



BEFORE THE 2009 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
RESOLUTION NO. JC 09-004

RELATIVE TO COMMENDING THE JUDICIARY OF GUAM AND THE GUAM BAR ASSOCIATION FOR A JOB WELL DONE IN
CELEBRATING LAW WEEK 2008

WHEREAS, In commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Law Day, the Judiciary of Guam, led by Chief Justice Robert J. Torres and the Guam Bar Association (“GBA”) co-hosted a series of events that brought thousands of citizens together to celebrate the rule of law, emphasize the accessibility of the courts and raise awareness about the legal resources available on the island.

WHEREAS, Joining forces to recognize the importance of Law Day, all three branches of the Government of Guam issued resolutions proclaiming May 1 as Law Day and April 27 to May 4, 2008, as Law Week.

WHEREAS, The Law Week Committee includes the following members: Rodney Jacob, Esq. co-chair for the GBA, Danielle Rosete, Esq., co-chair for the Judiciary, Maria Cenzone, Esq., Ana Maria Gayle, Esq., Dana Gutierrez, Esq., Minakshi Hemlani, Esq., Rebecca Perez-Santo Tomas, Esq., Rawlen Mantanona, Esq., Joleen Respicio, Tricia Taimanglo, Monica Wusstig, Dina Jacob, and Amanda S. Wooley; and

WHEREAS, The Judicial Council commends the members of the committee for their outstanding efforts towards strengthening and expanding the rule of law and recognize their significant achievements which include the following:

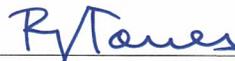
- * GBA sponsored a golf tournament to benefit LASH, Inc. – a non-profit charity of the GBA designed to assist *pro se* litigants, many of whom cannot afford to retain private counsel or do not qualify for court-appointed or free legal services, by providing them with forms, guides and other resources to allow them adequate access to the legal process;
- * Appearance on news and radio talk shows throughout the month of April 2008 to inform the public of the importance of Law Day and the Rule of Law;
- * Preparation of media write-ups from the legal and law enforcement community, various non-profit organizations and court-related community partners about the services provided which were featured during the month of April 2008 in the Pacific Daily News;
- * Organization of a 5-kilometer race entitled “Race Judicata,” which included over 250 participants ages 5 and up;
- * Arrangement of local and federal courthouse tours for the public during Law Week;
- * Involvement of kindergarten and middle school students to participate in the celebration by performing fairy tale mock trials mixed with laughter and learning throughout Law Week;
- * Sponsorship of an art contest attracting over 75 entries from elementary school students and an essay contest from middle and high school students that generated numerous submissions;
- * Production of “Children At Risk: The Juvenile Justice System” a video about teen drug use and school violence, released and featured on Guam’s Public Television station during Law Week. The video addresses what happens when students enter into the juvenile judicial system, and will be used as part of an outreach program in the schools that is designed to help students understand their roles and responsibilities in life and the consequences of their decision;
- * Organization of a two-day Law Fair at the Agana Shopping Center for the first time on Guam, inviting members of the legal and law enforcement community, various non-profit organizations and court-related community partners to come together to participate in a series of weekend community events designed to educate the public about the services provided by these members. In addition to sports events, cultural entertainment, and participant displays, the public was also able to observe an appellate court session and attend over 15 mini-classes on practical legal topics conducted by members of the GBA and court personnel;
- * Presentation of the first *Husticia* Award (modeled on the ABA’s Liberty Award) to the men and women of the Armed Forces;
- * In an effort to recognize members of the community who contribute to serving the people of Guam, the presentation of a Judicial Council Resolution recognizing Cerila Rapadas, long-time Executive Director of Catholic Social Services, who, together with the other members of the Board of Directors of Catholic Social Services and its many volunteers, contribute to the community in ways that are immeasurable.

WHEREAS, On February 13, 2009, the Judiciary of Guam and the Guam Bar Association were recognized by the American Bar Association at the ABA Mid-Year meeting as the winners of the 2008 Law Day Outstanding Activity Award;

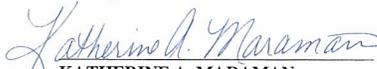
WHEREAS, The Law Week Committee members accomplishments are numerous, significant, and worthy of recognition and commendation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Judicial Council congratulates and commends the committee for their accomplishments in preserving and strengthening the rule of law.

DULY ADOPTED this 26th day of February, 2009 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.


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