



A Citizen - Centric Report The Judiciary of Guam

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“While it is always easy to see what is wrong with our government or our island, it can be just as easy to see what is right and what is good with it . . . if only we are willing to look. When I meet with Judiciary employees, or when I hear the latest example of the lives we touch with our services, it is not difficult for me to find the good in our branch. We are not perfect and I know there is much room for improvement, but we are good; and our employees wholeheartedly deserve my praise.” – Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido, State of Judiciary Address, May 1, 2013



F. Philip Carbullido
Chief Justice of Guam

As the third branch of the government of Guam, the Judiciary of Guam is charged with interpreting the laws of the Territory of Guam and in this regard provides for the orderly settlement of disputes between parties, determines the guilt or innocence of those accused of crimes and other violations of the law and protects the rights of individuals.

The head of the Judiciary of Guam is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam, currently F. Philip Carbullido. Associate Justices Robert J. Torres and Katherine A. Maraman are the other two members of the Supreme Court. Seven judges and three judicial officers comprise the Superior Court of Guam, which is led by Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III.



MISSION

The Judiciary’s purpose is to administer justice by interpreting and upholding the laws, resolving disputes in a timely manner, and providing accessible, efficient, and effective court services.

VISION

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

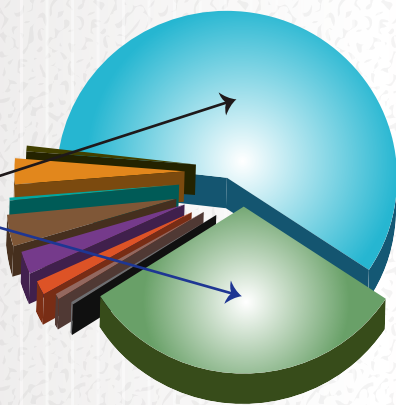
The Judiciary of Guam

- a critical part of Guam’s public safety infrastructure
- vital to maintaining law and order
- focused on protecting individuals, children and families
- responsible for supervising criminal offenders in our community

Supreme Court

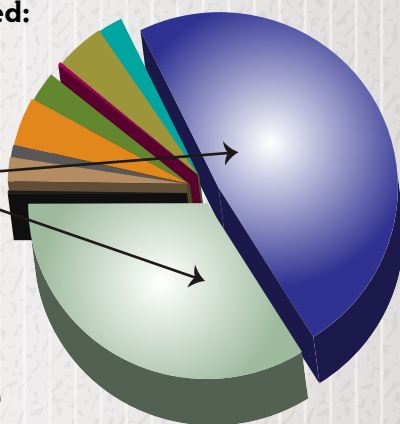
Case and Actions filed:

Appellate Procedure	0
Atty Discipline	6
Certified Question	0
Civil Case	132
Criminal Case	73
Pro Hac Vice	0
Promulgation Order	0
Writ of Habeas Corpus	2
Writ of Mandamus	4
Writ of Prohibition	5
GRAND TOTAL	222



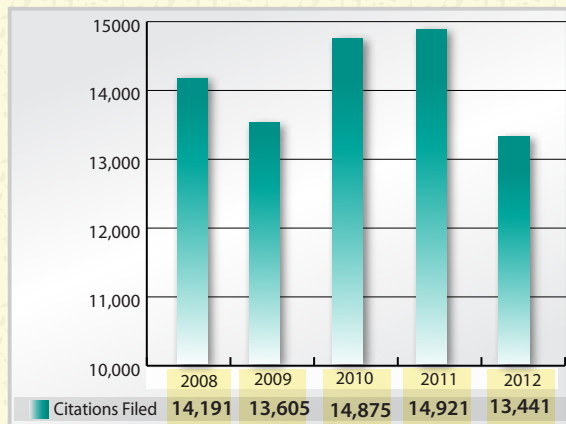
Opinions and Orders filed:

Appellate Procedure	0
Atty Discipline	9
Certified Question	4
Civil Case	107
Criminal Case	75
Pro Hac Vice	0
Promulgation Order	4
Writ of Habeas Corpus	1
Writ of Mandamus	9
Writ of Prohibition	5
GRAND TOTAL	214



Superior Court

TRAFFIC CITATIONS FILED



COMPARATIVE CASES FILED

Description	Year	2012
Adoption		48
Child Support		370
Civil		1,395
Criminal (Felony)		735
Criminal (Misdemeanor)		1,207
Domestic (Divorce)		869
Juvenile Delinquent		458
Juvenile Special Proceedings		773
Juvenile Drug Court		217
Land Registration		1
Probate		190
Special Proceedings		202
Small Claims		1,643
Foreign Orders		1
Protective Orders		137
Restitution and Fines		32
GRAND TOTALS:		8,278

* Source: Superior Court of Guam

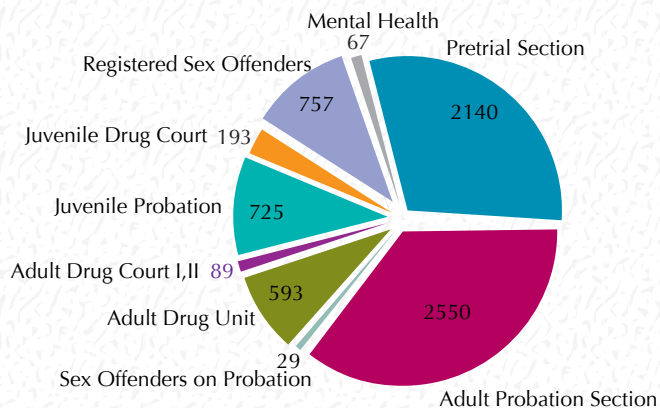
Public Guardian

Active Guardianships



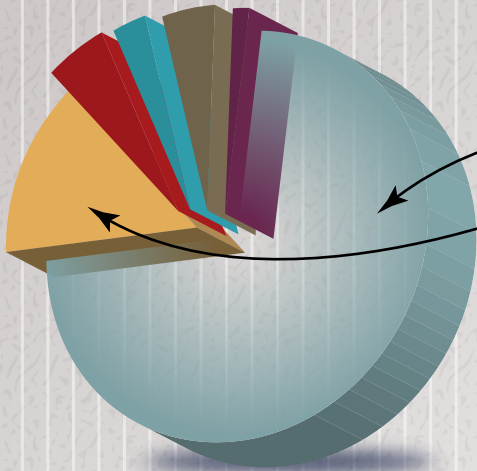
*This figure was previously underreported as only 74 active guardianships.

Probation Caseload Distribution



FY 2012

FUNDING SOURCES



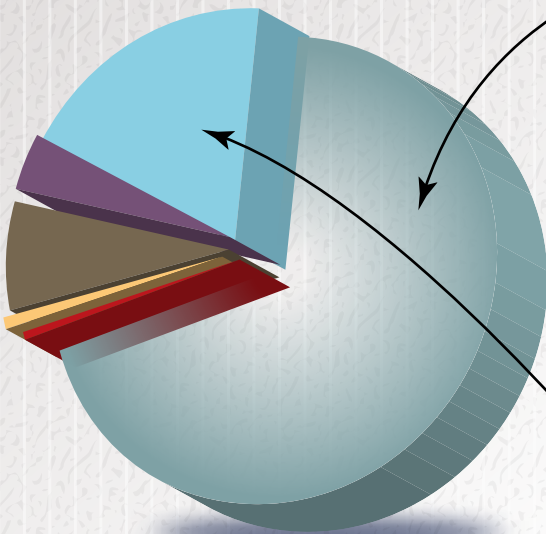
	2011	2012
APPROPRIATIONS	24,620,331	24,738,596
FEDERAL GRANTS	4,649,907	6,205,977
TRAFFIC FINES	1,644,561	812,065
FINES	977,692	1,192,969
FEES	1,513,972	1,668,953
MISCELLANEOUS	395,337	398,769
TOTAL	33,801,800	35,017,329

How the Judiciary's Budget compares to the Government of Guam in FY 2012

- Judicial Branch: \$ 24,738,596 - 4.28%

- Other Government of Guam agencies: \$ 552,815,396 = 95.72%

MANDATORY EXPENSES



	2011	2012
PERSONNEL	17,009,105	16,537,189
INCREMENTS	171,589	192,560
HAZARDOUS PAY	200,147	193,010
INDIGENT CLIENT SERVICES		
Interpreters	33,923	34,906
Court Appointed Attorneys	1,619,974	1,397,597
Other	163,225	226,029
Total	1,817,122	1,658,532
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
Life Insurance	34,582	55,628
Hospital Insurance	871,693	888,380
Dental Insurance	57,131	66,420
Total Employee Benefits	963,406	1,010,428
RETIREMENT BENEFITS		
Retirement	4,186,775	4,705,004
Social Security	209,051	211,128
Defined Contribution	116,834	111,419
Total	4,512,660	5,027,551

Independent Audit

Independent Audit was performed by Deloitte & Touche LLP. The Government of Guam received an unqualified (clean) opinion. The Office of the Public Auditor released the Government of Guam wide financial audited report on July 8, 2013. For more information of the independent audit, you may visit this web site address <http://www.guamopa.com>

ESTABLISHING A VETERANS COURT

The proposed Guam Veterans Treatment Court will assist justice-involved veterans whose service to our country has severely impacted their health and wellness. The court, in partnership with veterans service providers, will focus medical, behavioral health, alcohol and substance abuse treatment, transitional housing, vocational training and employment, and benefits services to assist with treatment. This will ensure that qualified veterans receive the assistance they require to once again be productive members of the community.

MANAGING CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT OFFENDERS

The Superior Court of Guam is working to improve the management of criminal sexual conduct offenders, build capacity for treatment providers, and determine best practices to properly gauge the varying levels of monitoring needed per offender. These efforts seek to minimize the risk of recidivism and obtain tools to enhance monitoring efforts.

ENHANCING ADULT DRUG COURT TREATMENT

The project goal is to reduce crime and substance abuse among first-time low risk and multiple highrisk, high need offenders by providing evidence-based treatment services utilizing the Matrix Model. Upgrading operations of the Guam ADC to an evidence-based practice, the Matrix Model, and train all team members, the court will be better able to make appropriate changes to the ADC Program Handbook for future program sustainability beyond grant funding.

“We are a distinct and co-equal branch – one that cannot be abolished by the stroke of a pen or on a legislative whim as had been the case before. We are now a Judiciary unified not only in name but in practice and function, working cohesively for a common purpose”. – Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido, State of Judiciary Address, May 1, 2013



2012-2016 STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

- 1. ACCESS TO COURTS AND DELIVERY OF SERVICES**
 - 1.1: The courts will be accessible, user-friendly and convenient.
 - 1.2: The Judiciary will provide responsive and efficient programs and services.
 - 1.3: The Judiciary will have the resources it needs to enhance court access, services, and programs.
- 2. OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS, AND TIMELINESS**
 - 2.1: Cases will be managed and resolved in a timely, effective, and efficient manner.
 - 2.2: Internal processes will be efficient, effective, and timely.
 - 2.3: The Judiciary’s resources will be aligned with and allocated to its stated operational and strategic priorities.
- 3. SATISFIED AND COMPETENT PERSONNEL**
 - 3.1: The Judiciary’s workforce will be motivated, satisfied, and competent.
 - 3.2: The Judiciary will optimize the use of its human resources
- 4. STAKEHOLDER AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS**
 - 4.1: The Judiciary will have strong, collaborative relations with stakeholders and partners.
 - 4.2: The Judiciary will promote public understanding and support of the court system.

