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Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

We are pleased to present the 2007 Annual Report of the Judiciary of Guam and report on the fiscal, administrative and operational state of the Superior Court and Supreme Court of Guam. This report will also summarize our progress in executing the courts three year strategic plan and will highlight the various initiatives, challenges and accomplishments of Guam's judiciary through 2007.

Our Annual Report focuses on five areas: Technology in the Judiciary, Cooperation with the Community, Staff Enrichment, Capital Improvements and Outreach and Accountability. In each section, we illustrate how the year 2007 was an outstanding year for the third branch. In particular, we are proud of the many areas of law the Judiciary is handling. It's not just lawsuits anymore. It's about therapeutic processes, increasing access to justice by helping self-represented litigants, handling appropriate cases in a global, family-centered, remedial approach, and partnering with the community to make Guam a better, safer place.

Our court system is well respected and supported by the community and is a source of pride for its employees and affiliates. We would be remiss if we did not personally credit and thank the Justices, Judges, staff and management of the court for their exemplary dedication to the administration of justice. These individuals are truly the foundation from which the success of the court is manifested.

We also extend our appreciation to the Executive branch, the 29th Guam Legislature, the Guam Bar Association, and the various legal and community service provider agencies for their invaluable partnership with the court. In addition, many in our community who serve as jurors, witnesses, advocates, guardians, and civil servants deserve recognition as well, and thanks for the time and effort they invest in the judicial process.

It is through shared vision, respect, and desire for success of our island that we are able to put forth our initiatives and achieve significant results, many of which are highlighted in this, our 2007 Annual Report of the Judiciary of Guam. WE hope you enjoy reading this Report and get a better understanding of our work in 2007.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase,

Robert J. Torres
Chief Justice of Guam

Perry C. Taitano
Administrator of the Courts

JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT



Standing (L-R) Justice F. Phillip Carbullido, Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, Justice Katherine A. Maraman

Chief Justice Robert J. Torres

Justice Torres was appointed by Governor Felix P. Camacho to serve as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam on April 17, 2003 and by a 13 - 0 vote, the 27th Guam Legislature confirmed his nomination on September 18, 2003. Justice Torres was sworn in on January 16, 2004 as the 7th full time Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam. He was sworn in as Chief Justice of Guam on January 15, 2008.

Justice Torres is a designated District Court Judge for the U.S. District Court of Guam and serves as Justice Pro Tem for the Supreme Court of Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. He is licensed to practice in Massachusetts and Guam and has been admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Tax Court, U.S. Claims Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First and Ninth Circuits, U.S. District Court for the Districts of Massachusetts and Guam, the Supreme Court of Guam, the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, and the Superior Court of Guam.

Justice Robert John Torres, Jr., born and raised on Guam, was Guam's Teenager of the Year and graduated from Father Duenas Memorial High School in 1976. He attended the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, and in 1980 received his B.B.A. in Accounting (Magna Cum Laude; Beta Gamma Sigma; Beta Alpha Psi). He was awarded his Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1985.

Justice Torres began his legal career as a tax practitioner in 1985 in Boston, Massachusetts at Lourie and Cutler, P.C., a State Street law firm specializing in the areas of tax, probate, trusts and estates. He was admitted to the Guam Bar Association in 1987 and returned to Guam in 1989 to establish Torres, P.C., which later evolved into Torres Limtiaco Cruz & Sison, PLLC, one of Guam's premiere law firms representing clients from around the world.

With over 17 years experience representing taxpayers in controversies before federal, state and territorial courts and before the Internal Revenue Service, the Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Justice Torres concentrated his practice in tax, trusts and estates, probate, business planning and commercial matters, but his range of legal experience includes real estate, arbitration, civil and criminal litigation and appellate experience before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First and Ninth Circuits and the Guam Su-

preme Court.

Guam lawyers elected Justice Torres as President of the Guam Bar Association for three consecutive terms between 1990 and 1996. He was instrumental in securing a shared seat for Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas in the American Bar Association House of Delegates, and served as their first Delegate to the ABA house. A member of the Guam Judicial Council from 1990 to 1996, Justice Torres advocated for the establishment of the Guam Supreme Court and the automation of the Judiciary. He was selected to be the Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative Coordinating Committee Chairman and served on the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference Executive Committee. He has been a speaker at numerous seminars and conferences including a Conversation with Justice John Paul Stevens and Solicitor General Theodore B. Olson, broadcast nationally on C-SPAN.

Since his appointment to the Supreme Court, Justice Torres has been deeply involved with issues of technology and automation in the judiciary. He chairs the Judiciary's technology subcommittee tasked with developing long range strategy for technology and automation in Guam's judicial system in an effort to better serve the people of the island. He has played a central role in instituting several projects that expanded the application of technology in the judiciary – including e-filing with the Supreme Court, employing wireless technology in the courtrooms, effecting videoconferencing in initial appearances, and contemplating the design and acquisition of a modern case management system.

Justice Torres' many contributions to the Judiciary include serving as the chairperson of the subcommittees that craft rules governing the practice of law on Guam, including the Rules of Evidence, Rules of Civil Procedure and Superior Court of Guam Revisions, Civil Jury Instructions, and Bar Admissions and Attorney Discipline.

He is active in Guam, Asia and the South Pacific for his involvement and positive contributions to soccer as a player, coach, and match official for Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and the Asian Football Confederation (AFC). He now serves as one of the fifteen worldwide members of the FIFA Ethics Committee, an independent judicial body. He is married to Mary Camacho Torres and they have three children and three beautiful grandchildren.

Justice F. Philip Carbullido

F. Philip Carbullido was appointed a full-time Associate Justice to the Supreme Court of Guam on July 3, 2000 by the Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez, Governor of Guam. Mr. Carbullido was subsequently confirmed by a unanimous vote of the Twenty Fifth Guam Legislature and sworn in as an Associate Justice on October 27, 2000. On January 22, 2003, Justice Carbullido was elected Chief Justice to fill the remaining term of retiring Chief Justice Peter C. Siguenza. He continued as Chief Justice until January 15, 2008.

Justice Carbullido has earned the esteem of his colleagues on both the regional and national arenas. Justice Carbullido served as President of the Pacific Judicial Council, which consists of the Chief Justices of Guam, CNMI, Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Territory of American Samoa. On the national level, his peers at the Conference of Chief Justices, which consist of the chief justices of the 50 states and the U.S. commonwealth and territories, elected him to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors, during the 2005 Annual Meeting.

Justice Carbullido was born on February 5, 1953 in Tamuning, Guam. He is the third of nine children of the marriage of Francisco Chaco Carbullido and Maria Salas Castro Carbullido.

Justice Carbullido is married to Fay Diana Garrido and they have four children: Brandon, Kristina Joy, Adam Philip and Steven. Justice Carbullido's in-laws are Facundo Diego Borja Garrido (deceased) and Florencia Lizama Garrido.

Justice Carbullido attended Cathedral Grade School and went on to graduate from Father Duenas Memorial School in 1971. He then attended the University of Oregon in Eugene, Oregon and received a Bachelors of Science Degree in Political Science in 1975. Upon graduation from college, Justice Carbullido attended law school at the University of California, Davis and graduated in 1978 with a Juris Doctor Degree.

After graduating from law school, Justice Carbullido returned to Guam. Justice Carbullido is entering his 30th year in the legal profession in Guam. He started his career in August of 1978 as a legal intern/Assistant Attorney General in the Office of the Attorney General. After ten months of government work, Justice Carbullido went into private practice. He first started as an associate with the law firm of Arriola and Lamorena Thereafter, he joined the law firm of Arriola & Cowan.

Justice Carbullido then decided to open his own law firm and in 1983 co-founded the law firm of Carbullido & Pipes, P.C. In 1997, he established the law firm of Carbullido Bordallo & Brooks LLP which was subsequently changed to

Carbullido & Brooks LLP until his nomination to the Bench.

Justice Carbullido has extensive experience in civil, commercial and administrative law. As a private practitioner, he engaged in complex real estate transactions and commercial loan documentation. Justice Carbullido was the former legal counsel to the A.B. Won Pat Guam International Airport Authority, University of Guam, Port Authority of Guam, and Guam Preservation Trust. He was also legislative counsel to the 17th Guam Legislature and legal counsel to the Committee on Health, Ecology and Welfare of the 21st and 22nd Guam Legislature as well as the Committee on Tourism and Transportation in the 22nd and 23rd Guam Legislature. Justice Carbullido also served as a board member of the Guam Finance Commission and was chairman of the Democratic Party of Guam for three terms. Prior to his nomination to the Bench, he was a member of the Piti Parish Council, the Guam Visitor Industry Education Council and the Guam Hemophilia Foundation.

Justice Carbullido is a recipient of the professional-technical scholarship from the Government of Guam. He is also the recipient of the Award of Merit as one of Guam's outstanding young people of 1983 from the Pacific Jaycees.

Justice Katherine A. Maraman

On February 21, 2008 Katherine A. Maraman took the oath of office to become an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. She was appointed to the position by Governor Felix P. Camacho and confirmed by the Twenty Ninth Guam Legislature.

Associate Justice Maraman was born in Los Alamos, New Mexico to the late William J. and Katherine Thorpe Maraman. Education was important to her parents and they encouraged her to attend college and law school. The University of New Mexico conferred on her a Juris Doctorate. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from The Colorado College.

Justice Maraman was always fascinated by the legislative process and so began her legal career at the New Mexico Legislative Council Service. As a law student and law school graduate she worked as a draftsman until her admission to practice. The Council staff included several extraordinary individuals who became her mentors and also supported her decision in 1977 to join a Guam law firm which afforded her an opportunity that changed the course of her life.

Upon arriving on Guam she assumed the post of Assistant Legislative Counsel to the Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Guam Legislatures and eventually assumed the position of minority counsel full-time until December 1987. While serving in the Legislature she assisted with the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures and her experience in the Pacific grew.

The entrepreneurial spirit struck in 1985 and Maraman opened her own law office at Julale Center. Other clients engaged her for legal work in family, probate, corporate, tax and other legal matters. In 1988 she started winding up her cases and eventually closed the office in order to join the government service.

Then-Governor Joseph F. Ada and Lieutenant Governor Frank F. Blas retained Justice Maraman as their legal advisor in January 1988. Her work encompassed many areas in the operation of the government. Later in his second term in 1994, Governor Ada appointed her to serve as a judge of the Superior Court.

Justice Maraman was assigned primarily to the Family Court docket but was instrumental in the start-up of the mental health docket which comprises criminal cases. These cases involved instances where a defendant places his mental state at issue. She was also assigned felony and misdemeanor criminal cases and all other types of cases that come before the Superior Court.

Justice Maraman collaborated with several executive branch agencies and the judiciary to improve how family cases were adjudicated. She successfully built consensus to create a therapeutic court where the most vulnerable members of the Guam community could be properly served.

Justice Maraman was appointed by the President of Palau to serve as a Part-time Justice on the Palau Supreme Court. Maraman also serves as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Guam.

She enjoys working with various community organizations and is a member of several legal associations and has served as a board member or officer in some groups.

Justice Maraman's immediate family includes her sister, Linda, brother-in-law, Kip, her niece Rachel and her husband Dan, and her nephew, Andy. She is blessed with brothers and sisters at Faith Presbyterian Christian Reformed Church. Her life has been enriched by special friends and adopted families.

JUDGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT



PRESIDING JUDGE ALBERTO C. LAMORENA III

The initiation of innovative court programs has been the hallmark of the 18-year tenure of Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III. He is a believer in “therapeutic justice,” which emphasizes the rehabilitation of criminal defendants so they may become productive members of our society. He is also an advocate of “collaborative justice,” where the judge, as team leader, works together with the prosecutor, defense counsel, treatment providers, court staff and others for the best interest of the defendant. Reflecting the Presiding Judge’s belief in these principles, the Superior Court saw the introduction of the Adult Drug Court, over which he presides, as well as the Juvenile Drug Court. A new division, Client Services and Family Counseling, was also created to provide forensic, psychological counseling to individuals and groups, to aid rehabilitation of those who commit family violence offenses, and to assist family members and victims – especially children – who are so deeply affected by these crimes. Furthermore, there are plans to create a DUI Court, to address those addicted to alcohol.

In addition to his duties as presiding judge and judge of the Adult Drug Court, Presiding Judge Lamorena is a member of the Judicial Council and the Public Defenders Corporation Board of Trustees. He received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Illinois, Urbana in 1971 and a B.A. in Accounting from the University of Texas, Austin, in 1974. He received his J.D. from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa in 1977.



JUDGE STEVEN S. UNPINGCO

According to Judge Steven Unpingco, his role as a judge presents an opportunity at a life-long learning process. He sees the challenges for a judge of the trial court as many and myriad: from the deviation from traditional courts and the creation of problem-solving therapeutic courts designed to collaborate with social service agencies in order to address societal problems, to the introduction of hard science in the courtroom and the use of powerful biological DNA evidence and expert medical testimony. Moreover, judges are faced with increasingly difficult procedural issues, arising from complex civil litigation and intergovernmental special proceedings cases, such as those seeking mandamus, injunctive and declaratory relief.

In coping with and facing these challenges, apart from immersing himself in continuing judicial education and reading, Judge Unpingco, like many citizens of the island, finds comfort in activities that take him outdoors: fishing, farming and riding a Harley.

Judge Unpingco has served the Superior Court bench for 11 years, and prior to judging, he was a general practitioner for fourteen years and served as Legal Counsel to several senators and the Governor of Guam. He also joined the faculty at the University of Guam in 1984 and was granted full tenure and promoted to Associate Professor. He was a recipient of the Outstanding Teacher Award and served as Chairman of the Public Administration and Legal Studies Unit.

He received a B.A. with Honors in Political Science from St. Louis University in 1979, and a J.D. from the University of San Francisco in 1982.



JUDGE MICHAEL J. BORDALLO

Since joining the Superior Court in 1998, Judge Bordallo's docket has consisted mainly of cases involving regulatory law, business law and civil litigation. The nature of his caseload, and ultimately, of his numerous decisions and orders, is primarily commercial litigation and as such, have a direct effect on whether investors and business people may comfortably rely on the rule of law, predict their costs and manage their risks accordingly. An effective judiciary – one that is predictable – stimulates economic growth by minimizing risks and transaction costs, enforcing property rights, checking abuses of government power, and above all else, upholding the rule of law. Drawing upon the nine years of experience as an attorney in private practice, Judge Bordallo objectively evaluates complex civil cases with calm deliberation and thoughtful analysis. His decisions, which are noteworthy for their clarity and conciseness, reflect his belief in *stare decisis* and assist government officials, commercial litigants, and any citizen of Guam, in the proper application of business and commercial statutes and regulations.

In addition, Judge Bordallo has played an essential role in improving the internal workings of the Judiciary, by spearheading efforts to revive the Judicial Council, and to institute procedures for the random assignment of cases to all the judges. Judge Bordallo also took an interest in improving the legal resources available to the public and served as President of the Board of Trustees for the Law Library from 2000 through 2005. He believes in remaining part of the community and continues to be involved in the local soccer organization.

He received a B.B.A. in 1983, and J.D. in 1987, from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. Judge Bordallo is married to the former Carla Benito, and they have three children.



JUDGE ELIZABETH BARRETT-ANDERSON

The Juvenile Drug Court program offers the youth of Guam an opportunity at a life free of drugs, alcohol, and the problems associated with substance abuse. Spearheading this project was Judge Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, who established the first drug court program for the territory in 2002. Her years of work culminated in December 2005, when the Guam Juvenile Drug Court was created as a court of record of the Superior Court of Guam.

Judge Barrett-Anderson's work also occurs on the national level. She was selected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals in 2005. She also currently serves as Governor Felix P. Camacho's representative on President Bush's Federal Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice, and represents Guam's voice on issues critical to juvenile justice and delinquency.

Domestic violence is another area of focus for Judge Barrett-Anderson, and she has been instrumental in the development of rules of procedure and practice in the field of domestic violence. She is also the program director for the Guam Domestic Violence Bench Book project, a guide for judges in their handling of domestic violence cases.

Judge Barrett-Anderson has spent nearly 25 years in public service to the people of Guam, having served as Guam's Attorney General (1987-1994), Legal Counsel to the Department of Education (1981-1985), and a member of the 23rd and 24th Guam Legislatures.

She is a proud graduate of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam Class of 1971, and in 2004 was invested into the Academy of Our Lady Hall of Fame. She received a B.S. in Political Science from the University of San Francisco in 1974. In 1979, she received a J.D. from the University Santa Clara School of Law, and has been honored by her alma mater to the University of Santa Clara Hall of Judges. She is married to Daniel Anderson and they have three children.



JUDGE ANITA A. SUKOLA

Many crimes of family violence occur where most people should feel the safest: within the home. Judge Sukola, as the primary family violence judge, sees these cases on a daily basis. As part of the “One Family, One Court” principle, she handles certain cases to ensure victim safety, continuity, effective case management, monitoring and disposition. She has attended training to develop her skills in the field of domestic violence, and has played an important role in developing rules of procedure in the treatment of family violence cases in the court system.

Prior to her appointment in 2002, Judge Sukola was a private practitioner with Lujan & Sukola for nearly 11 years. She also served in government positions: as legislative counsel for the Committee on Education, the Chamorro Land Trust Commission, and the Port Authority of Guam; as an Associate Public Defender, as the Deputy Director and subsequently, the Director of the Department of Education.

She received a B.A. in History and Secondary Education from Washington State University, Pullman, Washington, and a J.D. from the People’s College of Law in Los Angeles, California, in 1983.



JUDGE ARTHUR BARCINAS

Upon his appointment and confirmation to the Superior Court of Guam in 2004, Judge Arthur R. Barcinas brought to the Superior Court a strong belief that the indigent have the same right as the wealthy to competent representation. During his 14-year career as an attorney in private practice, he represented indigent parties in numerous pro bono cases. He also served as Chairman of the Chamorro Land Trust Commission Board, an entity that sought to promote land ownership by locals. He has served as the Chairman for the Law Library Board, which is responsible for ensuring that the island’s repository for legal documents receives the necessary support, both in terms of resources and funding. He is an active participant in several Judiciary subcommittees, advising on issues relating to Pro Se Litigation, Criminal Jury Instructions, Bar Admissions and Attorney Discipline, and Rules of Civil Procedure and Superior Court Rules Revisions. Although the latest judge to take the bench of the Superior Court, Judge Barcinas is not

unfamiliar with the position, having served as the Hearings Officer for Small Claims Court for eight years. He also served as a Traffic Court Judge Pro Tem and an Administrative Hearings Officer.

He received a B.S. in Political Science from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1986 and a J.D. from Gonzaga University School of Law in 1989. He has three wonderful daughters.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER



ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER LINDA L. INGLES

Matters related to the establishment, modification, enforcement and collection of child support should be handled by the court in an expeditious manner so that parties may obtain necessary orders and other action as quickly as practicable. Since 1995, Linda Ingles has served as a specially-trained Administrative Hearings Officer who hears cases arising from child support issues, as well as certain juvenile proceedings and traffic court. Administrative Hearings Officer Ingles provides both parents in child support cases the opportunity to present evidence, reviews the evidence presented, and issues a decision based on the law and the child support guidelines that govern child support. Prior to her appointment, she practiced law on Guam for 13 years, in both the public and private sector.

She received a B.S. in Political Science from the University of Oregon in 1975 and a J.D. from Whittier College in 1980.



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technology in the judiciary

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

In 2007, the Judiciary of Guam upheld the responsibilities of keeping track of Guam's sex offenders pursuant to Guam law creating a Sex Offender Registry. This significant responsibility is overseen by a division of the Probation Services Division. In addition, remedial legislation was supported by Judicial leaders and staff which clarified the responsibilities of the various government entities in maintaining a Sex Offender Registry and strengthened the Judiciary's management of this sensitive information for use in protecting the community. This legislation resulted in the passage of Public Law 29-30, which crystallizes the recent improvements to Guam's Sex Offender registry. This law also sets the stage for the future; steps are underway to prepare Guam for incorporation into the national Adam Walsh Act, which is new federal legislation which will connect all states in reporting and registration requirements for Sex Offenders.

DOCUMENT IMAGING PROJECT

The Judiciary of Guam has for some years been the recipient of the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) grant for the purpose of enhancing storage of criminal files. To this end, the C&M division started scanning criminal misdemeanor cases in March 2007. To date, 97% of 2007 criminal misdemeanors are scanned, 80% of the 2006 and 40% of 2005 are scanned. On October 2007, Data Entry Clerks in the Intake Unit began scanning criminal felony cases. To date, 90% of the 2007 criminal felony cases have been scanned and are continually being scanned. Ultimately, the program will alleviate annual expenses (rent) for the Judiciary's remote storage facility. The Document Imaging Project will allow access to Marshals, Probation, and Client Services, and will eventually reduce paperwork. C & M will move next to scanning other case types such as domestic and probate, because the high volume of request made by attorneys and patrons are these two categories.



EXTENDED NCIC ACCESS

Upon the implementation of Owmnixx (the NCIC operating platform), the Guam Police Department was recently included into the NCIC operations. Remote workstation access to NCIC inquiries was achieved for GPD and plans are in place to broaden such access to Naval Security Forces located at the Sumay Naval Base, Guam. NCIC upgrade both hardware and operating platform: Along with the replacement and upgrade of the Comm server, the operating platform for NCIC operations was upgraded to ensure the most current encryption methodology was employed.

NLETS

Research and continuing correspondence with DataMaxx have brought the initiative of information sharing between local entities and the vehicle to implement Nlets service closer to Guam (Nlets is a message switching technology that enables participants to access law enforcement information globally). The first use of this expanded technology will most likely be the ability of local agencies to access an individual's complete or pertinent criminal history. Nlets will also enable criminal history beyond the shores of Guam.

GOING GREEN

With regard to waste, reduction, recycling and "green" procurement, the Judiciary has a renewed commitment to reducing, reusing and recycling the waste that is generated at the Division level. Double sided printing and measures to reuse case files and paper have already been implemented. "Paperless" has been the buzzword and technology has afforded throughout the Judiciary to begin work on paperless calendaring and document distribution through scanning. Substituting electronic for paper messaging is also in progress.

cooperation with the community

FORENSIC SCIENCE LAB

In the 2006 Annual Report, the Judiciary boasted the launch of the long-awaited project of the Forensic Science Lab, a state-of-the-art Crime Lab for Guam's law enforcement community. In November 2007, ground broke on this historic project, under the watchful eye of the Facilities Administrator of the Judiciary of Guam. The Lab, located on the campus of the Guam Community College, will become a training ground for new technicians, opening new opportunities for our community as well as contributing to the efficiency of the administration of justice on Guam.

The Forensic Science Laboratory will be 14,753 square feet. The development of a new forensic science laboratory officially began in January 2007 with the hiring of a Project Manager to oversee and coordinate the entire effort. RIM Architects was selected to lead the Design Team and began work on the project design immediately. The project team is composed of said consultants, Judiciary of Guam employees, Mr. Perry Taitano, Administrator of the Courts and Mr. Ray Taimanglo, Procurement & Facilities Administrator and Mr. John Camacho, VP GCC, Lieutenant Manual Babauta, and Sergeant Albert Pierce. Special kudos to the excellent leadership and support provided by the former Chief Justice Emeritus Carbullido and Chief Justice Robert J. Torres.

KUAM FUGITIVE FILES

In early 2007, the Judiciary's Marshal's Division teamed up with local newscaster KUAM to initiate a new community program called "The Fugitive Files." Under this cooperative agreement, the judicial marshals gave information every weeknight of a person for whom the Judiciary had an outstanding warrant of arrest. KUAM aired these segments during their nightly news as a service to the community. Within days, the project saw results. In the first month, 16 of the fugitives aired were apprehended and another 22 self-surrendered. As a result of this new collaborative program, the Judiciary's annual JUSTICE Award for Friend Of The Court was shared by KUAM for the excellent public service done by The Fugitive Files.

ERICA'S HOUSE

The Judiciary again teamed up with Erica's House in 2007 by providing Marshal's security for a very successful year in this important community visitation house. Due to the support given to Erica's House by the Marshals and other Judiciary resources, countless families are undergoing the healing that comes about upon monitored visitation. Due to the success in the partnership between the non-profit Erica's House and the Judiciary, Erica's House was a co-recipient

of the 2007 JUSTICE Award for Friend Of The Court in this community partnership with the Judiciary.

2007 PACIFIC JUDICIAL COUNCIL COURT ADMINISTRATORS CONFERENCE, EXCHANGING IDEAS AMONG PACIFIC ISLAND COURTS

The second Pacific Judicial Council Court Administrators Conference was held on Guam, March 5 - 8, 2007, Guam Hilton Resort and Spa. Approximately 42 participants attended and comprised of court staff from American Samoa, Chuuk, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Kosrae, Marshal Islands, Palau, Pohnpei and Yap. The training material focused on Ethics, Customer Service and Employee Performance Evaluation. As a requirement of the Ninth Circuit, all participants were required to share the knowledge obtained from the training to other members in their court.

2007 PACIFIC JUDICIAL CONFERENCE:

Honoring Justice, Respecting Tradition

On November 25 to 30, 2007, Guam hosted the biannual Pacific Judicial Conference at the Guam Hilton Resort and Spa. Judges from throughout Micronesia attended, including representatives of the judiciaries of Federated States of Micronesia, Pohnpei State Courts, the CNMI Supreme Court, CNMI Superior Court, Republic of the Marshal Islands, Palau Supreme Court, the High Court of Samoa, Chuuk State Courts, Kosrae State Courts, the Supreme Court of the Philippines. A distinguished faculty from the National Judicial College enhanced the five-day event with relevant and up-to-date presentations on topics of interest in the Pacific. Chief Judge Emeritus Clifford J. Wallace and other representatives of the Ninth Circuit were present to assist in this historic assembly of island judiciaries. The highlight of the event was an address from the Honorable Renato S. Puno, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines to an audience of the Guam Bar and visiting judges and lawyers.



staff enrichment



FIREARMS TRAINING/REQUALIFICATION FOR PEACE OFFICERS

As a composite part of the Firearms Policy for Peace Officers (Deputy Marshals and Probation Officers), a bi-annual training is required of officers to continue using their maintain their firearms clean, operable, safe and secured. During this period, the Judiciary replaced the old H & K models to the Glock pistols. Three cycles of requalification took place in 2007: January had 81 officers for Phase 1, July had 61 officers taking Phase 2, and November had 87 officers participating for fiscal '08 requirement. Overall, a total of 229 officers went through the firearms requalification training course. The Firearms Training course is in conjunction with the Judicious Use of Force training which talks about the use of firearms, particularly, when and when not to shoot.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING

This training is provided to all new employees and as a refresher course to non-management and management level employees. The employees receive insight on issues regarding equal opportunities in employment with emphasis on such topics as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Sexual Harassment. The participants were informed of the federal and local laws which created and are applicable to EEO. They were also informed of their EEO rights and the Discrimination Complaint Process which is available should an employee feel discriminated against. This training was attended by 33 employees in 2007 and was conducted by the Judiciary's EEO Officer.

ETHICS AND CUSTOMER SERVICE IN THE COURTS

This training was a result of the PJC Court Administrator Conference, which is a train-the-trainer course concept that required participants to teach back to their courts. The training focused on the generally acceptable behavior for customers and the public, providing service in a timely, accurate and efficient service, and assisting litigants in reaching the next step in resolving their disputes. The second part of the training talked on the ethical issues, discussing on the Code of Conduct policy which serves as a guide to non-judicial employees in the conduct of official cap acity as court employees. It was mandatory that all Judiciary employees attend this training.

CLIENT SERVICES TRAINING

The Division of Client and Family Services participated in or conducted the following training in 2007:

- Protective Orders (Rule 14) Training - Judge Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, Judiciary, February 15, 2007
- Orders of Protection - Family Violence Benchbook - Judiciary of Guam, March 23, 2007
- Drawing out the Wisdom Within: Finding Our Creativity - Dr. Katherine Davis-Finch, AIMFT Training Workshop, April 11, 2007
- Sexual Assault and Family Violence, Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Violence, April 18, 2007
- Customer Service in the Courts and Ethics and Customer Interaction, Judiciary of Guam, May 14, 15 2007
- HIV and Capacity Building, Guahan Project, August 11, 2007
- Fundamentals of Adult Development and Theories of Marriage and Family Therapy - Yukiko Inoue, AIMFT Training Conference, September 27, 2007
- Youth Violence in the Schools and Community - Drs. Edward Santos and Juan Rapadas, AIMFT Training Conference, September 28, 2007
- Restorative Justice - Pat Wolff, AIMFT Training Conference, September 27, 2007
- Child Physical and Sexual Abuse Conference, Attorney General, October 9-11, 2007
- Topoff 4 Exercise - US Department of Homeland Security, October 18, 2007

capital improvements

NEW STORAGE FACILITY

In 2007, the Judiciary completely relocated the records storage facility to Hagatna from Harmon. The move offers obvious benefits. The location of the storage facility is only a few blocks away from the Guam Judicial Center. Court employees can retrieve court records quicker and at less travel expense. The new facility provides adequate space to store court records, employees to work in and space for scanning machines which is a vital component of the Judiciary's Document Imaging program.

ENERGY EFFICIENT CLIMATE CONTROL

In May 2007, the Judiciary awarded a contract to restore and upgrade the Judicial Center's Air Conditioning Direct Digital Control System (DDC). The project also included the Old Superior Court Building. For years the court's air conditioning system was operated manually by maintenance employees because the old technology was obsolete and difficult to maintain. As a result, court patrons and employees were subjected to extremely cold environments. In FY 2007, the Judicial Council approved a

budget to restore and if required, upgrade the digital control system. The new system was installed and it is state-of-the-art climate control. The system contains sensors that can pin-point equipment problems and maintain temperatures tailored to each work area or zone. When work areas are not occupied the system will automatically adjust itself to an unoccupied mode which will save a significant amount of energy and cost.

REFURBISHED WORK AND UPGRADES TO THE JUDICIAL CENTER

On October 2006, a contract was awarded to perform various upgrades and refurbish work in the Judicial Center and the Old Superior Court. The projects involved refurbishing all restrooms, installing new doors, repairing exterior lights that were old or damaged by storms, installed additional electrical panels to accommodate the increase electrical needs of the Judiciary and construction of an arms room that will store court assigned weapons and weapons collected by the courts as it deems necessary.



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH: CLIENT SERVICE AND FAMILY COUNSELING

The Judiciary has undertaken a role of attending many of the psychological and mental health care needs of our people who are underserved by other public sector entities. The Judiciary has since the 1960's recognized the need and provided treatment in-house. CSFC has been working in collaboration with the University to increase the number of mental health professionals in the community.

By incorporating treatment into Guam's Judiciary, the Judiciary is viewed not as only punitive or adversarial, but fair and humanizing, concerned about achieving tangible outcomes for victims, offenders, their families, and the community as a whole. "Problem-solving justice" or therapeutic jurisprudence has been widely incorporated in court practices within our judiciary. CSFC continues to provide technical assistance in the establishment and ongoing support of specialty courts such as the Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts. The Mental Health Court and the Domestic Violence Court, although not courts of record, are also conducted as specialized courts and CSFC assists by providing the treatment specified in the diversionary programs of Domestic Violence Court and the evaluations required in the Mental Health Court.

Client Services and Family Counseling provides individual, marriage, family, and group counseling to clients referred by the Court. Individual or group counseling is also available to victims of family violence without a court referral. The Judiciary was the recipient of a small domestic violence rural grant to assist in paying for treatment services for victims. CSFC accepts referrals on reconciliation, cases dealing with child abuse, child sexual abuse, juvenile delinquency, beyond control, child neglect, adult perpetrators of child abuse and family violence, victims of family violence, visitation issues, and other referrals as deemed necessary by the Court. CSFC continues to be proactive and aggressive in developing programs to meet the needs of clients. For instance, in response to the large number of non-English or limited English speaking Pacific Islanders ordered for diversion in family violence cases, CSFC offers a special group with a culturally appropriate format, using interpreters when needed. This group meets weekly for 30 weeks.

Other special populations served by CFSC are served by the following classes:

1. Individual, Couples/Conciliation and Family Counseling
2. Domestic Violence Men's Group
3. Pacific Islander Non-English Speaking Men's Group

4. Women's Group (T.H.R.I.V.E.): (Teaching, Healing, and Recovery for Women In Violent Environments.)

5. Sexual Offender's Group:

6. Forensic and Psychological Evaluations

Goals extending into 2008 include: groups for teens to address loss and trauma, day groups for women – unemployed or employed mothers; day groups for men – unemployed or on graveyard shifts; etc.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Public Law 28-137:1 requires the Judiciary to attend to the efficient dispatch of the business of the Superior Court. In accordance with this mandate, the Supreme Court undertook to enact guidelines for completion of cases within time limits. Pursuant to the mandates of that law and the Supreme Court Administrative Orders, the Judiciary this year retained records of the time frame within which the trial courts disposed of motions before the courts. These results were published on the website of the Unified Courts, www.guamcourts.org. The results of the time standards will continue to be monitored by the Judiciary and published on the website, as required by law.

COLLECTIONS

Judiciary collections have increased by 21% in the past five years. The increase has mainly been attributed to a rise in court fees adopted by Promulgation Order 03-008 of the Supreme Court of Guam. These collections are deposited to the Judicial Client Services Fund for the purpose of funding indigent clients' defense. Bond forfeitures, court costs, interest earned and record research has shown significant consecutive increases from FY2003 to FY2007. The most notable increase is Accessible Parking Fund. This Fund was established by Public Law 28-150 for purposes of ensuring awareness for individuals with disabilities. Court costs had also increased by 53% for the same period.

COURT PROGRAMS

The 2007 the Court Programs Office was responsible for maintaining several grant programs relied upon by the Judiciary for years. The Court Programs Administrator reports the following new grants were secured by the Judiciary during 2007: FY2008 Play By The Rules subgrant from GPSS, for the purpose of providing students with greater awareness of the juvenile justice system. FY2008 Children At Risk Grant, aimed again at Juvenile audiences to teach awareness of the Juvenile Justice System. Continuing grants during 2007 included: Sex Offender Management Program, Edward J. Byrne Criminal Justice Records

Improvement Integration Project, DUI Court Program, Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART), Edward G. Byrne Justice Wide Area Network Grant, Edward G. Byrne Juvenile Drug Court Project, Juvenile Accountability Block Grant, Department of Youth Affairs Juvenile Accountability Block Grant, National Criminal History Improvement Project; Rural Domestic Violence & Child Victimization Enforcement Program, Stop VAW Program Grant, and Adult Drug Court Grant.

CHANGES IN THE GUAM RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

In June 2007, after years of hard work by the Committee on Revision of the Guam Rules of Civil Procedure, the Supreme Court promulgated the 2007 Revised Guam Rules of Civil Procedure, and the revised Local Rules of Court for the Superior Court of Guam. This project represented the first major overhaul in Guam's rules since 1992. It was a complete revision of the concept of how cases proceed through the Superior Court. Under the new rules, it is up to the parties to move the case along, and automatic deadlines are put in place on filing that will not allow a case to extend beyond the deadlines set forth by law. There are other striking changes that make the practice of law more efficient for attorneys and parties, for instance, it is easier to issue subpoenas, and motions in all types of cases must be calendared by the parties in cooperation with the court, thus eliminating the endless delays in hearing motions that plagued prior practice in the courts. Finally, the new rules allow for easier service of documents on attorneys, thus freeing up valuable time of clerks and other support staff of the legal community. The Committee on Revision of the Rules of Civil Procedure worked hard with the Guam Bar Association and received valuable direct feedback as these rules were being developed. This project is an example of the partnership between the Judiciary and the attorneys of Guam for the benefit of the people to get their cases moving with efficiency and integrity.

MENTAL HEALTH COURT

The Supreme Court of Guam, on recommendation of a hard-working group composed of judges, prosecutors, defense counsel, and therapeutic caregivers in the community, enacted a new division within Family Court which is now known as Mental Health Court, a court exclusively dedicated to the issue of a criminal defendant's mental state. By devoting one court to this important function, the proceedings in which a criminal offenders' mental state is adjudicated is streamlined and made more consistent. It also separates the issue of mental competency

from other issues in the case and allows attorneys and experts to litigate this issue in the relative repose of a court dedicated for that purpose.

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

During 2007 there were four volunteers who worked with OPG, working with the various service providers such as St. Dominic's Senior Care Home, Guma Hinemlo, the Independent Group Home, the Mary Clare Home, and CARIDAD II, or providing care to wards who had been living independently in the community and could not afford to purchase the needed care service. The Volunteer Program has the potential to expand to the benefit of the community, and the Public Guardian is taking steps to make this a reality.

COURT INTERPRETER PROGRAM

The Judiciary of Guam, during a strategic planning workshop, recognized the need to improve access and services to the courts. Qualified and certified interpreter services are essential to improve access to justice. The Judiciary currently provides interpreter services to individuals who are limited English proficient (LEP) in Chamorro, Tagalog, Chuukese, Palauan, Pohnpeian, Yapese, Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese, and Korean. The Judiciary has formed a planning group, in partnership with the University of Guam, to develop a formal Court Interpreter Training/Certification Program to address current and long term needs.

With the assistance of the University of Guam Cooperative Extension and Professional Development and Life-long Learning Center, the Judiciary is now working on formalizing a comprehensive Court Interpreter Program/System that will ascertain the viable options to integrate training, certification, and will include assessing the qualifications of court interpreters and testing. A timeline has been developed as well as in-service and pre-service groups. The in-service interpreters are those who currently serve in our courts as interpreters, while the pre-service group designates those who are interested in being trained and certified to become a professional court interpreter. The Judiciary plans to have a comprehensive court interpreter program set-up before the end of 2008.

Structure and Function of the Judiciary

Supreme Court

Superior Court

Administrative Office of the Courts

Court Programs Office

Human Resources Division

Client Services and Family Counseling

Procurement and Facilities Management Division

Financial Management Division

Probation Division

Courts & Ministerial

Management Information Systems

Marshals Division

Office of the Compiler of Laws

Office of the Public Guardian

Office of the Ethics Prosecutor



structure and function of the judiciary

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court is the highest court on Guam, answerable only to the United States Supreme Court. It is also the court with supervisory jurisdiction over the Superior Court of Guam and all other courts of the judicial branch of Guam pursuant to the Organic Act. The Supreme Court through its three justices, its pro tempore justices and its Clerk, not only decides cases that will form the jurisprudence of Guam, but also performs numerous administrative tasks in furtherance of its duty to maintain an independent and strong judicial branch for the people of Guam.

SUPERIOR COURT

Consisting of seven legislative confirmed trial judges, a Referee and Judge Pro Tempore, and a Small Claims and Traffic Referee, the Superior Court is the heart of the Judiciary. The judges and their staff prepare for and hear all cases brought before the Superior Court on a randomly assigned basis.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

The Administrator of the Courts, Perry C. Taitano, and his staff are responsible for the efficient and responsible management of all divisions of the Judiciary, from human resources to financial management. Incorporated into this office are the Equal Opportunity Employment Officer, the Staff Attorney, and the Policy Planning & Community Affairs Officer, and other offices crucial to a smoothly functioning unified Judiciary.

COURT PROGRAMS OFFICE

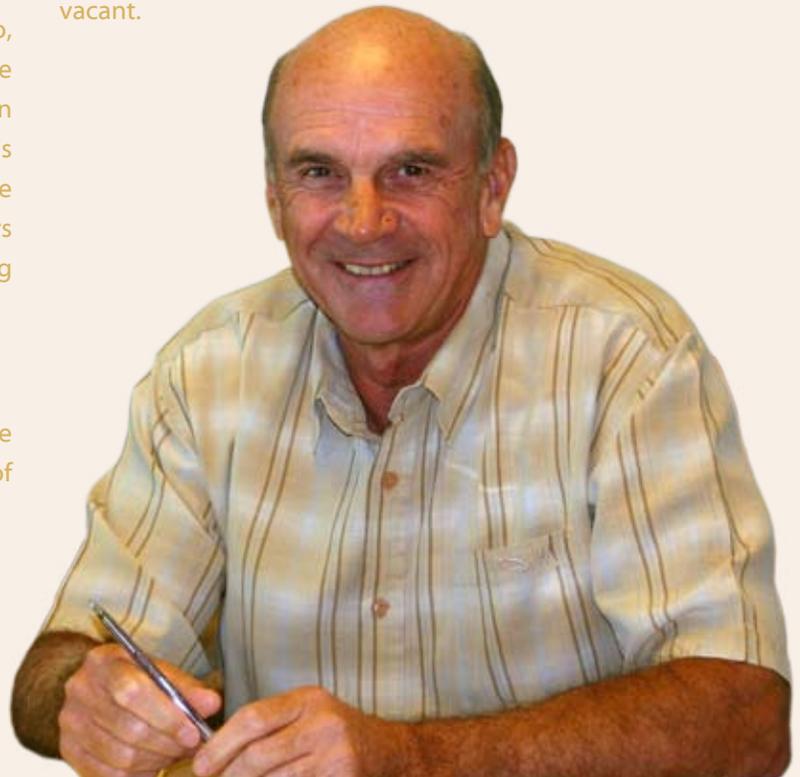
This Division pursues federal grants that enhance the Judiciary's ability to meet the demands of all patrons of the Judiciary under special federally funded initiatives.

CLIENT SERVICES AND FAMILY COUNSELING

The mission of Client Services and Family Counseling (CSFC) Division is to provide clinical services in support of the judicial process; to promote community activities that enhance a reasonable quality of life; to advance partnerships of equality, respect and peace among all people; and to foster social change. The clinical staff holds licenses in their respective fields of practice.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION

In 2007, the Judiciary has proven its commitment to pursuing efficiency and effective delivery of services by requesting no additional positions in Fiscal Year 2007 and Fiscal Year 2008. In January 2007 the Judiciary maintained a total of 370 positions in which 323 were filled and 47 remained vacant/unfunded. The Judiciary has thus been able to meet the ever increasing caseload demands with limited resources. To insure that daily operations were not hampered, recruitment was primarily for essential entry level positions resulting in ten (10) vacant positions being filled. As of December 2007, 333 positions were filled and 37 were vacant.



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION

This division is the financial support arm of the Judiciary of Guam. FMD duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, internal audit, financial reporting, budget, revenue and expenditure forecast, accounts payable, payroll, federal and local appropriations, accounts receivable, cash collection and disbursement, automation and providing guidance for financial policies and procedures. FMD is composed of fifteen employees. This past year, the division acquired a new Court Fiscal Assistant to assist with the collection processes and other administrative duties. With the newly adopted record retention policy adopted by the Judicial Council in 2007, FMD has been able to update and organize the department's record retention to include purging over 50% of its records.

PROBATION DIVISION

The Probation Division promotes a safe environment for Guam by monitoring offenders' compliance with court orders. This monitoring extends to clients released pending disposition of charges as well as those who have been adjudicated. The Probation Division arrests clients who fail to comply with conditions of their release or violate the law. It also tracks and enforces payments, fees and restitutions for victims, provides community service programs, diversion

programs and educational/rehabilitative programs for court ordered clientele, provides community outreach and support programs to schools, businesses, organizations and other groups as part of a preventive effort to stem or diminish the increase of new cases. With the addition of Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts, the Probation Division has expanded its mission to include therapeutic jurisprudence to its more traditional roles.

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Management Information Systems is responsible for the computer and technological needs of the Judiciary. MIS also runs program development, network management, data management and reporting requirements.

PROCUREMENT AND FACILITIES DIVISION

The Procurement and Facilities Management division handles all purchases for the Judiciary, all capital improvements, and maintenance of the grounds and Judicial Center Complex.

COURTS AND MINISTERIAL DIVISION

The Courts & Ministerial (C&M) Division is the first point of contact for people seeking the Judiciary of Guam's services. It is the largest division in the Judiciary which is responsible for the filing, processing, disposing and distribution of all legal pleadings in accordance to the Guam Code Annotated, Rules of Civil Procedure as well as the Local Rules of the Superior Court of Guam and other statutory provision. The Clerk of Court of the Superior Court oversees a number of units with important functions vital to its operations. The units are subdivided into the following: Intake (receives and files pleadings); Records; Team Chambers (provides direct support to the trial court judges); Master Calendar or Civil Unit (civil collection cases); Jury Services; Traffic Violation Bureau; Small Claims; Court Reporters Unit; Appeals Unit; Child Support.



OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN

The Office of the Public Guardian provides comprehensive case management and guardianship services to a large number of disabled and elder adults in our community who have a significant mental disability. Many of these individuals are from economically challenged circumstances. In addition, many individuals and families facing complex social problems due to the incapacity of a family member caused by mental disability, medical trauma or the aging process are assisted in making decisions and are connected to needed services. The OPG has added a social worker to the program, which has greatly enhanced the quality and quantity of social services provided. The OPG is overseen by the Public Guardian Review Board created by 7 GCA § 3112.

MARSHALS DIVISION

The Marshal's Division is responsible for all aspects of court security for all courts, from small claims and traffic court to the Supreme Court of Guam. The Marshal's service also provides security for all court facilities, including the court annex, and is responsible for serving many court documents (approximately 1500 in 2007) and executing warrants of arrest.

OFFICE OF THE ETHICS PROSECUTOR

This office is the central office for receiving all ethical complaints against lawyers and judicial officers. The office provides assistance to complainants in stating their complaints, makes a preliminary determination as to the validity of each complaint, dismisses the complaint or determines the appropriate committee to which the complaint should be directed, and provides information to complainants

about the status of their complaints, possible remedies and the operations and procedures of the office. The office also coordinates among relevant agencies and tracks the handling and disposition of each complaint. Complaints against lawyers are investigated by the Ethics Prosecutor upon authorization by the Ethics Committee of the Guam Bar Association.

COMPILER OF LAWS

The Office of the Compiler of Laws continues its function of updating the 2005 Guam Code Annotated and other publications pursuant to 1 GCA Chapter 16. As an entity of the Judiciary within the Supreme Court of Guam, the Compiler and the Guam Law Library ("GLL") have maintained a close relationship. The mandates of these two offices have overlapped in many instances which caused the Judiciary in October 2007 to enter into an Administrative Agreement with the GLL. In December 2007, the Compiler and his staff relocated to GLL and are now managing the operation of the GLL. The move and additional duties allow the Judiciary to lend its resources to the GLL which will mutually benefit both entities. In 2007, the Compiler brought up free unlimited search capabilities of the Guam Code Annotated via the website of the Unified Judiciary, bringing the Guam Code Annotated to all people of Guam in searchable format.



2007 Judiciary Statistics

Supreme Court of Guam

Office of the Public Guardian

Ethics Prosecutor's Office

Superior Court of Guam

Probation Statistics

SUPREME COURT OF GUAM STATISTICS FOR 2007

CASES AND ACTIONS FILED

Appellate Procedure	Atty Discipline	Certified Question	Civil Case	Criminal Case	Pro Hac Vice	Promulgation Order	Writ of Habeas Corpus	Writ of Mandamus	Writ of Prohibition	GRAND TOTAL
0	1	1	23	8	0	4	0	7	2	46

OPINIONS ISSUED IN 2007

CIVIL CASE	WRIT CASES	CERTIFIED QUESTIONS	CRIMINAL CASE	GRAND TOTAL
13	3	1	6	23

ORDERS FILED

Appellate Procedure	Atty Discipline	Certified Question	Civil Case	Criminal Case	Pro Hac Vice	Promulgation Order	Writ of Habeas Corpus	Writ of Mandamus	Writ of Prohibition	GRAND TOTAL
0	0	2	76	19	0	19	0	12	5	133

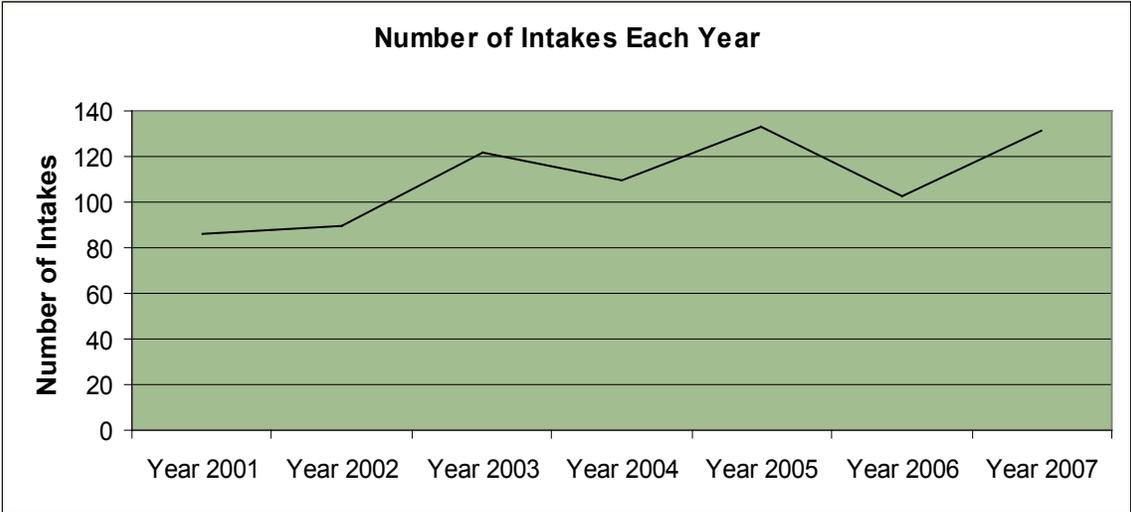
ORDERS FILED

Appellate Procedure	Atty Discipline	Certified Question	Civil Case	Criminal Case	Pro Hac Vice	Promulgation Order	Writ of Habeas Corpus	Writ of Mandamus	Writ of Prohibition	GRAND TOTAL
0	1	0	85	22	0	0	0	4	1	113

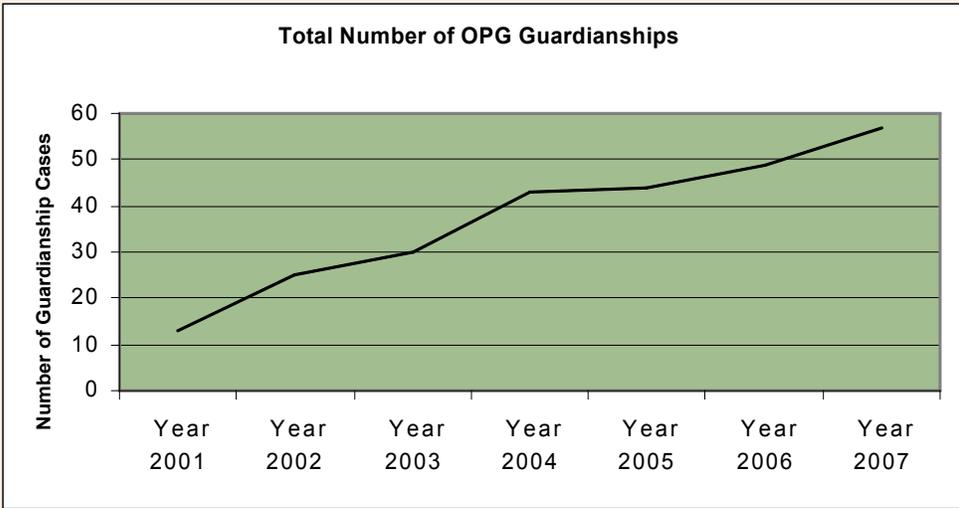
CASES AND ACTIONS FILED: **159**

OPINIONS AND ORDERS FILED: **156**

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN STATISTICS FOR 2007



Second, the number of guardianships being held by the Public Guardian has continued to rise, with 57 wards at the end of this year and 17 pending guardianships.



ETHICS PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE STATISTICS FOR 2007

Ethics Inquiries:	Approximately 60
Total formal Ethics Complaints resulting from inquiries:	38
Pending Ethics Complaints:	16
Matters dismissed by Committee after Prosecutor’s investigation:	20
Discipline Administered by Committee:	2 (Private Reprimand)
Matters referred to Supreme Court of Guam:	0
Unauthorized Practice of Law Investigations:	2

SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM STATISTICS FOR 2007

FIVE YEAR COMPARATIVE CASES FILED

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
ADOPTION	81	54	56	66	59
CHILD SUPPORT	830	579	576	575	607
CIVIL	2,121	1,322	1,307	1,529	1,569
CRIMINAL FELONY	615	449	485	564	618
CRIMINAL MISDEMEANOR	1,199	975	940	1,044	1,084
DOMESTIC	1,276	2,153	2,494	927	881
JUVENILE DIVISION	340	465	242	264	362
JUVENILE SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS	955	955	947	979	983
LAND REGISTRATION	6	4	2	4	1
PROBATE	171	146	162	157	172
SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS	284	273	219	199	228
SMALL CLAIMS	2,767	3,178	2,329	3,539	2,443
GRAND TOTALS	10,645	10,553	9,759	9,847	9,007

TRAFFIC COURT STATS FOR 2007

FIVE YEAR CITATIONS COMPARATIVE (CITATIONS FILED/DISPOSED)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
CITATIONS FILED	4,910	5,295	8,682	9,814	11,486
CITATIONS DISPOSED	4,231	4,228	7,657	8,326	9,171

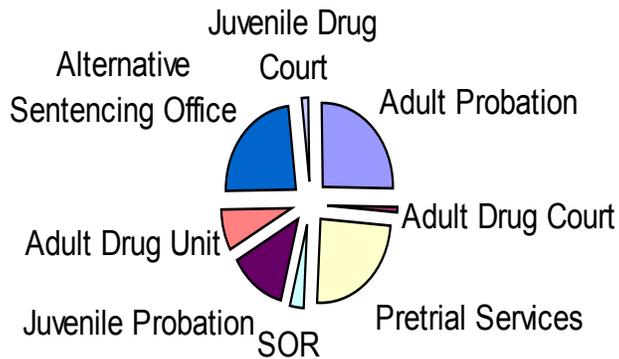
JURY MANAGEMENT STATS FOR 2007

FIVE YEAR CASE COMPARATIVE (BY JURY-RELATED FUNCTIONS)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
JURY ORIENTATIONS	7	31	18	7	13
JURY SELECTION (CASES)	18	56	48	23	32
JURY TRIAL (DAYS)	56	91	76	73	73
GRAND JURY SELECTION	2	3	3	2	1
GRAND JURY (DAYS)	172	142	157	170	129
JURORS PRESENT	6,760	12,052	10,906	8,087	8,180
JURY RELATED EXPENSES					
PETIT JURY ACTIVITY	\$95,280	\$273,300	\$221,700	\$124,410	\$162,960
GRAND JURY ACTIVITY	\$107,520	\$88,260	\$105,480	\$118,200	\$82,440
GRAND TOTALS	\$202,800	\$361,560	\$327,180	\$242,610	\$245,400

PROBATION OFFICE STATISTICS FOR 2007

2007 Caseload Distribution



Family Violence	= 508 cases or 47% of the total new caseload
Driving under the Influence	= 134 cases or 13% of the total new caseload
Drug Offenses	= 124 cases or 12% of the total new caseload
Crimes against property/persons	= 236 cases or 22% of the total new caseload
Sex crimes	= 88 cases or 1% of the total new caseload

The Ethnic demographics of the Section are as follows:

Chamorro	= 47%
Chuukese / FSM citizens	= 26%
Palauan	= 4%
Filipino	= 10%
Caucasian	= 4%
Black	= 1%
All others	= 8%.

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Director of Policy Planning and Community Relations 475-3278
Deputy Administrative Director's Office 475-3128
Court Programs Office 475-3202
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Client Services and Family Counseling Division 475-3383/3101
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TDD 477-8043

Courts and Ministerial Division 475-3357
Traffic Violation Bureau 475-3274/3121
Small Claims 475-3326
Jury Commissioner 475-3440
Facsimile 472-2856

Financial Management Division 475-3411
Accounts Payable 475-3197
Payroll 475-3214
Human Resources Division 475-3399/29/3239
TDD 477-6953/3239
Facsimile 477-3184

Judicial Hearing Division

Child Support Office 475-3142/3494
Facsimile 477-5023

Management Information System Division 475-3122/3126
Facsimile 477-3184

Marshals Division

Marshal of the Courts 475-3215
Deputy Chief Marshal 475-3315
Automation Section 475-3545
Criminal Section 475-3487
Civil/Small Claims Section 475-3513
Traffic Section 475-3445
Child Support Section 475-3508
Security Section 475-3515
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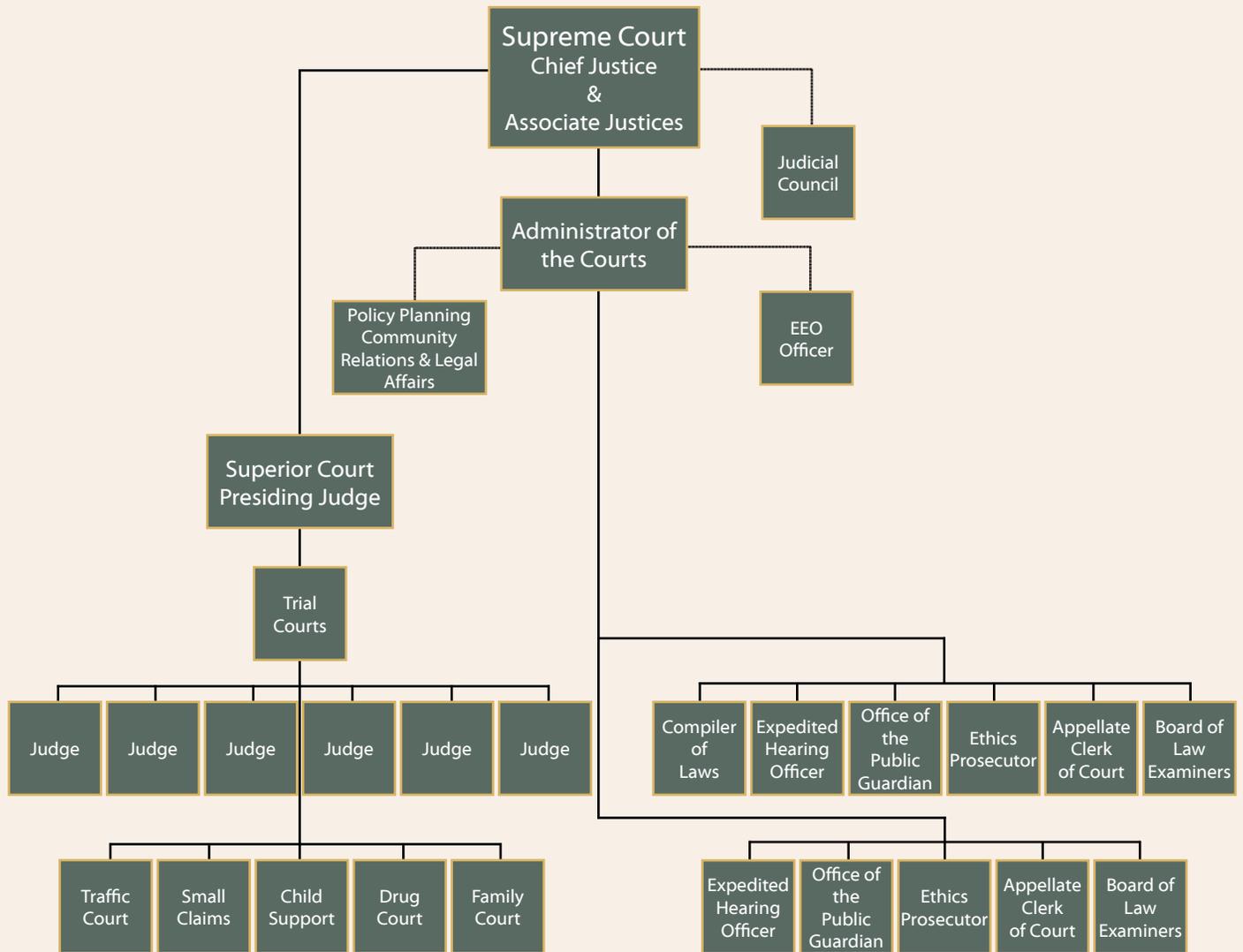
Probation Division

Chief Probation Office 475-3448
Pre-Trial 475-3466
Alternative Sentencing Office 475-3305
Juvenile Probation Services 475-3453
Adult Probation Services 475-3375
Office Duty/Intake 475-3388/3174
Juvenile Drug Court 475-3373
Adult Drug Court 475-3361
Adult Drug Unit 475-3151
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Unified Judiciary of Guam

administrative organizational chart



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 in the Western Pacific.

The courts will resolve matters and provide court services in a timely and efficient manner, be user friendly, understandable, accessible and affordable to court users through the use of innovative resources and practices; have sufficient resources to support operations, programs and services; develop highly skilled and satisfied judges and personnel; and be cost effective, accountable, and fiscally responsible.

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.



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