

BEFORE THE 2010 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM

RESOLUTION NO. JC 10-013  
RELATIVE TO APPROVING THE ABA AMENDMENT TO RULE 2.2 OF THE  
BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

WHEREAS, at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association, ABA Delegates C. Elisia Frazier (Principal Sponsor), Tom Bolt, Laura V. Farber, Suzanne E. Gilbert, Alan O. Olson proposed an Amendment to the American Bar Association Constitution and Bylaws, specifically, that §2.2 of the Bylaws be amended to provide that the following territories shall have one seat in the House of Delegates: American Samoa, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Also the proposal amends §§6.2, 6.4, 6.9, 6.11, 42.2 and 49.1 of the Bylaws to reflect that each territory, as defined, shall have a seat in the House of Delegates.

WHEREAS, the Guam Bar Association was represented at the 2010 Annual Meeting by its President, Cynthia Ecube, along with the Honorable Robert J. Torres, Jr., Chief Justice, Guam ABA Delegate Dana Gutierrez, and other officers and representatives of the Guam Bar Association, who all reported favorably on the proposal, and

WHEREAS, the Guam Bar Association is in enthusiastic support of this Amendment to the ABA Constitution and Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, a subcommittee of the American Bar Association Committee on Credentials and Admissions submitted a Report, attached hereto as Attachment A, concluding that the Committee's recommendation adopting the amendment represents an equitable treatment of all of United States territories. The Committee concluded that the proposed amendment will encourage members of all non-state bar associations to be actively involved in the work of the ABA and increase the ABA's goal of promoting diversity and the rule of law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Judicial Council hereby supports and endorses the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the bylaws the following territories shall have one seat in the House of Delegates: American Samoa, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Also the proposal amends §§6.2, 6.4, 6.9, 6.11, 42.2 and 49.1 of the Bylaws to reflect that each territory, as defined, shall have a seat in the House of Delegates is hereby APPROVED by the Judicial Council of Guam

DULY ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

  
ROBERT J. TORRES, Chairman

Date: 07-15-10

ATTEST:

  
JOLEEN F. RESPICIO, Secretary

Date: 07-15-10