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## Terlaje Takes Oath as Judiciary's Eighth Judge

AFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE, INTEGRITY, AND IMPARTIALITY

(Hagåtña, Guam) Reinforcing the court's commitment to the delivery of timely justice, the Honorable John C. Terlaje was officially sworn in as the eighth judge of the Superior Court before his family, esteemed guests, and members of the Judiciary this afternoon.

***"Judge Terlaje brings to the bench a wealth of experience in both private practice and government service,"*** Chief Justice Robert J. Torres stated during his welcoming remarks. ***"I am confident that he will become a highly respected jurist, known for fair and balanced judgment."***

Terlaje was nominated by Governor Lourdes Leon Guerrero in October of last year following the inclusion of an additional judge in the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Act. The judge's arrival comes at a crucial time for the branch, with judicial officers committed to resolving disputes expeditiously.

***"As we welcome our newest member to the bench, we acknowledge that transitioning to this role will not be easy. However, we are confident that the learning curve will not be long or steep,"*** said Chief Justice Torres about Judge Terlaje. ***"We trust that he will approach his docket with the same determination he brought to all of his professional efforts—steadied by a commitment to judicial independence, integrity, and impartiality."***

Judge Terlaje formerly served as a law clerk for Presiding Judge Alberto Lamorena III; the treasurer of the Guam Bar Association; attorney at his private law firm, the Law Office of John C. Terlaje; and an educator.

In his Judicial Address, Judge Terlaje urged, ***"I encourage all people here today—attorneys, teachers, doctors, clerks, managers, everybody—take the time to assist those in need, even if it's just a small gesture or a minute of your time. It will always be remembered."***

***"I look forward to working with everyone here and most especially the employees of the Judiciary,"*** concluded Terlaje. ***"Without them, this third branch of government would not function."***

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