



BEFORE THE 2018 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM

RESOLUTION NO. JC 18-011

**RELATIVE TO REVIEW OF JURISDICTIONAL LIMIT FOR
SMALL CLAIMS COURT**

WHEREAS, Title 7 Guam Code Annotated § 4208, entitled “Mandatory Annual Review of Jurisdictional Limits,” provides that “In April of each year commencing with 1990, the Judicial Council shall consider adjustment of the jurisdictional limits for the Small Claims Division, and may adjust upwards the jurisdiction limits of the amount of claims allowed in the Small Claims Division based upon increases in the cost of living indices prepared by the Guam Department of Commerce and the United States government, and based upon the availability of attorneys to take small claims cases;” and

WHEREAS, as part of the Judiciary’s Civil Justice Reform efforts, the Superior Court of Guam will examine small claims and civil cases to specifically address the jurisdictional limits and causes of action. Because reform efforts are in its early stages, the Superior Court of Guam Clerk of Court requested that the small claims jurisdictional amount remain status quo;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, after a review of the small claims jurisdictional amount under 7 GCA § 4208, the Judicial Council agrees not to take any action to change the small claims jurisdictional amount until the next annual review to take place in April 2019.

DULY ADOPTED this 27th day of April 2018 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.


KATHERINE A. MARAMAN, Chairwoman

Dated: May 3, 2018

ATTEST:



JOANNA S. McDONALD, Secretary

Dated: 5/3/2018