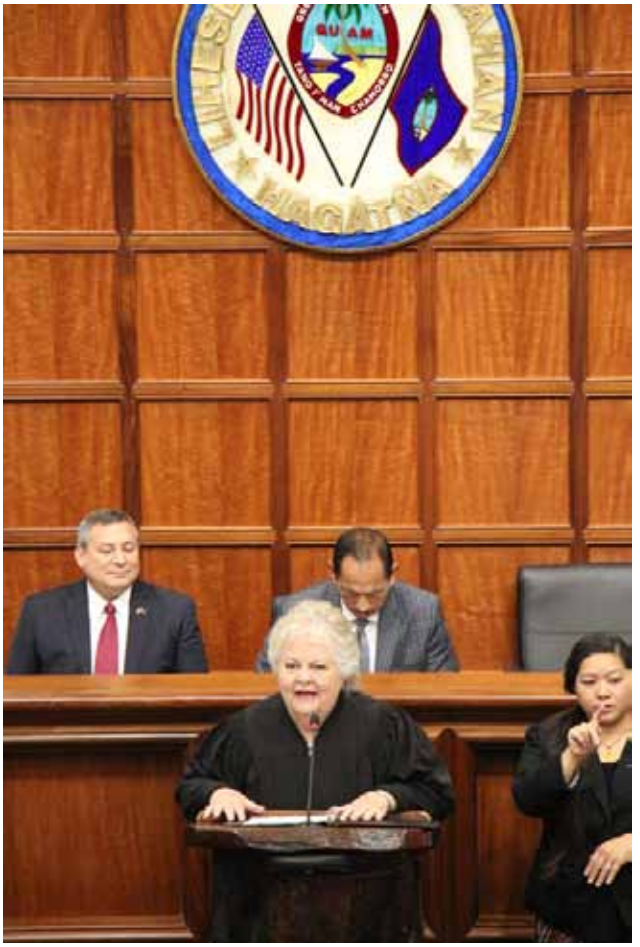
Guam Adult Reentry Court Formally Established

In April 2018, following the passage of Public Law 34-81, the Supreme Court of Guam formally established the Guam Adult Reentry Court Program. The program's mission is to reduce recidivism and increase public safety by providing the necessary tools and skills to individuals transitioning from incarceration or parole into the community. Led by the Judiciary, community partners comprised of government and community-based organizations have developed a strategic plan to ensure comprehensive, individualized service delivery. Pre-release services include education, job skills training, and treatment for substance abuse. Post-release services include counseling, educational and job training programs and housing and public assistance for qualified participants. The Judiciary hopes to reduce recidivism in the target group by half over a five-year period. Seventeen post-release participants were involved in the program in 2018.



2018 State of the Judiciary Address

On May 1, 2018, Chief Justice Katherine A. Maraman gave her second State of the Judiciary Address at the Guam Congress Building. Underscoring the strides the Judiciary has made in the areas of public safety, probation reform, and therapeutic justice, but noting the threat to the court's delivery of these and other services by recent budget shortfalls, Chief Justice Maraman stressed the importance of the executive and legislative branches' role in ensuring the adequate and equitable funding of the Judiciary.



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2018 State of the Judiciary Address





"We, a separate and co-equal branch of government, play a critical role in public safety, in protecting children, in resolving family disputes, and maintaining commerce by adjudicating business disputes.… Courts are vital to maintaining the infrastructure of our society. Although not always noticeable, it becomes more apparent in the face of rapidly changing economic and social landscapes. Businesses, government, and individuals need access to fair, quick, and neutral dispute resolution. There is no doubt that in measuring the modern business climate of Guam, the due-process methods and the timeliness of the disposition of lawsuits play a significant role in the result."

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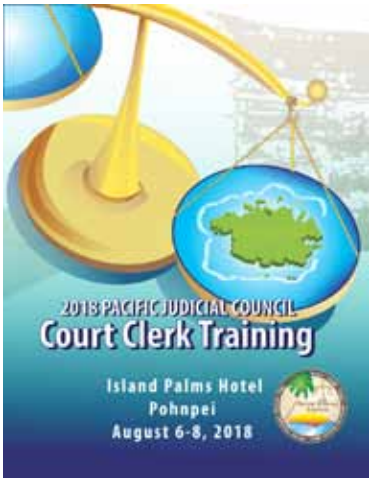
The Pacific Judicial Council (PJC) is a regional organization of judicial officers from: Guam; the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the states of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap; American Samoa; and the Republic of Palau. PJC provides educational and training opportunities to the judicial officers, administrators, and employees of the PJC's member jurisdictions.

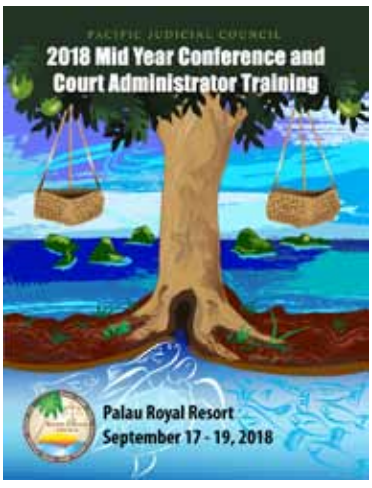
PJC training events in 2018 included:
Court Security Training
Enhancing Judicial Skills in Elderly Abuse Cases Workshop for Judges and Lawyers with the American College of Trial Lawyers











Operation Deviant Guard

From June 25-28, 2018, the United States Marshals Service and the Probation and Marshal Services Divisions of the Judiciary of Guam collaborated on the verification of sex offender registration in Guam and outstanding warrants of arrest with an emphasis on sex related crimes. Over a five day period, eight fugitives were arrested for various felony offenses. Additionally, 113 sex offender verifications were conducted and two were found to be non-compliant.

Guam WINGS Implementation and Guardianship Training Program

With grant assistance from the State Justice Institute, the Judiciary implemented the National Guardianship Network's Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders (WINGS) program in 2018. WINGS involves a collaborative, broad-based working group of stakeholders that continually evaluates guardianship practices, targets problems and solutions, and acts as the mechanism for ensuring regular communication among all stakeholders. In 2018, legislation was drafted to replace the Public Guardian Review Board with Guam WINGS and to update membership composition and requirements. Starting in July 2018, a monthly guardianship training program is offered to new and existing guardians, who attend at the direction of the court. At year end, 29 guardians have completed the training.

Citizen Centric Report Commended by AGA

In August 2018, the Judiciary of Guam released its 2017 Citizen-Centric Report. A copy was transmitted to the Speaker of the Guam Legislature pursuant to Public Law 30-127, with copies sent to the Office of Public Accountability and Office of the Governor of Guam. 58 days later, the Judiciary of Guam was presented a Certificate in Citizen-Centric Reporting by the Association of Government Accountants for the court's "commitment to good government and responsible fiscal action."



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Mission
The Judiciary administers justice by interpreting and upholding the laws, resolving disputes in a timely manner and providing accessible, efficient and effective court services.

The Supreme Court of Guam (L-R)
Justice F. Phillip Carbullido, Chief Justice Katherine A. Maraman and Justice Robert J. Torres.

Vision
The Judiciary will provide the highest quality of judicial services, thus enhancing public trust and confidence in Guam's independent and co-equal branch of government and becoming the model of governmental excellence.

About Us
The Judiciary of Guam is the third branch of the Government of Guam that is charged with interpreting the laws of the U.S. Territory of Guam. The Judiciary is comprised of the Superior Court of Guam and the Supreme Court of Guam of which both the trial and appellate courts provide for the settlement of disputes between parties and protects the rights of individuals as mandated in the Organic Act of Guam and the Constitution of the United States of America. The Judicial Council of Guam is the governing body of the Judiciary of Guam. Pursuant to law, it is composed of all full-time Justices of the Supreme Court, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, and an appointed Superior Court Judge. The current composition of the Judicial Council was created in 2003, and in 2004, after an amendment to the Organic Act of Guam effectuated by the United States Congress in Public Law 108-378, the judicial branch was declared a separate and co-equal branch of the Government of Guam. Under 48 U.S.C. § 1421-1(b), the Chief Justice of Guam retains all supervisory authority of the judicial branch. With the advice of the Judicial Council, the Chief Justice governs the divisions and offices within the Judiciary of Guam.

The Superior Court of Guam (L-R) Family Court Referee Linda L. Ingles, Judge Elyze M. Iriarte, Judge Vernon P. Perez, Judge Michael J. Bordallo, Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III, Judge Anita A. Sukola, Judge Arthur R. Barcinas, Judge Maria T. Cenzon and Magistrate Judge Benjamin C. Sison, Jr.

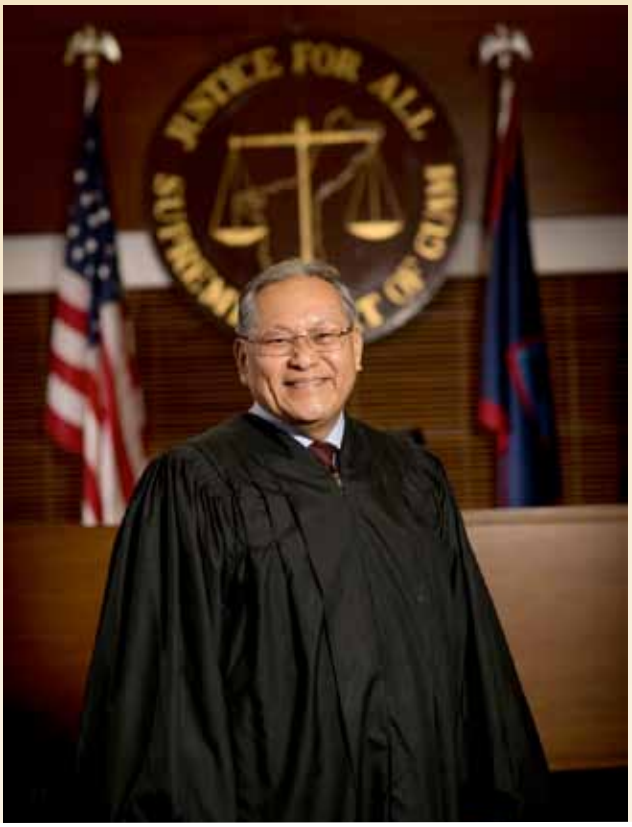
Demographics
As of September 30, 2017, the Superior Court of Guam received 14,412 filings and the Supreme Court of Guam recorded 72 total case filings. The top offenses charged in Guam's trial courts in 2017 were Family Violence, Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol, Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance, Assault-Recklessly Cause/Attempt to Cause Bodily Injury and Harassment. Guam's appellate court issued opinions in 13 civil cases, 14 criminal cases and one certified question in 2017.

Guam Law mandates that when there is a permanent vacancy of an associate justice of the Supreme Court or judge of the Superior Court, the Governor of Guam shall appoint a replacement. With input from the Judicial Council of Guam and the Guam Bar Association, the appointment process considers character, reputation in the community, experience in the practice of law, and judicial temperament. A judicial officer appointment shall be confirmed by the Guam Legislature.

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Celebrating 30 Years on the bench

In July 2018, Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III celebrated his 30th year as a Judge of the Superior Court of Guam. Presiding Judge Lamorena was appointed to the trial court by former Governor Joseph F. Ada and sworn in on July 13, 1988, following five terms as a Senator in the Guam Legislature and a decade in private practice. Employees of the Judiciary of Guam put together a surprise luncheon to honor Presiding Judge Lamorena for his three decades of service. The event was attended by his family, friends, former colleagues, judicial officers and court staff.





Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III is sworn in by retiring Presiding Judge Paul J. Abbate on July 14, 1988. Holding the Bible is Mrs. Fe Lamorena, mother of the incoming judge.



Judges of the '90's. (From left to right) Judge Peter C. Siguenza, Judge Ramon V. Diaz, Judge Joaquin V. E. Manibusan, Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III, Judge Janet Healy Weeks, and Judge Benjamin J. F. Cruz









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Investiture of Magistrate Judge Jonathan R. Quan

The Honorable Jonathan R. Quan was sworn in as Magistrate Judge of the Superior Court of Guam on September 4, 2018. During remarks at his investiture, Chief Justice Katherine A. Maraman highlighted the 10-month process to fill the important position in the Judiciary of Guam.

Magistrate Judge Quan is a 1993 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and a 1996 graduate of Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, California. He was admitted to the Guam bar in 1997. Following internships in the Los Angeles City Attorney and District Attorney Offices and work as a Research Attorney in the Superior Court of Guam, Magistrate Judge Quan had short stints in the Office of the Attorney General of Guam and was in private practice for eight years. In 2003, Magistrate Judge Quan served as Assistant Professor at the Guam Community College before being appointed as Assistant Attorney General in the Office of the Attorney General in 2008. He served previously as Solicitor to the Guam Police Department and is a Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the Guam Army National Guard.



Magistrate Judge Quan replaced Magistrate Judge Alberto E. Tolentino, whose second four-year appointment ended on November 4, 2017.

Justice Torres Sworn in as AJA President

Supreme Court of Guam Justice Robert J. Torres was installed as President of the American Judges Association (AJA) during the organization's annual conference in Lihue, Hawaii in September 2018. An Executive Committee Member of the AJA since 2016, Justice Torres is the first member from a U.S. territory to be elected President. The AJA is the largest judges' organization in North America, representing all levels of courts and jurisdictions in the United States and its territories, Canada, and Mexico.





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Civil Justice Reform Initiative Launched

In October 2018, Chief Justice Katherine A. Maraman announced the launch of the Civil Justice Reform Initiative. The initiative included the recruitment of a Civil Case Manager and the establishment of a Civil Case Management Team (CCMT) following recommendations from the Civil Justice Improvements Committee. The Superior Court implemented a new Case Information Sheet to ensure full statistical representation of the types of civil cases filed in the court. More than 100 civil and domestic cases were identified to be part of the pilot of cases for the initiative. The Subcommittee on the Rules of Civil Procedure and Rules of Court Revision reconvened and continues to work on reviewing and revising current rules. In just a few short months of the launch of the initiative, the CCMT has already seen progress in the timely resolution of the piloted cases.



2018 Judiciary of Guam Law Enforcement Awards Banquet

For the first time in its history, the Judiciary of Guam hosted a Law Enforcement Awards Banquet. An event put on by the Marshal and Probation Services Divisions, the Banquet honored, among others, the Units of the Year and the Law Enforcement Employees of the Year. The Banquet was attended by judicial officers, court management, and the friends and family of the nearly 150 law enforcement personnel of the Judiciary of Guam.



Veterans and Military Service Recognition Ceremony

In November 2018, the Judiciary held its annual ceremony to recognize its employees who are veterans of various branches of the military as well as those who are currently serving as Guardsmen and Reservists. The ceremony featured the distribution of the Judiciary of Guam Veterans Pin and performance of patriotic music by the Guam Territorial Band.

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DWI Treatment Court Holds Inaugural Graduation Ceremony

In December 2018, five participants successfully completed the Driving While Impaired (DWI) Treatment Court Program. The five were honored in a graduation ceremony held at the Guam Judicial Center. Each graduate received a certificate, a special wood carved latte stone and a silver coin courtesy of the Guam Chamber of Commerce. The graduation ceremony concluded with the dismissal and expungement of the graduates' cases. Piloted in 2010, implemented in 2017 with a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs, and formally adopted by Public Law 34-107 in May 2018, the program works to reduce recidivism for medium- and high-risk offenders through therapeutic treatment for addiction and rehabilitation.r medium and high-risk offenders, through the implementation of therapeutic treatment for addiction and rehabilitation.

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First Graduate of the Guam Family Recovery Program

The first participant of the Guam Family Recovery Program completed all of the program requirements and was honored for the achievement in a special graduation ceremony at the Guam Judicial Center in December 2018. "This program affects the whole family directly," said Chief Justice Katherine A. Maraman. "I am pleased with the progress of the Guam Family Recovery Program and its approach to justice-involved family issues." In 2017, the Guam Family Recovery Program was established to assist parents involved in Persons in Need of Assistance cases due to their neglect and substance abuse. The 18-month program is organized around the key components of the Drug Courts currently in place in Guam, including parental substance abuse treatment, improved interaction between prosecuting and defense attorneys and families, early intervention of substance abuse, and a continuum of care that is culturally respectful and family-centered.

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New Appointments

Melanie Brennan, *Chief Probation Officer*
In February 2018, Chief Justice Katherine A. Maraman and the Judicial Council of Guam appointed Melanie W. Brennan as Chief Probation Officer. Prior to her appointment, Brennan served as the Deputy Chief Probation Officer for the Judiciary of Guam—a position she held since 2011. Her 32 years of Government of Guam service began in 1986 as a Social Worker with the Child Protective Services section of the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services. Brennan joined the Probation Services Division in 1991 as a Probation Officer and has served in supervisory roles with Probation's Adult, Pre-Trial, Intake and Prevention Units.

Joseph Mannion, *Management Information Systems Administrator*
In January 2018, Chief Justice Katherine A. Maraman appointed Joseph S. Mannion as Management Information Systems Administrator. Prior to his appointment, Mannion served for ten years as the Chief Technology Officer of the Alaska Court System. Mannion brings to the court nearly 30 years of experience in information technology and project management.

Retirements

RETIREE	POSITION TITLE	TOTAL YEARS
Richard W. Fee	Judicial Educator	3
Teresita S. Perez	Deputy Clerk Supervisor	36
Joseph S. Rivera	Deputy Clerk I	17
John J. Ignacio	Deputy Marshal III	27
John M. Arceo	Facilities Maintenance Supervisor	27
Adam B. Borja	Facilities Maintenance Superintendent	25
Jesse D. Munoz	Building Project Coordinator	7
Gloria Jean Long	Procurement & Facilities Management Administrator	2
Rogelio L. Orio	Senior Probation Officer	26
Samantha J. Brennan	Probation Officer Supervisor	25
William J. Brandshagen	Mental Health Court Coordinator	9
Josephine C. Cepeda	Chamber Clerk Administrator	26

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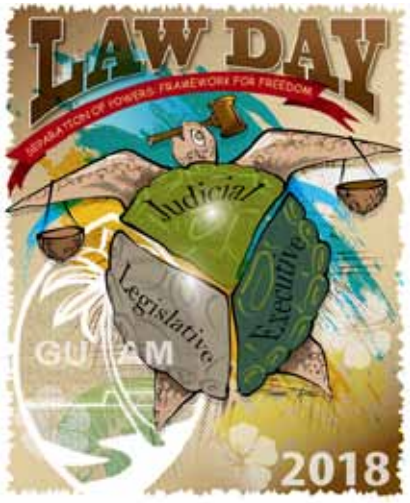
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Law Week 2018

"Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom"

2018 marked the 11th year of partnership among the Judiciary of Guam, the District Court of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association (GBA) in celebrating Law Week. To kick off the event, representatives from all three branches of government gathered for a joint proclamation and resolution presentation. With the Law Day 2018 theme of "Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom" in mind, the Guam Legislature, in a series of firsts, graciously hosted the ceremony at the Guam Congress Building.







Law Fair

Keeping with the Law Day theme, both the legislative and executive branches hosted the annual Law Fair, with activities spread between the Guam Congress Building and its next-door neighbor, the Guam Museum. Members of the community were entertained by elementary and middle school students performing fairytale mock trial plays held in both the legislative session hall and hearing room. The performances were broadcast live on the Guam Legislature channel, reaching thousands of island residents. Attendees visited information booths featuring several law-related organizations and community partners and vied for a chance to win a popular tablet by participating in a scavenger hunt.















Appellate Outreach Argument

The Supreme Court of Guam held its annual appellate outreach argument at one of the island's high schools. The court heard arguments in a high-profile petition for writ of mandamus brought by the Governor of Guam against the Guam Legislature, with the issues in the case squarely (and coincidentally) focusing on the separation of powers among the branches, including the court. With the entire student body in attendance, students and teachers were provided a case summary a few weeks before the argument. Justice Robert Torres's opening remarks explained the significance of the issues presented in the case—specifically, whether the Governor could successfully petition the court to issue a writ mandating that the Legislature transmit the Bill in question to the Governor.









Fairy Tale Mock Trials

By far the most popular Law Week event, island residents packed the courtrooms to watch hundreds of elementary and middle school students enthusiastically reinterpret classic fairy tales in a courtroom setting. Many residents also partook in the Judiciary's Open House, which included guided tours of the Superior Court and Supreme Court.

Islandwide High School Mock Trial Competition

The Law Week sponsors honored the participants of the Islandwide High School Mock Trial Competition at a special awards ceremony held during the Law Fair.

The following winners were recognized:

First Place – Okkodo High School
Second Place – Notre Dame High School
Third Place – St. John's School

Outstanding Witnesses – **Bryan Joseph**, *St. John's School*
Kiara Redmond, *Notre Dame High School*
Rachel Bang, *Simon Sanchez High School*

Outstanding Attorney – **Josiah Mesngon**, *Notre Dame High School*

For the first time, Okkodo High School represented Guam in the 2018 National High School Mock Trial Championship in Reno, Nevada.

















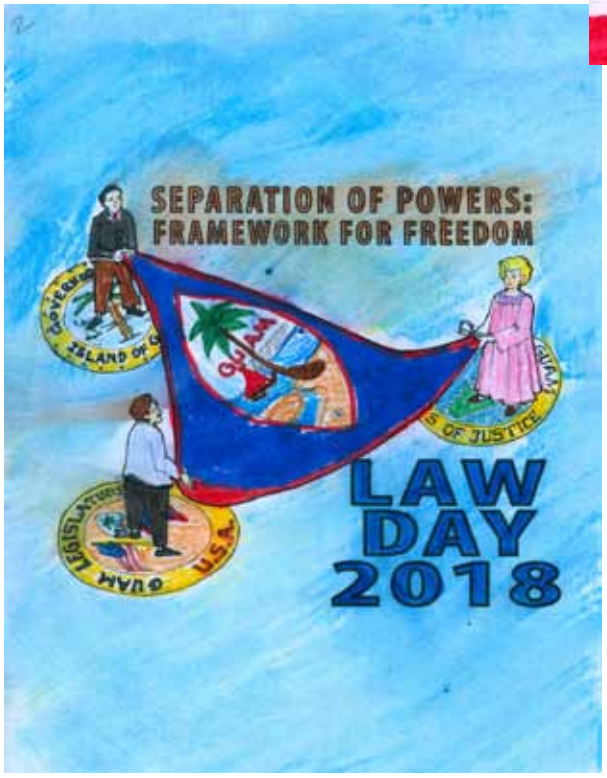


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Coloring, Art, and Essay Contests

The artistic talents of the island's elementary school children in grades K–5 were displayed in the Judiciary's atrium throughout Law Week. Hundreds of colorful artwork entries were submitted for the Art and Coloring Contests. Middle and high school students participated in the local Law Day Essay Contest, which asked them to describe the functions of the three branches of government and explain why it is essential to have a government with distinct and separate powers.





The following winners were honored at a special ceremony during the Law Fair:

Coloring Contest (K – 2nd Grade)
First Place - Caleb Jay A. Alvarez, *Adacao Elementary School*
Second Place - Ethan Alba, *Bishop Baumgartner Memorial Catholic School*
Third Place - Judith Flickinger, *Adacao Elementary School*

Art Contest (3rd – 5th Grade)
First Place – Lauren Valencia, *Bishop Baumgartner Memorial Catholic School*
Second Place – Phaedra Taijeron, *D.L. Perez Elementary School*
Third Place – Caylie Emsley, *Juan M. Guerrero Elementary School*

Essay Contest

Middle School
First Place – Juan Flores, *Inarajan Middle School*
Second Place – Caden Poblete, *Bishop Baumgartner Memorial Catholic School*
Third Place – Moana San Nicolas, *Bishop Baumgartner Memorial Catholic School*
Honorable Mention – Enqi Yang, *Harvest Christian Academy*

High School
First Place – Aila Rodriguez, *John F. Kennedy High School*
Second Place – JiHye Choi, *Guam Adventist Academy*
Third Place – Aprile Kim, *St. John's School*
Honorable Mention – Aileen Gopez, *John F. Kennedy High School*

Hustisia Award

The Hustisia Award recognizes a person or organization that has contributed significantly to the administration of justice and good government in Guam. The 2018 Hustisia Award was presented to Erica's House, the Soroptimist International of Guam, and the Soroptimist International of the Marianas. These organizations were recognized for their roles in providing a safe visitation and exchange space for parents and children in need of these services.









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Race Judicata 5K Run/Walk

The Race Judicata 5K Run/Walk, dubbed this year as "The Carabao Run" featured cultural performers and rides on a live carabao with hundreds of participants attending. Proceeds benefited the Guam Legal Services Corporation, the island's only private, non-profit corporation that provides legal representation to the low-income community of Guam.













Relay for Life

In May, the Judiciary continued its years-long tradition of supporting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The annual event challenges the community to share Relay for Life with everyone in their lives. Team Kotte answered the call and through its fundraising efforts reached Gold donor status. The team joined hundreds of participants from across the island on the George Washington High School track during the parade of teams, and participated in the luminaria ceremony and closing ceremony.







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Juror Appreciation Week

In June, the Judiciary celebrated Juror Appreciation Week to recognize jurors for their service and highlight the essential role jurors play in the judicial process. The celebration kicked off with a joint proclamation and resolution presentation from all three branches of government. Throughout the week, media outreach events educated the public on the importance of jury service in our legal system.





Constitution Week

In September, the Judiciary held its annual Constitution Week celebration and outreach. All three branches of government participated in a proclamation and resolution signing commemorating the event. Judiciary attorneys and law clerks visited several schools and, through interactive lessons, taught over 1,000 students about the complicated history of voting rights in the United States, including the ongoing efforts to expand those rights to citizens in the territories. Students received pocket Constitutions as prizes for participation.









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Safe & Drug-Free Schools Project

Since 2007, the Judiciary of Guam and the Guam Department of Education (DOE) have partnered in several law-related, civic, and prevention education programs. The Judiciary's Safe and Drug-Free Schools Project collaborates with public and private schools to teach and implement evidence-based programs, best practices, and proven strategies that raise awareness, cultivate empathy, and strengthen foundations for youth and families to thrive in today's tech-savvy and diverse island culture. The Project goal is to prevent youth crime and violence and to keep kids safe so that they may succeed academically and socially. Certified trainers Joleen Respicio (Project Manager), Danielle Rosete (Superior Court Clerk of Court), and Lisa Baza (Individual, Marriage, & Family Therapist) provide training to youth and adults in the schools, as well as to stakeholders and other community members. The U.S. Department of Education Title V-A Consolidated Grant #84-403A is the primary funding source for the Project.





Olweus® Bullying Prevention Program

The OBPP uses a holistic approach to bullying (peer abuse) and violence prevention. By addressing these issues, schools create a more positive school environment conducive to learning and academic success. The OBPP is listed on Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development Registry of Evidence-based Positive Youth Development Programs. Throughout the school year, certified trainers trained elementary and secondary students and school staff. In 2018, six private elementary and middle schools administered the annual evaluation survey, the Olweus® Bullying Questionnaire (OBQ), to 1,025 students in third through eighth grade.



Safe School Ambassadors® Program

Schools that implement the SSA Program have fully engaged, equipped, and empowered their students as peacemakers, change agents to improve the school climate. Safe school ambassadors are students trained to become "upstanders" in their schools through the support of family group facilitators or adult coaches. Ambassadors learn a special skill set that provides them the motivation, support, and intervention skills to address bullying and harassment. The program is listed in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices. The Project conducts an annual two-day training to new students. In 2018, five public and private schools were trained, and ten schools will train in 2019.





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Play by the Rules™ Program

2018 marked ten years of teaching students about laws through a curriculum of best practices proven to prevent youth crime. The innovative, national program teaches youth about their legal rights and responsibilities, to become civic-minded, responsible young citizens, and provides them the tools needed to prevent crime, save lives, and build healthier and safer communities. The program provides a handbook, Play by the Rules: Guam Laws for Youth, for every student to own, take home, and share with their families. PBR teaches Guam-specific law to youth through a color-illustrated, Q&A format covering over 200 laws. In 2018, certified trainers conducted a workshop to public and private school teachers. Trainers also conducted outreach training to public school students on Guam's youth laws on bullying, cyber bullying, and sexting.





School Resource Officers (SRO) Program

The SRO Program places probation officers with specialized training as school-based law enforcement officers to serve as SROs in schools. SROs work with school administrators and school security and safety professionals to protect students, faculty and staff, and the schools they attend. The SROs utilize the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) "triad" concept of school-based policing, a true and tested strength of the program. Triad responsibilities include: law-related educator, law enforcement officer, and informal counselor or mentor within the context of knowledge, training, and expertise as a law enforcement officer. SROs are a liaison between school, court, police, and other law enforcement officers and agencies.



In 2018, six SROs were assigned to the island's six public high schools. They assisted in handling 391 DOE level-three incidents (criminal in nature). Throughout the year, they conducted approximately 472 law-related educational sessions to high school students. The 2018 annual SRO survey included 4,074 students (50% female and 50% male, representing 41% of all public high school students) and 65 school staff (8% of all public high school staff). Overall, students perceived the role of the SRO in schools as adding value to their respective school's safety and security. 61% of students supported having an SRO in their schools. On average, 40% of students felt SROs had reduced disciplinary behaviors and their fear of crime, and had increased their awareness of legal matters. 10% of students (413) had spoken to their SRO privately on law-related matters.







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EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT



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Employee Training and Development



With the combined efforts of the staff of the Human Resources Office, Judicial Educator Dr. Richard W. Fee, and Program Coordinator IV Michelle Cruz, the Judiciary provided 70 training sessions for court employees throughout 2018.

Notable training events in 2018:

• Two comprehensive On-Boarding programs for new court employees were held in April and November. A total of 36 new employees completed the two-day curriculum, taking classes in Introduction to Judiciary, Anatomy of the Court, HR Policies, Court Culture, Code of Conduct, Social Media, the Learning Management System, Occupant Emergency Plans, Active Shooter, and Equal Employment Opportunity/Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance.







• In March 2018, the Judiciary brought Glory Gervacio Saure, Director of the EEOC Office in Hawaii, to conduct two new trainings required by the EEOC, Leading for Respect (for Supervisors) and Respect in the Workplace (for Non-Supervisors). Additional trainings were held for the remainder of the year to ensure that all Judiciary employees received the updated training.











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• The Judiciary hosted "The Justice System, Law Enforcement and Persons with Disabilities," a law enforcement professional development course approved by the Guam Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Commission. Two Judicial Education Center staff conducted the two-day training at various times throughout the year, bringing in experts from the community such as parents from Autism Community Together, Guam Legal Services Corporation – Disability Law Center, and Guam Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities.











• To ensure the accuracy and integrity of Judiciary proceedings and to ensure equal access to justice, the Judiciary provides language assistance and services to individuals with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) or who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH). Parties are provided a court interpreter to assist with the understanding of court proceedings and to ensure equal participation in court programs and services. In February, 18 interpreters completed a Court Interpreter Refresher Course to maintain their qualification as registered interpreters. In November, 19 additional interpreters completed their Basic Skills Training, bringing the total number of active registered Court Interpreters to 69, providing interpreter services in 21 languages.





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• The Judiciary of Guam hosted two teams of employees from the Palau Judiciary for training. Several members of the Judiciary's management team conducted the six-day training for the visiting staff from Melekeok and Koror who support the trial and appellate court needs at the two locations. The courses included Purposes of Courts, Fundamentals of Case Flow Management, and Role of the Clerk. Several Judiciary of Guam employees also attended the training. It was the first judicial training program held in Guam for Palau Judiciary staff since 2000.











• In June 2018, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration GAINS Center conducted a train-the-trainer course on "How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses." The regional training included representatives from the CNMI, the Marshall Islands, the FSM, and Palau, as well as participants from the Judiciary of Guam, District Court of Guam, Department of Corrections, Salvation Army Lighthouse Recovery Center, Sanctuary Inc., Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, Guam Police Department, and Public Defender Service Corporation.









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Judiciary of Guam

Here are some interesting statistics about our court in 2018.

446 facebook followers

6 ABA Law Day Awards Won

Number of employees in the Armed Forces:

43

Number of divorces filed

614

12 Retired employees

Court Patrons screened at the Hagåtña Courthouse

254,523

Court Patrons screened at the Historic Courthouse

90,609



2 skylights in the Guam Judicial Center

Court Patrons screened at the Northern Court Satellite

36,911

E-filed Documents

4,445

1 Civil Case Manager

DWI Treatment Court participants

48

Judiciary Attorneys

7

Public Guardian Wards

85

165 Number of Millennial employees

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1,517
twitter followers

29
Individuals completed WINGS training

5
DWITC Graduates

School Resource Officer
Student Surveys completed
4,074

17
Guam Adult Reentry Court Program participants

33
Volunteer Deputy Marshal Reserves

Decision & Orders
433

107
Number of Marriages

14,400
Jurors present

Client Services Treatment visits
4,093

HUSTISIA AWARD WINNERS
11



20
Families in the Guam Family Recovery Program

Court Clearances:
Dededo: **6,290**
Hagåtña: **9,710**

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JUDICIAL STATISTICS AND DIVISION REPORTS



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Supreme Court of Guam

The Supreme Court of Guam has jurisdiction to hear appeals over any cause decided by the Superior Court of Guam or other courts created by Guam law. Additionally, the Supreme Court has supervisory jurisdiction over the Superior Court and all other courts created by Guam law, and it has original jurisdiction over proceedings necessary to protect its appellate jurisdiction and supervisory authority. The Supreme Court also has the authority to make and promulgate rules governing the practice and procedure in the courts of Guam.

The Supreme Court's authority also extends to attorney and judicial discipline and the practice of law in Guam, including admission to practice law and the conduct and discipline of persons admitted to practice law. The Board of Law Examiners is comprised of the Chief Justice of Guam (chairperson), the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court (members), and the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court and the President of the Guam Bar Association (ex-officio members). The Supreme Court Clerk of Court serves as the ex-officio secretary-treasurer of the Board. The Board administers the Guam bar examination, and manages the review of the character and fitness of all applicants for admission.

The Justices of the Supreme Court of Guam are:
Chief Justice Katherine A. Maraman
Associate Justice F. Philip Carbullido
Associate Justice Robert J. Torres

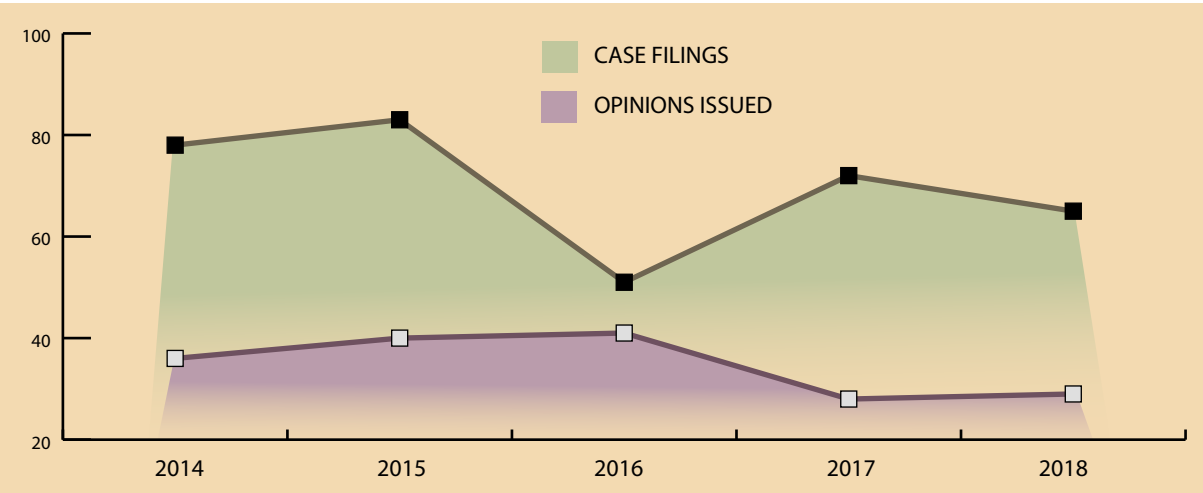
Hannah G. Arroyo, *Clerk of Court*

CHART 1: TOTAL CASE FILINGS — FIVE-YEAR TREND

CASE TYPE	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Appellate Procedure	0	0	0	0	0
Attorney Discipline	6	8	9	16	3
Certified Question	2	1	0	1	1
Civil Case	37	30	23	30	35
Criminal Case	27	40	15	19	15
Pro Hac Vice	2	1	0	0	0
Promulgation Order	2	1	1	1	3
Writ of Habeas Corpus	0	0	0	1	0
Writ of Mandamus	2	2	2	2	7
Writ of Prohibition	0	0	1	2	1
GRAND TOTAL	78	83	51	72	65

CHART 2: TOTAL OPINIONS ISSUED — FIVE-YEAR TREND

CASE TYPE	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Civil	23	23	14	13	14
Criminal	11	17	26	14	13
Certified Question	2	0	1	1	1
Writ	0	0	0	0	1
GRAND TOTAL	36	40	41	28	29



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Supreme Court Offices

The Supreme Court of Guam has administrative oversight over the following offices: the Compiler of Laws, the Ethics Prosecutor, and the Public Guardian.

Office of the Compiler of Laws

In 2018, the Office of the Compiler of Laws, working in conjunction with the Judiciary's Management Information Systems Office, expanded the ability of legal professionals and the public to research Guam laws, by introducing an update to the Judiciary of Guam Web Search feature. Now, people can search Superior Court of Guam decisions and orders, and the opinions of the Supreme Court of Guam, completely free of charge. The Web Search is available on both the Compiler's and the Judiciary of Guam websites. The new feature is an expansion of the existing capability to search the Guam's statutory code, the Guam Code Annotated.

The Web Search features the entire body of Supreme Court opinions, from 1996 to the present. For Superior Court decisions and orders, the most recent documents were added periodically throughout the year; while at the same time, the historical decisions were added in reverse chronological order. By the end of 2018, more than 1,000 decisions and orders were added, covering 2015 to 2018.

The Compiler's Office is already planning to further expand the available sources on the Web Search, and include the capability of searching current and historical executive orders and public laws.

Geraldine Amparo Cepeda, *Compiler of Laws and Guam Law Library Executive Director/Librarian*

Office of the Ethics Prosecutor

The Office of the Ethics Prosecutor is responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all matters involving allegations of professional misconduct by lawyers and judicial officers in the lawyer and judicial disciplinary systems, respectively, and the investigation into allegations of the unauthorized practice of law. In each system, the process involves an initial screening by prosecuting/disciplinary counsel and, if authorized by the respective investigative committee, further inquiry into the allegations by the prosecuting counsel. The process may result in the filing of formal charges against a lawyer or judicial officer. The proceedings before the lawyer disciplinary authority are confidential until formal discipline is imposed by the Supreme Court of Guam. The proceedings before the judicial disciplinary authority are confidential until formal charges are filed and served. The office explains the disciplinary process to complainants and apprises them of the status of their complaints including final disposition.

In 2018, twenty-five new lawyer discipline matters were opened. Additionally, 53 matters were open when the year began. At year-end, 59 matters remained open, including a number which were stayed or held in abeyance. Thus, 19 matters were brought to conclusion during 2018. The 59 open and active matters at year-end consisted of 22 opened in 2018, 24 opened in 2017, 3 opened in 2016, and 10 opened prior to 2016.

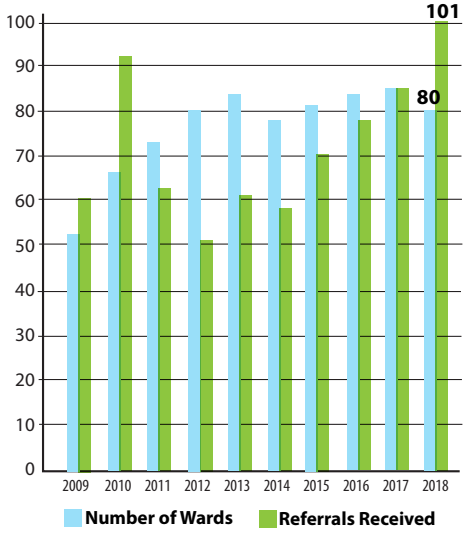
One new judicial discipline matter was opened in 2018. The matter is pending the appointment of members to the Committee on Judicial Discipline.

The Office of the Ethics Prosecutor also fielded an average of more than a dozen informal inquiries each month from members of the bar and the public regarding the lawyer and judicial discipline systems.

Alberto E. Tolentino, *Ethics Prosecutor*

Office of the Public Guardian

The Public Guardian serves as a guardian of the person or estate of an adult who, by reason of age, disease, or disability, is unable to properly manage and take care of him or herself or his or her property without assistance. Referrals for guardianship services are submitted to the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) from Superior Court judges; from families of adults who need assistance; and from government offices, including the Guam Memorial Hospital and the Skilled Nursing Unit, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, and Adult Protective Services of the Department of Public Health and Social Services. Community organizations, such as Catholic Social Services and St. Dominic's, also contact the OPG for referrals and assistance. The OPG also assists and advises guardians, those who are seeking to become guardians, and the court in proceedings involving the appointment and supervision of guardians.



The OPG continues to work on initiatives to assist guardians, including the establishment of the Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders (WINGS) program on Guam, with the assistance of a grant from the State Justice Institute. A monthly WINGS training class is offered to new and existing guardians upon the direction of the court.

Marcelene C. Santos, *Public Guardian*

Superior Court of Guam

The Superior Court of Guam, our island's court of general jurisdiction, has seven judges, two magistrates, a Family Court Referee, and an Administrative Hearings Officer. The seven judges preside over a variety of cases at the Hagåtña Court and the Northern Court Satellite, from felony and misdemeanor cases, juvenile matters, civil matters, divorce and custody cases, to probate and special proceedings. The magistrates have jurisdiction over certain proceedings in criminal and civil cases, uncontested divorces, and matters heard before the Small Claims Court and Traffic Court. The Family Court Referee presides over juvenile, domestic custody, and child support matters. The Administrative Hearings Officer presides over child support cases.

The judicial officers of the Superior Court of Guam are:

Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III
Judge Michael J. Bordallo
Judge Anita A. Sukola
Judge Arthur R. Barcinas
Judge Vernon P. Perez
Judge Maria T. Cenzon
Judge Elyze M. Iriarte
Magistrate Judge Benjamin C. Sison, Jr.
Magistrate Judge Jonathan R. Quan
Family Court Referee Linda L. Ingles
Administrative Hearings Officer B. Ann Keith

Cases Filed	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Adoption	52	40	39	42	36
Child Support	287	170	356	321	274
Civil	1,181	1,182	1,155	1,340	1,226
Criminal Felony	696	797	768	745	772
Criminal Misdemeanor	1,156	996	918	752	643
Domestic	739	657	647	683	691
Foreign Order	1	4	5	1	0
Juvenile Delinquency	217	193	208	286	196
Juvenile Drug Court	146	233	200	0*	0*
Juvenile Proceedings	705	609	504	395	436
Land Registration	5	5	3	4	6
Probate	169	208	168	204	223
Special Proceedings	185	187	220	203	218
Protective Orders	131	117	122	135	124
Restitution (Collection)	67	64	59	51	88
Small Claims	2,014	1,580	1,662	1,707	1,608
Traffic	10,983	11,787	8,023	7,543	4,480
Total	**18,734**	**18,829**	**15,057**	**14,412**	**11,021**

Since 2017, Juvenile Drug court cases which involve a drug or alcohol offense are filed as Juvenile Delinquency cases. Juvenile Proceedings cases include juvenile guardianship matters, truancy, status offenses, and juvenile abuse and neglect cases. Domestic cases include divorce actions, custody, paternity, and child support issues.

From 2017 to 2018, there was a 40.6% decrease in the number of traffic citations filed. This decline was the primary reason for the decrease in the total case filings in 2018. Despite this, the Superior Court saw an increase in other case types such as criminal felony filings, juvenile proceedings, and probate filings.

TOP OFFENSES CHARGED OVERALL

2018	# offenses
Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance	302
Family Violence	287
Driving While Impaired	198
Assault - Recklessly Cause / Attempt to Cause Bodily Injury	168
Special Allegation – Commission of a Felony While on Felony Release	158
2017	
Family Violence	372
Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol	292
Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance	217
Assault - Recklessly Cause / Attempt to Cause Bodily Injury	182
Harassment	140
2016	
Family Violence	457
Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol	341
Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance	253
Assault - Recklessly Cause / Attempt to Cause Bodily Injury	181
Public Drunkenness	149

TOP FELONY OFFENSES CHARGED

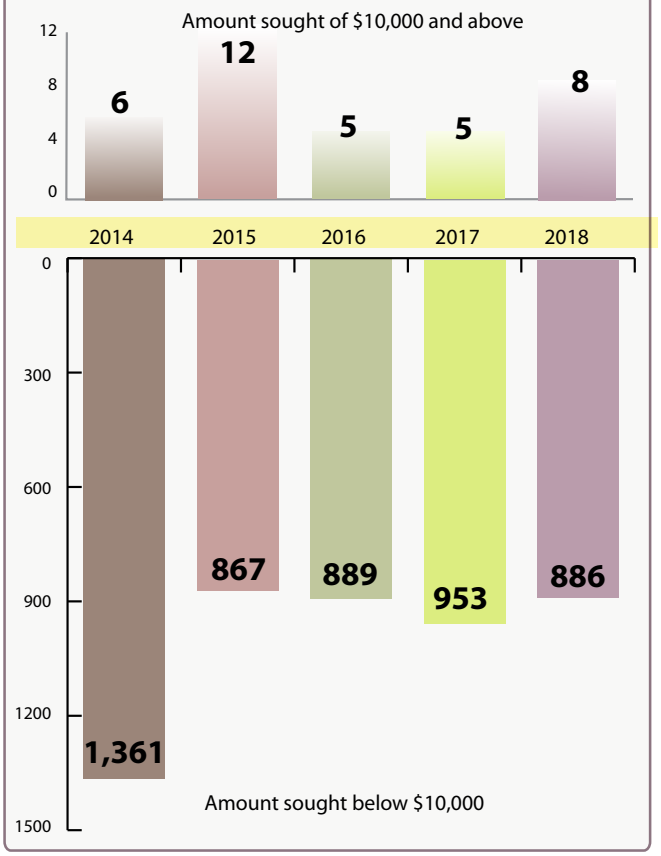
2018	# offenses
Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance	302
Special Allegation – Commission of a Felony While on Felony Release	158
Possession and Use of a Deadly Weapon in the Commission of a Felony	149
Burglary (As a 2nd Degree Felony)	123
Second Degree CSC – contact & V is less than 14	108
2017	
Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance	217
Terrorizing	105
Special Allegation- Commission of a Felony While on Felony Release	92
Special Allegation - Deadly Weapon Use in Felony	88
Possession and Use of a Deadly Weapon in the Commission of a Felony	80
2016	
Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance	253
Criminal Mischief	114
Terrorizing	98
Special Allegation - Deadly Weapon Use in Felony	86
Aggravated Assault - Serious Bodily Injury to another	82

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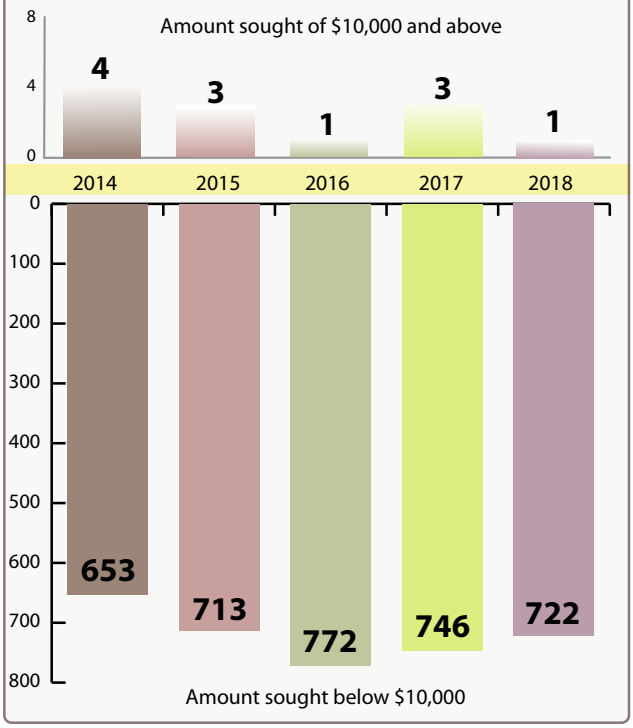
TOP MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES CHARGED

2018	# offenses
Family Violence	280
Driving While Impaired	195
Assault - Recklessly Cause / Attempt to Cause Bodily Injury	168
Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol	115
Harassment	115
2017	
Family Violence	366
Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol	285
Assault - Recklessly Cause / Attempt to Cause Bodily Injury	182
Harassment	140
Reckless Driving - Without Injuries	110
2016	
Family Violence	446
Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol	331
Assault - Recklessly Cause / Attempt to Cause Bodily Injury	181
Public Drunkenness	149
Harassment	143

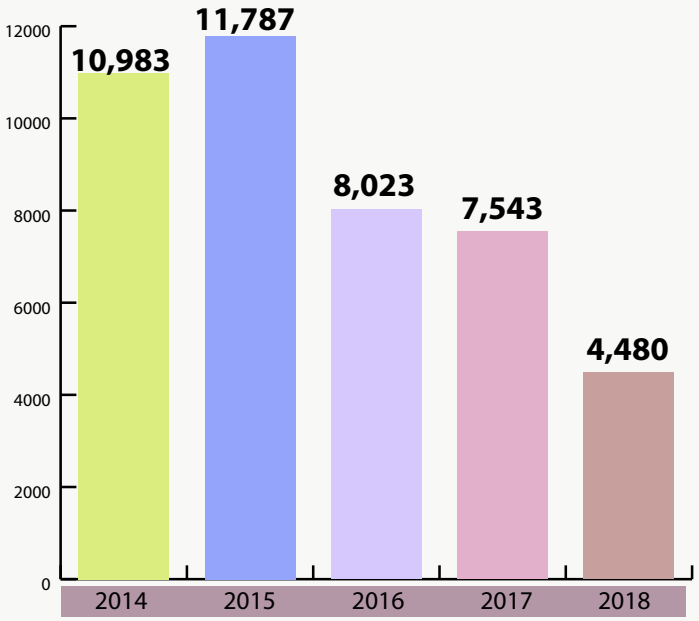
Small Claims Cases Filed - Five-Year Trend
Hagåtña Courthouse



Small Claims Cases Filed - Five-Year Trend
Northern Court Satellite



Traffic Citations Filed - Five-Year Trend



Traffic Citations Filed in 2018:
Northern Court Satellite – **3,520**
Hagåtña Courthouse – **960**

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Courts and Ministerial Division

The Courts and Ministerial Division (C&M), is essential to court operations and plays a vital role in the judicial process. The C&M staff provides the highest level of service to all judicial officers, attorneys, and the public at two court locations – the Hagåtña Court and the Northern Court Satellite. Some essential duties of the Division include managing and processing all Superior Court case filings; maintaining the custody and control of all Superior Court records; assembling juries; providing court transcription services; preparing court clearances; and processing traffic citations.

Other essential services include the fair and equitable assignment of cases to Superior Court judicial officers, providing support staff for judges' chambers, managing the Court Interpreter Registry Program, and facilitating the use of the Self-Represented Litigants Kiosk by persons representing themselves in court proceedings. In 2018, the Division assisted with the launch of the Civil Justice Reform initiative led by the Chief Justice and Clerk of Court and was instrumental in the implementation of the Tax Refund Offset Program for outstanding traffic citations.

C&M includes the following units:

- Intake, Mid-intake & E-Filing
- Records
- Traffic Violations Bureau
- Small Claims Court
- Team Units
- Appeals
- Jury Unit
- Master Calendar Cases
- Court Reporters Unit
- Court Interpreter Registry Program

Danielle T. Rosete, *Clerk of Court*



Court Interpreter Registry Program

The Court Interpreter Registry Program (Program) promotes the accuracy and integrity of judicial proceedings and preserves fundamental principles of fairness and access to justice by providing interpreter services to persons with limited English proficiency. Judiciary staff train interpreters and provide interpreter services in both court hearings and non-courtroom matters.

In 2018, the Program trained and recruited 19 additional interpreters. Currently, the Program has 69 active registered interpreters who provide interpreter services for more than 21 languages. The Program provided interpreter services in nearly 8,000 court hearings and over 1,000 non-courtroom matters.

Jury Management Statistics

The Jury Unit oversees the jury process for matters brought before the Superior Court and is primarily responsible for ensuring the availability of grand jurors and trial jurors. Each year, thousands of island residents, representing a fair cross-section of the community are summoned for jury duty. The Jury Unit conducts orientations for the summoned jurors to provide jurors the necessary information for jury service. In 2018, nearly 15,000 jurors were present for jury service. Although the number of jurors present decreased from the previous year, there was an increase in the number of cases presented to the grand jury.

JURY MANAGEMENT STATISTICS
Five-Year Comparative
January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2018

CATEGORY	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Petit Jury Orientations	30	26	29	37	29
Petit Jury Trial Case Appearance (Days)	404	271	208	226	193
Grand Jury Selections	2	2	1	2	2
Grand Jury Appearance (Days)	169	192	192	188	180
Grand Jury Cases Heard	701	821	742	747	788
Jurors Present	20,629	16,688	15,200	16,878	14,400

Jury-Related Expenses and Trials (Fiscal Year)

Number of Jury Trials	76	63	45	53	48
Expenses	$650,000	$591,000	$456,000	$455,000	$443,000

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Therapeutic Courts

Adult Drug Court

The Adult Drug Court (ADC) involves cases where defendants are charged with a drug offense (and may include other criminal offenses in addition to the drug offense). The goal of the ADC program is to provide intensive treatment and counseling services to help participants with their substance abuse addictions. Participants eligible for the ADC program must undergo frequent random drug testing and agree to sanctions for failure to comply with the program guidelines. There are two tracks to the ADC program – ADC I for first-time possession offenders, and ADC II for repeat offenders whose offenses were related to drug or alcohol use.

In 2018, the ADC I Program provided drug and alcohol treatment services for 151 participants. Three graduation ceremonies were held with 29 participants successfully graduating from ADC I. Nine new participants entered the ADC II Program in 2018, ending the year with a total of 32 active participants.

Judge Anita A. Sukola *presides over the Adult Drug Court docket.*

Adult Drug Court filings:

2014
- Criminal Felony – 137
- Criminal Misdemeanor – 9

2015
- Criminal Felony – 204
- Criminal Misdemeanor – 25

2016
- Criminal Felony – 209
- Criminal Misdemeanor – 16

2017
- Criminal Felony – 176
- Criminal Misdemeanor – 14

2018
- Criminal Felony – 221
- Criminal Misdemeanor – 1

Juvenile Drug Court

The Juvenile Drug Court (JDC) involves juvenile cases with a drug or alcohol offense. Probation officers use evidence-based risk assessment tools to determine if a youth is eligible for the JDC Program. Participants in JDC receive drug treatment services, have numerous hearings, random testing, group counseling sessions, life skills workshops, and recreational therapy sessions. In 2018, 42 participants entered the program and 18 completed.

Judge Michael J. Bordallo *presides over the Juvenile Drug Court docket.*

Family Violence Court

The Family Violence Court is an integrated domestic violence court that allows a family to have civil and criminal cases arising from the same incident heard by the same judge who addresses legal issues that occur within families. The "One Judge, One Family" concept helps improve caseload efficiency while increasing the services provided to victims and increasing defendant accountability. User-friendly court forms for persons seeking a restraining order are accessible at the Judiciary's Self Represented Kiosks and the court website. The Client Services and Family Counseling Division also provides individual and group counseling to defendants in criminal family violence cases.

Judge Vernon P. Perez *presides over the Family Violence Court docket.*

Family Violence Court filings:

2014
- Criminal Felony – **117**
- Criminal Misdemeanor – **277**
- Protective Order – **131**
- Domestic – **5**
- Civil – **0**

2015
- Criminal Felony – **134**
- Criminal Misdemeanor – **216**
- Protective Order – **116**
- Domestic – **13**
- Civil – **2**

2016
- Criminal Felony – **146**
- Criminal Misdemeanor – **280**
- Protective Order – **122**
- Domestic – **8**
- Civil – **2**

2017
- Criminal Felony – **154**
- Criminal Misdemeanor – **236**
- Protective Order – **135**
- Domestic – **13**
- Civil – **0**

2018
- Criminal Felony – **119**
- Criminal Misdemeanor – **193**
- Protective Order – **124**
- Domestic – **31**
- Civil – **1**

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Veterans Treatment Court

The Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) assists justice-involved veterans, diverts them into treatment, judicial monitoring, and supervision. Consistent with best practices, the VTC uses evidence-based screening and assessment tools to determine eligibility. Participants receive specialized services and support through a network of service providers, including the Guam Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, Guam Behavioral Health, and Wellness Center, Guam VET Center, and the Guam Veterans Affairs Office.

In 2018, 36 veterans actively participated in the program. The VTC held two graduations in 2018, and 10 Veterans successfully graduated.

Judge Maria T. Cenzon *presides over the Veterans Treatment Court docket.*



Mental Health Court

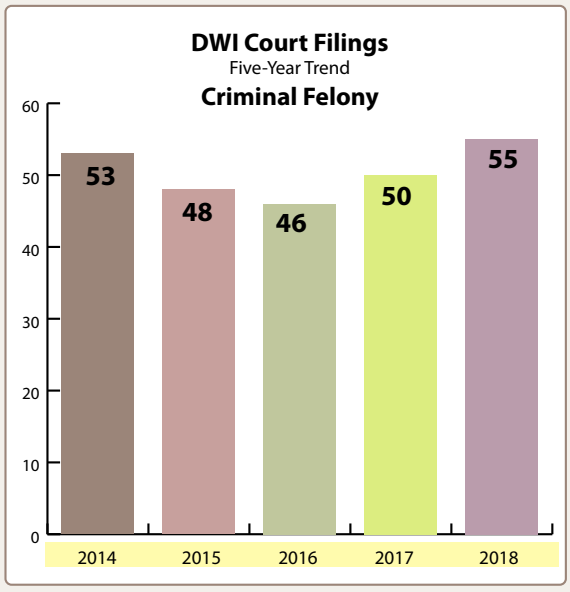
The Mental Health Court strives to provide sustainable and adequate treatment for adult defendants who are mentally impaired or developmentally disabled – a segment of our population that too often is misunderstood and underserviced. This specialty court provides wraparound community-based treatment and services to defendants diagnosed with a mental illness brought before the court for alleged criminal behavior. The court ensures that qualified defendants are appropriately screened, evaluated, and treated. In 2018, the Mental Health Court served a total of 36 clients.

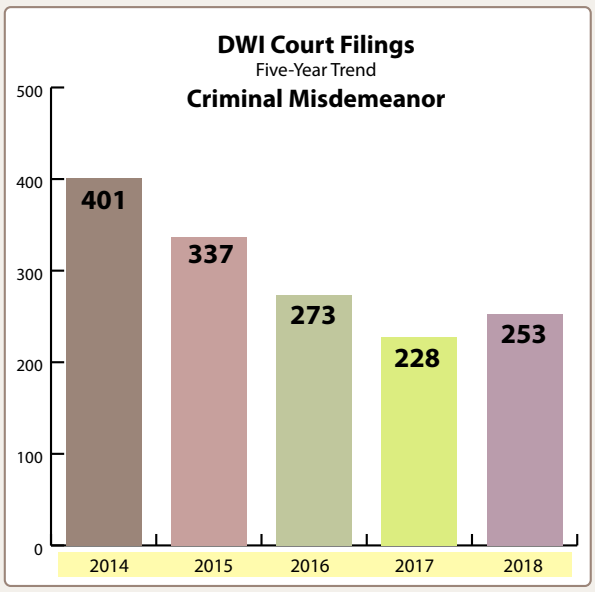
Judge Arthur R. Barcinas *presides over the Mental Health Court docket.*

DWI Treatment Court

The DWI Treatment Court serves eligible defendants charged with Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) and Driving Under the Influence (DUI) offenses. Treatment aims to improve the quality of life of the participants by providing holistic supervised treatment to reduce recidivism. Since its implementation in 2017, 40 participants entered the treatment program. The treatment court held its first graduation in 2018, with five participants graduating.

Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III *presides over the DWI Treatment Court.*





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Court Administrative Services Division

The Judiciary's Court Administrative Services Division consists of the following offices: Court Programs, Human Resources, Financial Management, Management Information Systems, and Procurement & Facilities Management.

Court Programs Office

The Court Programs Office is responsible for obtaining and managing federal grants to fund Judiciary programs and initiatives. These grants allow the Judiciary to develop new programs in response to the emerging needs of the community, and to enhance existing initiatives, without relying solely on local appropriations. The office's consistent performance in compliance monitoring and programmatic and fiscal reporting has assured grantors that the Judiciary is a responsible administrator of federal monies.

In addition to managing the $4.6 million in grants for 16 ongoing projects from previous fiscal years, the Court Programs Office secured an additional $2.9 million in new federal grant funding in 2018. These new projects include:

- $736,289 for Guam Adult Reentry Court Program Enhancement
- $532,598 for Veterans Treatment Court Enhancement Project
- $362,375 for SAMHSA Family Drug Court Program
- $305,244 for Automated Fingerprint Identification System

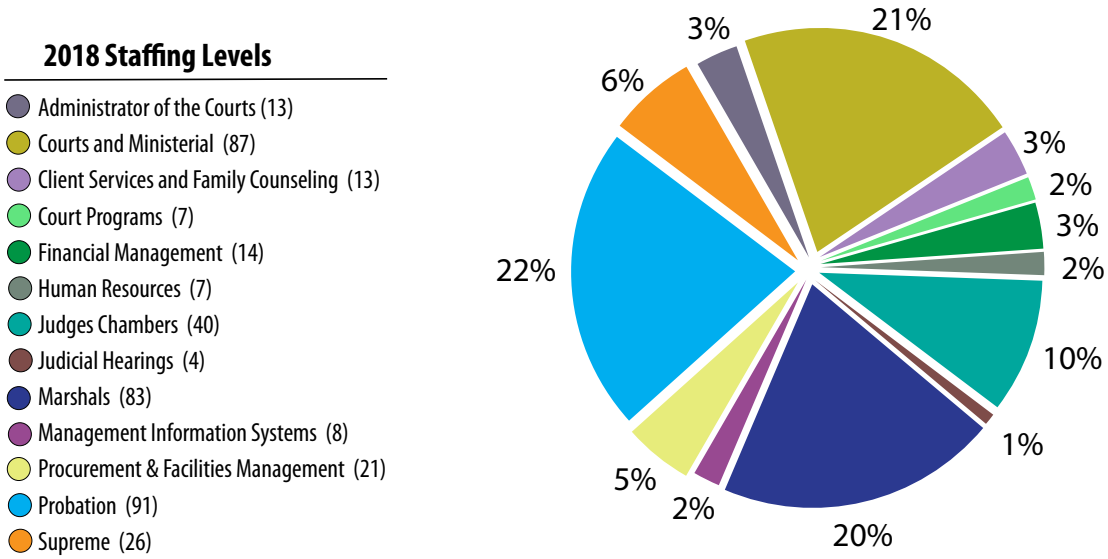
Cerina Y. Mariano, *Court Programs Administrator*

Human Resources Office

The Human Resources (HR) Office oversees and manages the recruitment and selection, compensation and benefits, training and development, performance management, and workforce discipline of Judiciary employees. Additionally, the HR Office ensures the Judiciary's compliance with federal and local employment-related statutes, administrative employee management policies, and promulgated personnel rules and regulations of the Judiciary. HR strives to continuously improve standards to attract and maintain a competent, skilled and professional workforce.

In 2018, the HR Office provided services to 414 Judiciary employees. With the assistance of Dr. Richard Fee and Michelle Cruz from the Judicial Education office, the HR Office helped oversee 70 training classes in 33 courses. The HR Office was instrumental in the Judiciary's health and wellness program, assisting in organizing orientation sessions, monthly provider visits, and health fairs where employees were able to obtain blood sugar testing, blood pressure screening, and fitness consultations.

Barbara Jean T. Perez, *Human Resources Administrator*



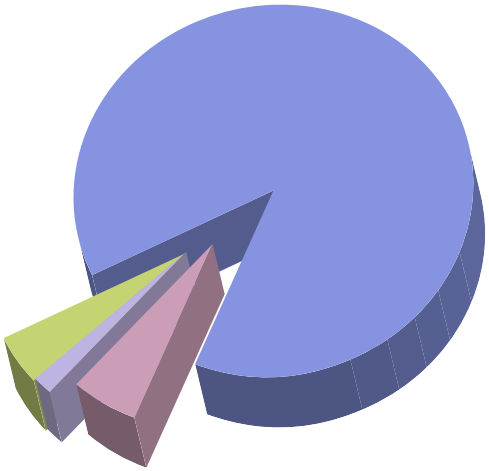
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Financial Management Division

The Financial Management Division (FMD) is responsible for the effective management and administration of the Judiciary's financial resources. FMD also has administrative and fiduciary responsibilities over trust funds established by the courts or by law on behalf of its wards, victims, and other clients. The duties of FMD include: financial reporting; budget, revenue and expenditure forecasting; overseeing revenue collection; managing appropriations from federal and local sources; processing payroll for more than 400 Judiciary employees; handling accounts receivable, accounts payable, and cash disbursement; developing internal audit financial policies and procedures; and conducting internal audits and ensuring compliance with local and federal laws and regulations.

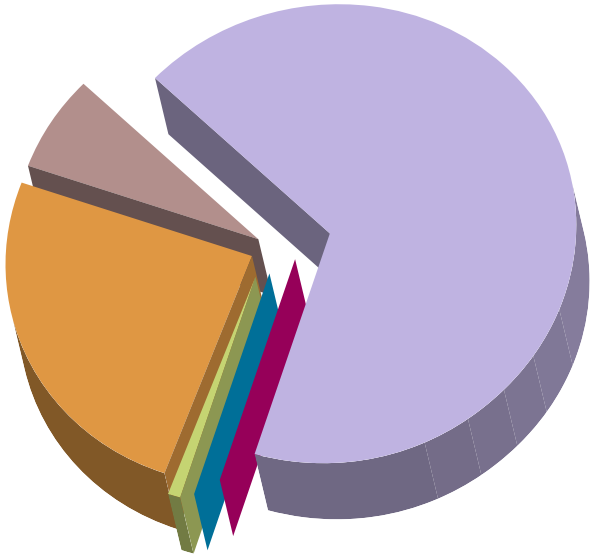
2018 FUNDING SOURCES

Appropriations	**32,244,043**
Federal Grants	**1,967,249**
Traffic Fines	**612,843**
Other Fines/Fees/Miscellaneous	**1,606,612**
Total Funding Sources	**$36,430,747**



2018 MANDATORY EXPENSES

Personnel	**21,086,000**
Overtime	**23,259**
Night Differential	**11,248**
Hazardous Pay	**252,179**
Employee Benefits	**7,815,185**
Indigent Client Services	
Professional / Consultant Service	27,106
Interpreters / Transcriber Fees	132,874
Alternate Public Defender	928,652
Private Attorney Panel	797,552
Erica's House	121,000
Investigator Claims	42,940



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Management Information Systems

The Management Information Systems (MIS) section is responsible for all aspects of the Judiciary's computer network and information systems at the Guam Judicial Center, Judicial Annex (Historic Courthouse), and the Compiler of Laws in Hagåtña, as well as the Northern Court Satellite (NCS) operation in Dededo. MIS provides technical support for the Judiciary's case management system, JustWare, which is used by nearly all Judiciary employees for all case-related records and filings. MIS also supports the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)/Logos software database application, used to manage all human resource, purchasing and accounting transactions of the Judiciary. In addition to application maintenance and support, MIS maintains all security access servers for entrance throughout Judiciary facilities, video conferencing for inmate appearances, and facility management servers (air conditioning and elevator controls).

MIS plays an essential role in maintaining several law enforcement databases used to assist 19 law enforcement organizations (9 local and 10 federal) by providing information relating to criminal history, background checks, warrants, sex offender history, and other information vital to enforcement of all local and federal laws.

Joseph Mannion, *Management Information Systems Administrator*

Procurement and Facilities Management Department

The Procurement and Facilities Management division has two primary responsibilities in supporting Judiciary operations. The Procurement section handles purchases and contracts for supplies, services, construction, professional engineering services, professional consulting services, and group health insurance for Judiciary employees. It also manages capital improvement projects, executes Judicial Building Fund projects, provides contract management services, and performs other duties related to negotiation and management with vendors. The Facilities Management section maintains a safe and secure environment for patrons, employees, and judicial officers. In 2018, the division oversaw the completion of the Guam Judicial Center roof renovation and repair project, including the replacement of the building's two skylights.

Marshal Services Division

The Marshal Services Division is responsible for ensuring the safety and security of judicial officers, court employees, and patrons, at the judicial facilities, including the Judicial Center and the Historic Courthouse in Hagåtña, the Northern Court Satellite in Dededo, and Erica's House family visitation center. As the law enforcement arm of the Judiciary, the division covers a wide range of duties, including preserving order in the courtrooms, handling defendants in connection with their court appearances, serving court documents, and executing warrants.

The Marshal Services Division consists of several sections: Administration; Security Services; Criminal Services; Civil & Small Claims Services; Training and Staff Development; Supreme Court Security; Northern Court Satellite; Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS)/National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Unit; and Child Support Unit.

Troy M. Pangelinan, *Marshal of the Courts*

Security Services Section and Northern Court Satellite Section	
Adult detainees managed	**8,157**
Department of Youth Affairs clients managed	**85**
Visitors to the Judicial Center (Hagåtña)	**254,523**
Visitors to the Historic Courthouse (Hagåtña)	**90,609**
Visitors to Northern Court Satellite (Dededo)	**36,911**
NCIC Unit	
Criminal misdemeanor and felony files processed	**3,186**
Firearm ID applicant checks processed and submitted to the FBI	**836**
Background history checks for the courts and law enforcement agencies	**1,234**
Warrants entered	**819**
Warrants cleared	**739**
Field Services	
Documents tasked and handled by Criminal, Traffic, Civil and Small Claims, Child Support, and Warrant/Intel sections	**25,623**

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Client Services and Family Counseling

The Client Services and Family Counseling (CSFC) Division's mission to provide clinical services in support of the judicial process is the foundation of its programs, services, collaboration, and outreach. CSFC provides essential support to the court through the delivery of clinical and forensic evaluation services, which assists the court in making informed decisions in cases.

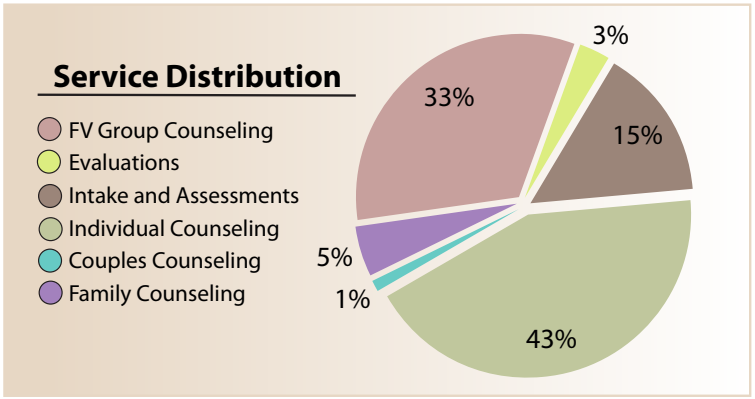
CSFC plays an integral role in evaluating defendants, juveniles, and their families, and in advising the court regarding their behavioral healthcare needs. Additionally, CSFC provides court-involved individuals and their families with a variety of therapeutic, psychological, consultative, and educational services. CSFC collaborates with Probation and other service providers to deliver individualized, holistic, and integrated services to their clients. CSFC continues to work on developing and promoting a uniform spectrum of services, case management practices and decision-making tools to respond effectively to the needs of individuals, families and children.

In 2018, CSFC staff provided professional consultation and technical assistance with grants and projects, such as the Judiciary's Strategic Plan, the Guam Adult Reentry Court, the Guam Family Recovery Program, and the other therapeutic courts of the Superior Court of Guam. CSFC staff took part in several training initiatives, covering topics from trauma-informed response to cognitive behavioral interventions.

Virginia W. Yasuhiro, *CSFC Administrator*

Services - Performance Outcome 2018

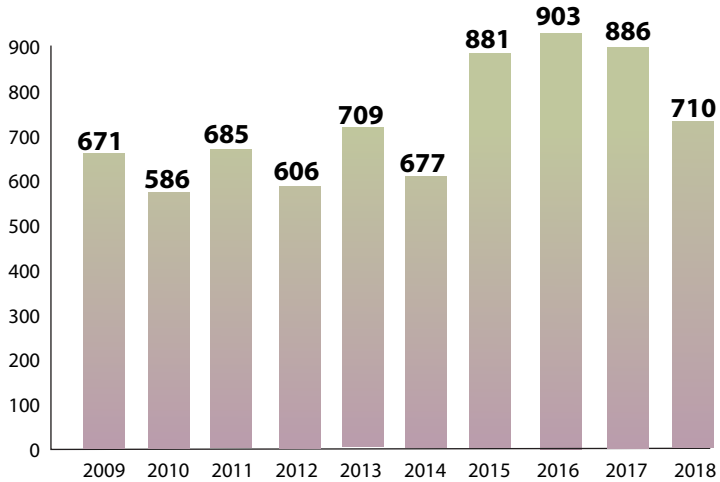
	Visits	No Shows	Client r-s	CSFC r-s	Total
Forensic Evaluations	76	17	5	18	**106**
Psychological Evaluations	28	8	3	4	**43**
Psychosexual Assessments	8	5	0	1	**14**
Risk Assessments	1	0	0	0	**1**
Intake and Assessments	603	240	125	108	**1076**
Individual Counseling	1485	407	307	215	**2414**
Couples Counseling	55	14	11	10	**90**
Family Counseling	225	17	47	22	**311**
Victim Counseling	221	57	62	33	**373**
FVMG	393	113	102	2	**610**
FVMG-NE	270	46	20	0	**336**
THRIVE	125	47	19	0	**191**
FV Psych-educational Group	216	146	26	0	**388**
WRAP/Treatment Team	1	0	0	1	**2**
MRT-DV	329	464	2	13	**808**
Supervised Visit	4	1	1	0	**6**
Sex Offender	53	1	5	5	**64**
Grand Total	4093	1583	735	422	**6833**



CY 2015 - 2018 Case Referrals by Case Type Comparison

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Criminal Felony	247	266	286	288
Criminal Misdemeanor	427	277	321	220
Domestic	12	8	8	10
Juvenile Delinquency	104	171	161	101
Juvenile Proceeding	59	77	70	83
Child Support	1	1	0	0
Juvenile Drug Court	31	102	38	3
Protective Order	0	1	2	5
TOTAL	**881**	**903**	**886**	**710**

Ten-Year Referral Trends



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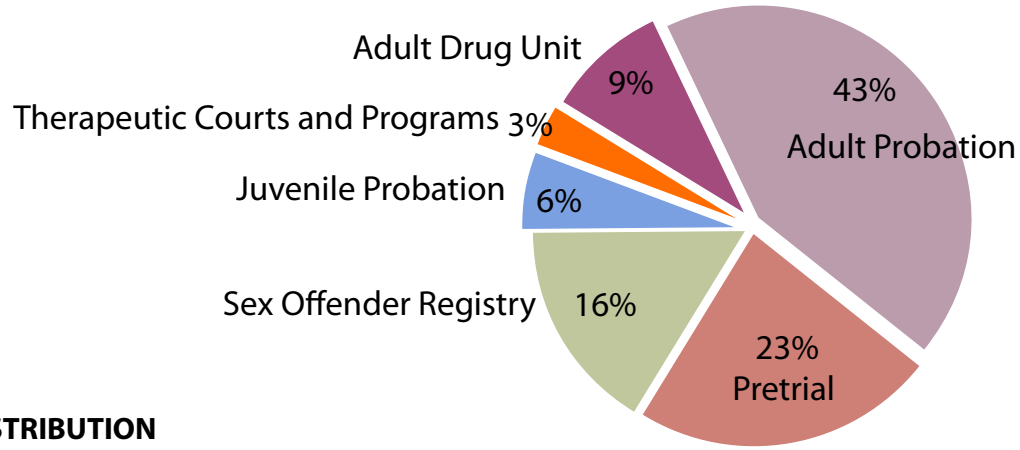
Probation Services Division

The mission of the Probation Services Division (PSD) is to reduce the incidence and impact of criminal behavior of court-involved juveniles and adults by using evidence-based practices and treatment strategies that change criminal thinking, produce positive outcomes and ultimately increase community safety.

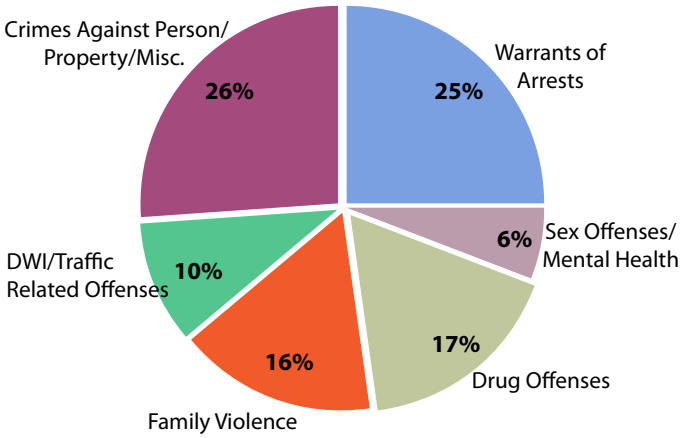
Effective community supervision in the 21st century is an overarching goal of PSD. Probation officers are moving away from traditional surveillance and supervision methods to more data-driven practices that hold individuals accountable while providing opportunities for successful outcomes. Presently, PSD is responsible for managing and monitoring court orders for more than 7,000 court-involved juveniles and adults placed on supervised release. Additionally, PSD maintains Guam's sex offender registry. PSD's several duties include: monitoring compliance of court orders; tracking and enforcing fines, restitution payments, and court-ordered treatment services; and administering drug and alcohol testing. The division also administers several programs for its clients, including community service and service learning programs, the Driving with Care program, theft diversion programs, educational/rehabilitative programs, and anger and stress management programs. PSD is also involved in community policing through the School Resource Officer program.

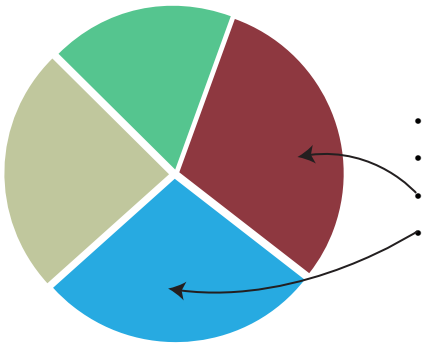
Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon, *Chief Probation Officer*

2018 PROBATION SERVICES CASELOAD DISTRIBUTION



PRETRIAL CASELOAD DISTRIBUTION





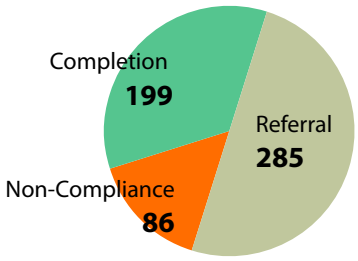
Adult Probation Caseload Distribution

- DUI/DWITC/Traffic Related Offenses: **725** cases
- Crimes Against Property/General Jurisdiction: **540** cases
- Crimes Against Persons/Family Violence: **893** cases
- Outstanding Warrants: **830** cases

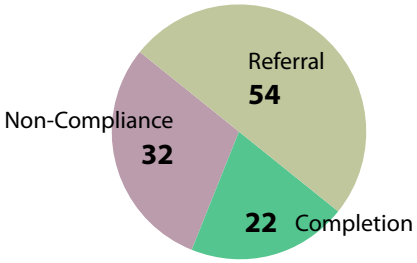
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ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING OFFICE PROGRAM STATISTICS

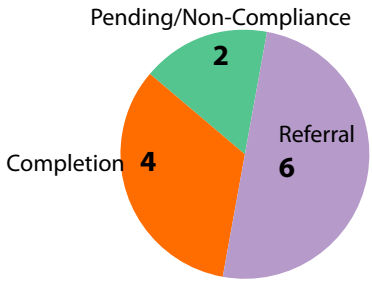
Driving With Care Program (English)



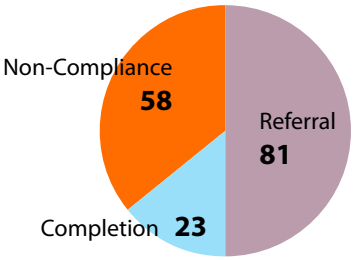
Driving with Care Program (Chuukese)



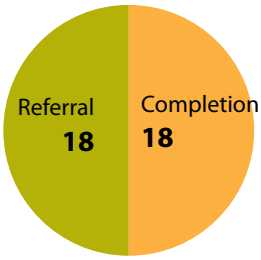
Domestic Abuse Project (DAP-Adult)



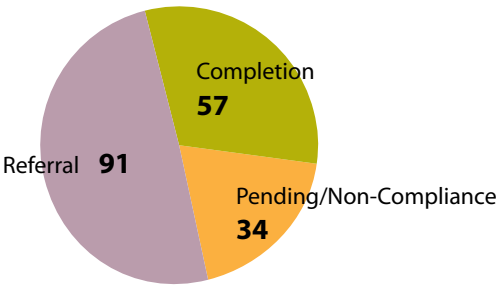
Anger and Stress Management Program (ASMP- Adult)



Cultural Arts Program

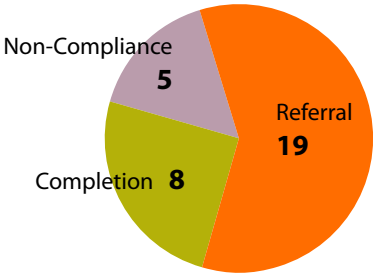


Petty Theft Diversionary Program (PTDP-Adult)

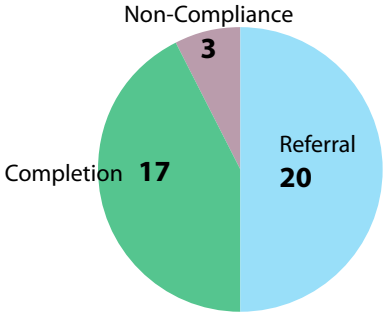


Anger and Stress Management (ASMP-Juvenile)

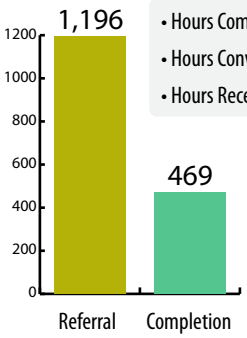
Sessions Attended **69**



Court Crime Prevention Program (CCP-Juvenile)

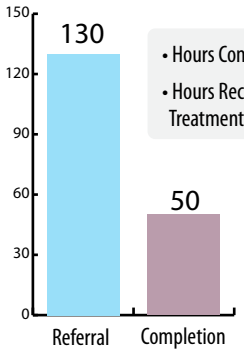


Community Service Program - Adults



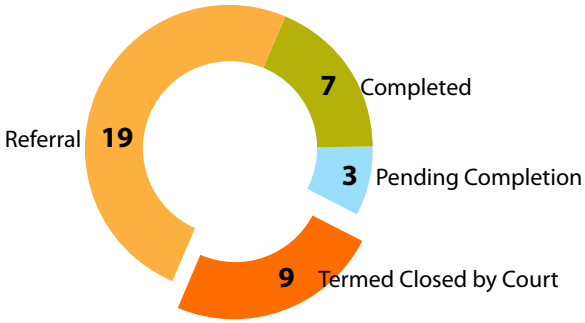
- Hours Completed **129,172 hours**
- Hours Converted to a fine **13,693 hours**
- Hours Received for Treatment Completion **21,262 hours**

Community Service Program – Juveniles



- Hours Completed **1,727 hours**
- Hours Received Sport Activities or Treatment Attendance **261 hours**

Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) - Juvenile



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Judicial Council of Guam



Members of the Judicial Council of Guam:
Chief Justice Katherine A. Maraman, *Chairperson*
Justice F. Philip Carbullido
Justice Robert J. Torres
Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III
Judge Arthur R. Barcinas

The Judicial Council of Guam is the governing body of the Judiciary of Guam. Pursuant to law, it is composed of all full-time Justices of the Supreme Court, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, and an appointed Superior Court Judge. The current composition of the Judicial Council was created in 2003, and in 2004, after an amendment to the Organic Act of Guam effectuated by the United States Congress in Public Law 108-378, the judicial branch was declared a separate and co-equal branch of the Government of Guam. Under 48 U.S.C. § 1421-1(b), the Chief Justice of Guam retains all supervisory authority of the judicial branch. With the advice of the Judicial Council, the Chief Justice governs the divisions and offices within the Judiciary of Guam. The Judicial Council holds monthly regular meetings. Public notice is provided of all regular meetings, and any interested person may attend to learn more about the work of the Judiciary as it ensures the fair administration of justice to the people of Guam.

In 2018, the Judicial Council adopted 23 resolutions, which are available for review on the Judiciary of Guam website. These resolutions addressed governance of the judicial branch, including:

- *Approval of the Judiciary of Guam Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and Procedure, and the Judiciary of Guam Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and Procedure for Judicial Officers*
- *Establishment of a Guam Adult Reentry Court Program at the Judiciary of Guam*
- *Implementation of a Tax Refund Offset Program Relating to Past Due Legally Enforceable Debts Owed by Taxpayers to the Judiciary of Guam*
- *Approving the FY2019 Judiciary of Guam budget*
- *Approval of the Judiciary of Guam Disability Accommodation Policy and the Judiciary of Guam Temporary Modified Assignment Policy*
- *Amending the Judicial Council of Guam Procurement Regulations*

Administrative Office of the Courts

The Administrative Office of the Courts has the primary responsibility of ensuring the efficient and effective operations of the Judiciary of Guam, consisting of shared services provided to the Supreme and Superior Courts. The Administrative Office oversees the following five divisions of the Judiciary: Court Administrative Services (Court Programs, Human Resources, Financial Management, Management Information Systems, and Procurement & Facilities Management), Client Services & Family Counseling, Probation Services, Marshal Services, and Courts & Ministerial.

The Administrative Office of the Courts consists of:

John Q. Lizama, *Administrator of the Courts*
Robert S. Cruz, *Deputy Administrator of the Courts*
Eulogio S. "Shawn" Gumataotao, *Director of Policy, Planning and Community Relations*
Sophia S. Diaz, *Staff Attorney for the Unified Judiciary of Guam*
Kristina L. Baird, *Staff Attorney for the Unified Judiciary of Guam*

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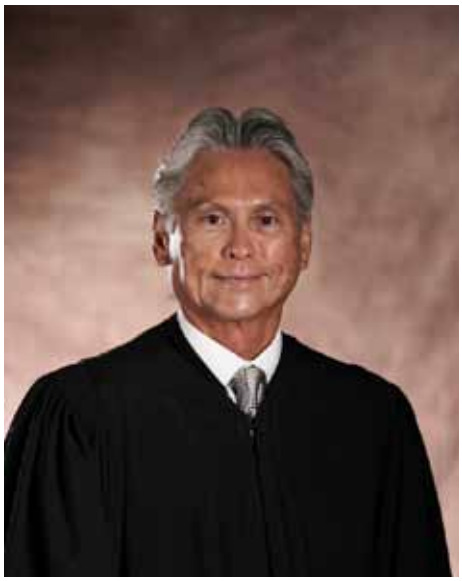
Justices of the Supreme Court of Guam



Chief Justice Katherine A. Maraman joined the Supreme Court of Guam in 2008 and was sworn in as Chief Justice in January 2017. She is the first female Chief Justice of Guam. Prior to her appointment to the Supreme Court, she served as a Judge for the Superior Court of Guam for 14 years.

Chief Justice Maraman serves as a part-time Associate Justice for the Supreme Court of Palau and as Justice Pro Tempore for the Supreme Court of the CNMI. She chairs the Board of Trustees for the Public Defender Service Corporation, the Drafting & Grading Committee for the Board of Law Examiners, and the Criminal Justice Automation Commission. Additionally, Chief Justice Maraman chairs the Judiciary's subcommittee on Rules of Criminal Procedure and co-chairs the subcommittees on Criminal Jury Instructions, Rules of Evidence, and Rules of Civil Procedure. She is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Guam.

Chief Justice Maraman received a B.A. in Economics, cum laude, from Colorado College and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of New Mexico



Associate Justice F. Philip Carbullido was appointed to the Supreme Court of Guam in 2000 and served as Chief Justice for three terms.

Justice Carbullido presently serves as chair of the Education Committee of the Pacific Judicial Council (PJC), which consists of the Chief Justices of Guam, the CNMI, Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and American Samoa. The PJC provides training for judicial officers and administrators throughout the Pacific. Additionally, he previously served as Vice President and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Conference of Chief Justices, a forum comprised of the highest judicial officers of the United States, its commonwealths, and its territories. Justice Carbullido continues to serve as Justice Pro Tempore for the Supreme Court of the CNMI. He chairs the Judiciary's 2016-2019 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Effective Case Management and Timely Resolution as well as the subcommittee on the Guam Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Justice Carbullido received his B.S. in Political Science in 1975 from the University of Oregon and his Juris Doctor degree in 1978 from the University of California, Davis School of Law. He and his wife Fay have four children and one grandson, Kellan Philip.



Associate Justice Robert J. Torres, Jr. was appointed to the Supreme Court of Guam in 2004 and has served two terms as Chief Justice, most recently from January 2014 to January 2017.

Justice Torres is President of the American Judges Association and serves on its Executive Committee and Board of Governors. Over the past few years, he has been selected by the National Center for State Courts to educate and assess the courts in various developing countries in Asia and the Pacific, lecturing in more than 20 countries on a variety of subjects including the International Framework for Court Excellence, cultural competency, court community communication, alternative dispute resolution, technology, and judicial ethics and discipline. Justice Torres also serves as Justice Pro Tempore for the Supreme Court of the CNMI and chairs various Judiciary subcommittees. He is a member of an Asian Football Confederation judicial body, the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.

Justice Torres received a B.B.A. in Accounting (magna cum laude; Beta Gamma Sigma; Beta Alpha Psi) in 1980 from the University of Notre Dame, a Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School in 1985, and was awarded a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.), Honoris Causa, from the University of Cebu and from Centro Escolar University in the Philippines. He and his wife, Mary, have three children and ten grandchildren.

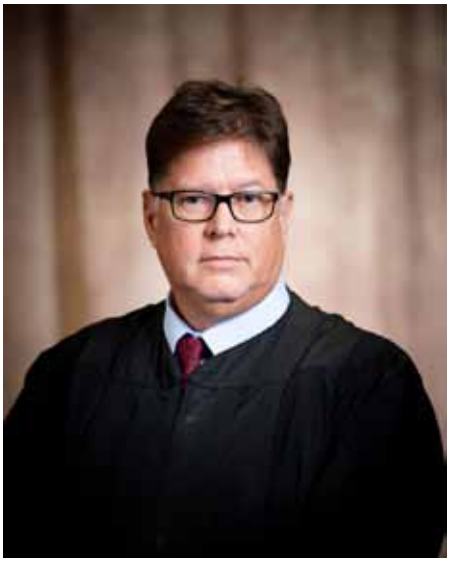
Judges of the Superior Court of Guam



Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III presides over the Superior Court of Guam and is a member and former chairman of the Judicial Council, the Guam Public Defender Service Corporation Board of Trustees, and the Guam Board of Law Examiners. He also is a member of the Committee on Judicial Discipline. He previously served as chairman of the Criminal Justice Automation Commission, which he founded, as chairman of the Board of Directors for the Guam Legal Services Corporation, and as a member of the Committee on Attorney Discipline for the District Court of Guam under the late Judge Cristobal C. Duenas. Prior to his appointment to the bench in 1988, he maintained a private practice and was an accomplished legislator serving in leadership positions, such as Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means and Minority Leader, in the 15th through 19th Guam Legislatures. As Chairman, he implemented object category budgeting, which is a practice still being utilized today. He established the Pacific Judicial Council in 1991, whose membership includes justices and judges from jurisdictions in the Western Pacific. He was elected as PJC's first President and was reelected three times thereafter. He currently serves as PJC's Treasurer.

Presiding Judge Lamorena initiated the concept of therapeutic courts in Guam. He established the Adult Drug Court, Family Violence Court, Mental Health Court, and DWI Treatment Court; served as chairman of the task force to create the Veterans Treatment Court; and created the Adult Reentry Court for high- and medium-risk offenders who are likely to recidivate, the Family Drug Court for families in need of services, and the GIVE Program for defendants with multiple probation violations. He currently presides over General Jurisdiction cases, DWI Treatment Court, and Adult Reentry Court. He co-chairs the Judiciary's 2016-2019 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Court Partnerships and Community Relations, and he chairs the Criminal Sexual Offender Management Committee.

Presiding Judge Lamorena received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Illinois, Urbana in 1971, a B.A. in Accounting from the University of Texas, Austin in 1974, and his J.D. from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa in 1977. He also received an honorary Doctor of Law degree from the University of Guam in 1997 in recognition of his distinguished service towards the advancement of the People of Guam. He is active in various civic and community organizations, and was recognized by the Lions Club International Foundation as a Melvin Jones Fellow for dedicated humanitarian services.



Judge Michael J. Bordallo was appointed to the Superior Court of Guam in 1998. Prior to joining the Judiciary, Judge Bordallo was a private practitioner for nine years and also served as an Assistant Attorney General for Guam. He currently presides over General Jurisdiction cases, Juvenile Drug Court cases and other juvenile matters. He serves on the Juvenile Justice Community Supervision Taskforce's subcommittee on Juvenile Probation Review and Reform Efforts. He serves as co-chairperson of the Judiciary's subcommittees on Civil Jury Instructions and Alternative Dispute Resolution, as well as the Guam Board of Law Examiners Drafting and Grading Committee. He also chairs the Judiciary's 2016-2019 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Access to Courts and Delivery of Services. He previously served as President of the Board of Trustees for the Guam Law Library.

Judge Bordallo received a B.B.A. in 1983 and a J.D. in 1987 from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. Judge Bordallo believes in remaining part of the community and has been actively involved in the local soccer organization, having served as its President, Vice President, and General Secretary. He currently serves as Chairman of its Disciplinary Committee and as a Match Commissioner for the AFC and FIFA.



Judge Anita A. Sukola maintained a private practice for nearly 11 years and was a full-time Assistant Professor at the University of Guam prior to her judicial appointment in 2002. Judge Sukola's public service includes: Director of Education (1989-1991); Deputy Director of Education (1987-1988); and Attorney at the Public Defender's Office. She has also served as legal counsel for the Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors and the Chamorro Land Trust Commission, as well as Staff Attorney to Senator Don Parkinson (17th Guam Legislature).

Judge Sukola currently presides over the Adult Drug Court. She co-chairs the Judiciary's 2016-2019 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Access to Courts and Delivery of Services.

Judge Sukola obtained a B.A. in History and Secondary Education from Washington State University in 1973, a Masters in Administration and Supervision from the University of Guam in 1975, and a J.D. from the People's College of Law in 1983.

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Judge Arthur R. Barcinas has served as a judge of the Superior Court of Guam since 2005. He maintained a private practice for 14 years prior to his judicial service, and he served as a Hearings Officer for Small Claims Court, as Traffic Court Judge Pro Tempore, and as an Administrative Hearings Officer prior to becoming a judge. He also served as legal counsel to Governor Felix P. Camacho and as Chairman of the Chamorro Land Trust Commission Board of Directors.

Judge Barcinas currently presides over Mental Health Court and General Jurisdiction cases. He is a member of the Judicial Council, and he co-chairs the Judiciary's 2016-2019 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Facilities and Security, and the subcommittee on Rules Governing the Admission to the Practice of Law and the Rules for the Discipline of Attorneys. Additionally, he is a member of the subcommittees on Pro Se Litigation, Criminal Jury Instructions, Rules of Civil Procedure & Rules of Court Revision, and E-Filing Rules.

Judge Barcinas entered military service in 1982 and is a distinguished military graduate. He received his commission as Second Lieutenant while attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where he received a B.S. in Political Science in 1986. He received a J.D. from Gonzaga University School of Law in 1989. Judge Barcinas has three wonderful daughters.



Judge Vernon P. Perez was appointed to the Superior Court of Guam in 2008. He began his legal career as an Assistant Attorney General in the Family Division of the Office of the Attorney General of Guam. In 2002, he became a Deputy Judge Advocate General with the Guam National Guard. He also served in the public sector as: Executive Director of the Guam Civil Service Commission; Legislative Assistant to Senator Felix P. Camacho; Press Secretary to Congressman Ben Blaz in the U.S. House of Representatives; and Math and English teacher at F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School.

Judge Perez currently presides over General Jurisdiction cases and is assigned the Family Violence Court docket, which includes all family violence related felony, misdemeanor, domestic, and protective order cases. He has co-chaired the Judiciary's 2016-2019 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Employee Excellence and Satisfaction and the subcommittee on E-Filing Rules. He has also served as the President of the Guam Law Library Board of Trustees.

Judge Perez obtained a B.A. from the University of California, San Diego in 1987 and a J.D. from the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law in 1997.



Judge Maria Teresa Bonifacio Cenzon was appointed to the Superior Court of Guam in 2012 and is the first Filipina-American to serve on the bench in Guam courts. Prior to taking the bench, she had 15 years of experience in the private sector, serving as counsel to large local and international corporations as well as some of the largest agencies of the Government of Guam. Previous civic involvement includes: member of the Guam Chamber of Commerce and its Armed Forces Subcommittee, Allied Member, Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association; member-at-large and Secretary of the Guam Bar Association Board of Governors; and past President of the Board of Directors of the Guam Legal Services Corporation—Disability Law Center.

Judge Cenzon currently presides over General Jurisdiction cases and the Veterans Treatment Court. She co-chairs the Judiciary's 2016-2019 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Court Partnerships and Community Relations.

Judge Cenzon received her B.A. from Marquette University and her J.D. from Loyola University Chicago School of Law, where she was the Cases Editor for the Loyola University Chicago Consumer Law Review. She received a Doctor of Public Service degree, Honoris Causa, from the University of Maryland University College in 2015 in recognition of her scholarly attainments and distinguished service. In 2014, the Filipina Women's Network named Judge Cenzon as one of the 100 Most Influential Filipina Women in the World. She is a member of the Guam National Sports Shooting Federation and the Guam National Team in Shooting, winning Gold and Silver in the 2015 Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea. She is an original member of the Guam Law Week Committee, which has won six ABA Law Day Outstanding Activity Awards for Best Public Program.



Judge Elyze M. Iriarte was appointed to the Superior Court of Guam in 2016 after 15 years of practice in the private sector. She began her legal career as a law clerk at the District Court of Guam. As an associate, partner and a founding partner, her private practice experience focused predominantly in civil litigation, with notable cases in the employment law sector. She also has experience in criminal law and federal criminal cases, including the District Court of Guam's first sequestered jury.

Judge Iriarte has served on the District Court of Guam Committee to Reappoint the Magistrate Judge, the District Court Committee on Local Rules of Practice for Civil Procedure, the Judiciary of Guam's Committee for Revision of the Local Rules of Practice for Civil Procedure, Pro Bono Rules Committee, and the Committee for Rules on E-Filing. She co-chairs the Judiciary's 2016-2019 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Effective Case Management and Timely Resolution and heads the Civil Justice Reform Pilot Program, which seeks to improve access, procedural fairness, and reduce cost and delay in civil cases. In addition to General Jurisdiction cases, Judge Iriarte presides over family, juvenile, and probate matters.

Judge Iriarte earned her B.A. in Law Letters & Society from the University of Chicago in 1998. She obtained her J.D. in 2001 from the University of Southern California School of Law, where she was the articles editor for the Southern California Review of Law & Women's Studies. She is admitted to practice law in Guam, California, Hawaii, Republic of Palau, and Northern Mariana Islands.

Other Judicial Officers of the Superior Court of Guam



Magistrate Judge Benjamin C. Sison, Jr. was appointed to the Superior Court of Guam in 2016. Prior to his appointment as Magistrate Judge, he served as a part-time Referee presiding over traffic and small claims cases. He also actively practiced law from 1994, and served as a full-time Assistant Professor in the Criminal Justice and Social Sciences Department and adjunct Professor for the Business Department of the Guam Community College from 2008. Between 1990 and 1992, he served as an Assistant Attorney General for the Washington State Attorney General's Office.

Magistrate Judge Sison received a B.S. in Biology in 1986 from the University of Hawaii at Manoa; a J.D. in 1990 from Boston College Law School; an M.B.A. in 1994 from Seattle University Albers School of Business; and an LL.M. in 2004 from the University of Washington School of Law.



Magistrate Judge Jonathan R. Quan was appointed to the Superior Court of Guam in September 2018. Prior to his appointment, he was in private practice for a total of eight years while, at the same time, serving as an assistant professor (tenured) at the Guam Community College. Magistrate Judge Quan then served as an Assistant Attorney General of Guam, where he was a Senior Prosecutor responsible for the prosecution and supervision of prosecution of various felony and misdemeanor cases. Immediately prior to his appointment, he was the Assistant Attorney General – Solicitor assigned to the Guam Police Department and the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency. Magistrate Judge Quan currently serves as a Captain in the Guam Army National Guard.

Magistrate Judge Quan received a B.A. in International Relations and Asian Middle Eastern Studies in 1993 from the University of Pennsylvania. He received a J.D. in 1996 from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, California. In his spare time, he has earned a 1st Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do, a 1st Degree Black Belt in Aikido, and a 5th Degree Black Belt ("Punong Guro – Lakan Lima") in Kali/Arnis/Eskrima.



Family Court Referee Linda L. Ingles has served as a judicial officer of the Superior Court of Guam for over 25 years. In 1993, she was appointed as a Judge Pro Tempore, adjudicating cases in Small Claims and Traffic Court, as well as domestic and family court matters. In 1995, she became the Administrative Hearings Officer, presiding over the Judicial Hearings Division of the Superior Court of Guam and providing expedited adjudication of child support matters. She currently presides over juvenile status offender cases, persons in need of services cases, designated family court matters, and the Guam Family Recovery Program. In 2018, she was appointed as a Judge Pro Tempore to conduct and oversee settlement discussions as part of the Superior Court's Settlement Conference pilot program.

After law school, she clerked for the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Guam. Prior to taking the bench, Referee Ingles practiced extensively in both the private and public sector. As a founding partner of the law firm of Lamorena & Ingles, P.C., she litigated a multitude of civil, domestic and criminal matters. She also served the public in various capacities as an Assistant Attorney at the Public Defender Service Corporation, legal counsel to Governor Paul M. Calvo, counsel for Guam Housing Corporation, and as counsel for various Senators of the Guam Legislature.

Referee Ingles received a B.S. in Political Science from the University of Oregon and a Juris Doctor degree from Whittier College School of Law.



Administrative Hearings Officer B. Ann Keith was appointed to the Judicial Hearings Division of the Superior Court of Guam in 2016 to adjudicate child support cases on a full-time basis. Since moving to Guam in 1984, she has held positions at the District Court of Guam, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Supreme Court of Guam. Prior to her appointment as hearings officer, she was the Judiciary's Staff Attorney for nine years.

Administrative Hearings Officer Keith graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and received her law degree from the University of Tulsa College of Law. She is a member of the Muscogee Creek Nation Native American tribe.



Referee Maria G. Fitzpatrick moved to Guam in 1984 on a 2-year contract with the Office of the Attorney General and worked there for 21 years. She joined the Public Defender Service Corporation in 2008 and retired from government service in 2016. She currently has a contract with the Judiciary to serve as referee in small claims and traffic court matters and to fill in where there are conflicts or absences on an as-needed basis.

Referee Fitzpatrick earned her B.A. from Ohio State University and her J.D. from Cleveland State University.

Navigating the Court System

Supreme Court of Guam

Three Justices

The Supreme Court is the "court of last resort" in Guam. It is answerable only to the United States Supreme Court. The Supreme Court of Guam hears appeals from any cause decided by the Superior Court of Guam or other courts created by Guam law. It has supervisory jurisdiction over the Superior Court and all other courts created by Guam law, as well as original jurisdiction over proceedings necessary to protect its appellate jurisdiction and supervisory authority.

Superior Court of Guam

Seven Judges, Two Magistrate, One Hearing Officer, One Referee

The Superior Court is Guam's trial court of general jurisdiction. It includes the Adult Drug Court, Juvenile Drug Court, Family Violence Court, Mental Health Court, Veterans Treatment Court, DWI Treatment Court, and Judicial Hearings Division (Child Support).

Among the cases it hears are:

- Civil matters
- Criminal cases (both felony and misdemeanor)
- Domestic relations cases
- Juvenile matters
- Probate cases
- Appeals from Small Claims Court, Traffic Court, and decisions of administrative agencies

Small Claims Court
(not of record)

Traffic Court
(not of record)

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SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

Chambers of
Chief Justice Katherine A. Maraman.....475-3589
Associate Justice F. Philip Carbullido.....475-3413
Associate Justice Robert J. Torres.....475-3300

Clerk of Court.....475-3120/3162
Staff Attorney.....475-3395
Supreme Court Security Section.....475-3199
Facsimile.....475-3140

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C/O Supreme Court.....475-3180
Facsimile.....475-3181

Office of the Public Guardian.....475-3173
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Compiler of Laws.....477-7623
Facsimile.....472-1246

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Marshal of the Courts.....475-3216
Deputy Chief Marshal.....475-3315
Security Section.....475-3161

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Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III.....475-3410
Judge Michael J. Bordallo.....475-3384
Judge Arthur R. Barcinas.....475-3502
Judge Anita A. Sukola.....475-3323
Judge Vernon P. Perez.....475-3223
Judge Maria T. Cenzon.....475-3346
Judge Elyze M. Iriarte.....475-3336

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Administrator of the Courts.....475-3544
Deputy Administrative Director.....475-3128
Director of Policy Planning and
Community Relations.....300-9282
Court Programs.....475-3202
Facsimile.....477-3184

Client Services and
Family Counseling Division.....475-3383/3101
Facsimile.....472-5450
TDD.....477-8043

Judicial Educator.....475-3191

Courts and Ministerial Division.....475-3449
Clerk of Court.....475-3331
Traffic Violations Bureau.....475-3121/3326
Small Claims.....475-3326/3274
Jury Commissioner.....475-3440
Facsimile.....472-2856

Northern Court Satelite.....300-0000

Judicial Hearings Division
Child Support Office.....475-3259/3494

Probation Division

Chief Probation.....475-3448
Pre-Trial.....475-3466/3318
Alternative Sentencing Office.....475-3305
Juvenile Probation Services.....475-3322
Adult Probation Services.....475-3375
Office Duty/Intake.....475-3388/3174
Adult Drug Court.....475-3361
Adult Drug Unit.....475-3461
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