



Judiciary of Guam

FY 2026 Travel Expenditures by Funding Source

1st Quarter (October to December 2025)

Traveler	Purpose of Travel	Source of Funds	Cost of the Travel
Carbullido, F. Philip	The 2025 Appellate Judges Education Institute Summit on November 13-16, 2025 in Minnesota, Minneapolis.	Local Appropriations	\$ 4,226.33
Diaz, Sophia S.	The Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) 2025 Midyear Meeting on December 3-5, 2025 in Savannah, Georgia.	Local Appropriations	3,780.54
Eschbach, Maria Erica	The Appellate Judges Education Institute Summit on November 13-16, 2025 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.	Local Appropriations	3,380.60
Maraman, Katherine A.	The Appellate Judges Education Institute Summit on November 13-16, 2025 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.	Local Appropriations	4,283.98
Rosete, Danielle T.	The Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) 2025 Midyear Meeting on December 3-5, 2025 in Savannah, Georgia.	Local Appropriations	4,153.44
Sison Jr., Benjamin C.	The American Judges Association (AJA) 2025 Annual Conference on October 11-16, 2025 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.	Local Appropriations	1,700.00
Torres, Robert J.	The Pacific Judicial Council (PJC) 2025 American College of Trial Lawyers Trial Practice Training on November 4-7, 2025 in Kolonia, Pohnpei.	Local Appropriations	290.00

Traveler	Purpose of Travel	Source of Funds	Cost of the Travel
Torres, Robert J.	The 30th Annual William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence Dinner on November 20, 2025 in Washington, D.C.	Local Appropriations	1,119.62
Grand Total			\$ 22,934.51



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Traveler's Name/Position Title	Justice F. Philip Carbullido	
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	2025 AJEI Summit	
Division	Supreme Court of Guam	Organization Judiciary of Guam
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	November 13 - 16, 2025	
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel, The Depot, Minneapolis, MN	

Traveler's Report (Highlight the information you gathered at the event and how it impacts your role/responsibilities at the Judiciary. Describe how it will be beneficial to achieving the Judiciary's mission of delivering justice fairly and efficiently through transparent, inclusive, and accessible court services.)

This memo reports on the educational sessions I attended at The Appellate Judges Education Institute (AJEI) Summit. It was held at the Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel in Minneapolis, MN from Thursday, November 13 to Sunday, November 16, 2025. This program is designed for appellate judges.

I attended the following plenary educational sessions, the description of which can be found in the attached agenda:

Plenary 1: The Death of the Chevron Doctrine: The Future of Regulatory Power and Litigation
Plenary 2: Life of an Appeal in the Age of AI: From Trial Court to Appellate Decision
Plenary 3: R.E.S.P.E.C.T – LGBTQ Inclusion in the Courtroom and Workplace
Plenary 4: Writing Like the Greats in the 21st Century: An Advanced Appellate Writing Workshop
Plenary 5: Suter on Souter: A Justice Remembered
Plenary 6: Restoring Public Confidence in the Courts in a Highly Politicized Environment
Plenary 7: Do Something! Ethical Responses to Judicial and Lawyer Misconduct
Plenary 8: A Legacy of Leadership: From Football to the Law and Social Justice
Plenary 9: Supreme Court Review: Civil and Criminal
Plenary 11: What about US? The Role of State Constitutional Rights Following Recent U.S. Supreme Court Decisions
Plenary 12: Stories in Courage: Fredrick McGhee and Civil Rights Advocacy in Minnesota

I also attended breakout sessions and some social events, facilitating networking. The topics presented helped me improve my knowledge and skills as an appellate judge. The AJEI annual summit is the premier conference for appellate judges and lawyers, and this year was no different. The speakers were prominent scholars in their respective fields. The topics were balanced between the academic and practical aspects of appellate practice.

I have enclosed my boarding passes and other documents under the JOG Travel Policy.

Thank you for approving my travel request to attend this event. I am available to discuss the topics in our mutual interest to improve judicial training at the Judiciary.

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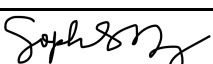
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Traveler's Name/Position Title	Sophia Santos Diaz, Deputy Administrator of the Courts (Deputy AOC)	
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Conference of State Court Administrators MidYear Meeting	
Division	AOC	Organization Judiciary of Guam
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	December 4-5, 2025	
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Savannah, Georgia	
Traveler's Report (Highlight the information you gathered at the event and how it impacts your role/responsibilities at the Judiciary. Describe how it will be beneficial to achieving the Judiciary's mission of delivering justice fairly and efficiently through transparent, inclusive, and accessible court services.)		
I attended the MidYear meeting of the Conference of State Court Administrators at the invitation of the Administrator of the Courts, who was encouraged to bring her deputy based on topics on the meeting agenda. Sessions on the first day of the meeting covered tools and strategies for advocating for financial support from the appropriations-making body, for handling budget constraints, and for supplementing budget needs where appropriate. Several of the panelists offered tips for revenue enhancement and cost savings measures. I took particular note of one jurisdiction's efforts to reduce technical violations that may result in incarceration which would thereby lead to reduced detention costs. Other topics on the first day included managing case management system transitions, which was particularly relevant for us as we make the move from JustWare to eCourt and eSupervision, and how to manage Court-Vendor partnerships. The second day of the meeting consisted of several sessions on artificial intelligence (A.I.). Among the most helpful tips was a framework for assessment regarding when and how to use A.I. For example, a highlighted inquiry was what the direct impact the use of A.I. would have on the delivery of justice services and even more specifically, what the consequences of getting it wrong would be. Additionally, a thoughtful observation that I found relevant was that given the cost of the deployment of such technologies and the speed of innovation, what one might assume would develop an efficiency or reduced cost may not actually have that benefit. All of this information is helpful to me as I carry out my duties as Deputy AOC, which include leading efforts in our transition from JustWare to eCourt and eSupervision and managing the daily operations of the Judiciary.		
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Traveler's Name/Position Title	Maria Erica Eschbach, Staff Attorney	
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	2025 Appellate Judges Education Institute Summit for Judges and Lawyers	
Division	Supreme Court	Organization Judiciary of Guam
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	November 13-16, 2025	
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel, The Depot	
Traveler's Report (Highlight the information you gathered at the event and how it impacts your role/responsibilities at the Judiciary. Describe how it will be beneficial to achieving the Judiciary's mission of delivering justice fairly and efficiently through transparent, inclusive, and accessible court services.)		
I attended the annual Appellate Judges Education Institute (AJEI) Summit for Judges and Lawyers from November 13-16, 2025, in Minneapolis, MN. AJEI is the preeminent provider of education for appellate judges and lawyers in the United States. The 2025 Summit was attended by hundreds of judges, lawyers, and staff attorneys from across the country. The educational program featured a number of highly regarded speakers covering a wide range of topics on appellate courts and appellate practice, including a session on the death of the Chevron doctrine featuring former Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar, advanced appellate writing taught by Professor Joe Regalia, and a U.S. Supreme Court update by Dean Erwin Chemerinsky. Additionally, I was a member of the education committee for this year's Summit and put together a panel of speakers for a session on the evolving standards of review of digital evidence. The Summit has kept me informed of issues and trends affecting the delivery of justice services in appellate courts and has enhanced my knowledge and skills as Staff Attorney.		
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Traveler's Name/Position Title	Associate Justice Katherine A. Maraman	
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Appellate Judges Educational Institute Summit 2025	
Division	Supreme Court	Organization
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	November 13 - 16	
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Minneapolis, Minnesota	

Traveler's Report (Highlight the information you gathered at the event and how it impacts your role/responsibilities at the Judiciary. Describe how it will be beneficial to achieving the Judiciary's mission of delivering justice fairly and efficiently through transparent, inclusive, and accessible court services.)

The summit is the primary educational program for appellate judges. The presenters bring to the judges attention important developments in the law, provides seminars to improve our skills and other information relative to the administration of the courts.

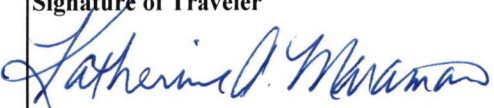
U. S. Constitutional Law. The main presenter on constitutional law was Dean Erwin Chemerinsky. He reviewed the important cases from the most recent U. S. Supreme Court's term. He also commented on important cases that will be heard in the new term. Other sessions included discussion of regulatory power in light of the death of the Chevron doctrine. One presentation was on the Roberts Court in the areas of separation of powers and originalism. Finally, there was a session on standing.

Some seminars provided information on improving our skills. There was one on advanced legal writing. Another was on appeals using AI. This included comments on counsel's use of AI and the Court's use of AI. The primary concerns were verifying truthfulness and completeness. A group reminded us of our responsibility to be fair and impartial by discussing respect for LGBTQ litigants. Another presentation concerned disagreement in reaching conclusion. The distinction and role of dissent and concurrence were explained.

Of great concern to state courts is the view that courts have become partisan and that decisions are based on political affiliation. There was an important discussion of restoring public confidence in the Courts.

Discussions impacting the administration of justice included Appropriate Response to judicial and lawyer misconduct. Also discussed was the growing number of amicus participants in litigation. Of concern is the how amicus' briefs and argument impact the decision considering that they are not parties.

Two other topics of interest were the new structure of military courts including the appeal process and the role of state constitutional rights in light of some recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions.

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Traveler's Name/Position Title	Danielle T. Rosete, Administrator of the Courts		
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	COSCA Midyear Meeting		
Division	AOC	Organization	Judiciary of Guam
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	December 3 - 5, 2025		
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Savannah, Georgia		
Traveler's Report (Highlight the information you gathered at the event and how it impacts your role/responsibilities at the Judiciary. Describe how it will be beneficial to achieving the Judiciary's mission of delivering justice fairly and efficiently through transparent, inclusive, and accessible court services.)			
The Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) held its Midyear meeting in Savannah, Georgia. The Midyear meeting attended by state court administrators from all court jurisdictions provided educational training to the attendees on various topics relevant to court administration including budget management, managing technology solutions and challenges, AI readiness for courts, case management systems, and language access. The sessions I attended provided me with practical skills I can apply in my position as administrator. The sessions allowed for meaningful dialogue from the court administrators and participants about how the topics presented can help improve the overall mission of delivering justice. While all the sessions were relevant, the topics most relevant to existing work with our Judiciary were the sessions on case management systems (CMS) as we are in the final stages of migrating our current CMS, Artificial Intelligence to learn more about how AI can be a component to improve access to justice and automation, and ensuring we have an adequate budget to ensure access to justice is provided. I also attended the General Business meeting for COSCA members and during the meeting provided a written and oral report on subcommittee work for the subcommittee on Courts, Children and Families which I co-chair. COSCA members were also required to provide updates about their courts at the Western Region meeting. Finally, as a member of the Court Statistics Committee, the committee held a meeting to discuss data needs and updates. Overall, attending the COSCA Midyear meeting has helped me learn more about advancing and improving the work of our court operations, engage and network with other court administrators, and applying what I have learned to our court. The education sessions presented also provided information relevant to several of the Judiciary's Strategic Pillars.			
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Traveler's Name/Position Title	Benjamin C Sison Jr	
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	American Judges Association Annual Conference 2025	
Division	Courts	Organization Superior Court of Guam
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	October 11-16 2025	
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Vancouver BC, Canada	
Traveler's Report (Highlight the information you gathered at the event and how it impacts your role/responsibilities at the Judiciary. Describe how it will be beneficial to achieving the Judiciary's mission of delivering justice fairly and efficiently through transparent, inclusive, and accessible court services.)		
Attached was the conference agenda for the AJA 2025 Annual Conference. At the conference, presenters from various courts in Canada and United States discussed how their courts are responding to evolving community needs, demographic shifts, and differing expectations of judicial institutions. These discussions highlight practical strategies and lessons learned to support public trust and confidence in the judiciary. In addition technology company reps presented and were made available throughout the conference to discuss how new technologies have been developed and are being developed to further enhance the efficient delivery of court services, including those services delivered by judicial officers.		
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Traveler's Name/Position Title	Robert J. Torres / Chief Justice		
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Pacific Judicial Council American College of Trial Lawyers - Trial Practice Training		
Division	Supreme	Organization	Judiciary of Guam
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	November 4-7, 2025		
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Kolonia, Pohnpei		
Traveler's Report (Highlight the information you gathered at the event and how it impacts your role/responsibilities at the Judiciary. Describe how it will be beneficial to achieving the Judiciary's mission of delivering justice fairly and efficiently through transparent, inclusive, and accessible court services.)			
I traveled to Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, from November 4–7, 2025, to attend the PJC 2025 American College of Trial Lawyers – Trial Practice Training in my official capacity as President of the Pacific Judicial Council. The Pacific Judicial Council covered airfare, lodging, and registration. Funding was requested solely for a rental vehicle for official transportation while in Pohnpei. The conference provided advanced instruction on key issues impacting judicial practice and administration. Sessions included Artificial Intelligence in Discovery and Motion Practice, Proportionate Discovery after the Rule 26 Amendments, Complex Litigation and Early Case Management, Constitutional and Statutory Interpretation, Judicial Ethics and Civility, Evidentiary Rule Updates, Judging in the Media Spotlight, and Juvenile Justice Reform. Training was delivered by experienced jurists and legal practitioners. This training directly supports my responsibilities by strengthening oversight of discovery, improving case management in complex matters, reinforcing ethical standards, and preparing the Judiciary for emerging technology in litigation. These benefits directly advance the Judiciary's mission of delivering fair, efficient, transparent, and accessible justice.			
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Traveler's Name/Position Title	Robert J. Torres / Chief Justice	
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	30th Annual William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence Dinner	
Division	Supreme	Organization Judiciary of Guam
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	November 20, 2025	
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Washington, D.C.	
Traveler's Report (Highlight the information you gathered at the event and how it impacts your role/responsibilities at the Judiciary. Describe how it will be beneficial to achieving the Judiciary's mission of delivering justice fairly and efficiently through transparent, inclusive, and accessible court services.)		
After chairing and attending the 2025 Appellate Judges Education Institute (AJEI) Summit in Minneapolis, I participated in the NCSC Fall Events, the Chief Justices Roundtable, and the 30th Annual William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence Dinner sponsored by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). The Rehnquist Dinner is the capstone of NCSC's annual Fall Events and stands as one of the most significant national gatherings honoring judicial leadership, innovation, and service. Attending this event was both timely and professionally significant. It allowed me to: - Represent the Judiciary of Guam at a major national convening of chief justices, appellate judges, and court leaders; - Continue strengthening Guam's institutional relationship with NCSC, whose guidance and resources have supported court improvement and judicial education in state and territorial courts nationwide; - Participate in substantive discussions on judicial governance, access to justice, and emerging trends in court administration; and - Ensure continuity and national connectivity for the Judiciary of Guam. -Discuss our SJI grants Given the official nature and clear relevance of this event to my duties as Chief Justice. Please find my receipts attached.		
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