



**JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM  
REGULAR MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025 | 12:00 PM  
GUAM JUDICIAL CENTER**

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BID NO.:	DUE DATE:	TIME:	DESCRIPTION:
GPA-070-25	08/29/2025	10:00 A.M.	Pad Mounted Transformers (Revenue)
GPA-072-25	08/28/2025	9:00 A.M.	Extension Brackets (Revenue)
GPA-073-25	08/28/2025	10:00 A.M.	Pole Mounted Transformers (Revenue)
GPA-074-25	08/28/2025	11:00 A.M.	New Current 2026 Small / Mid Size, Four Wheel Drive Pickup Truck (CIP)

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/s/ John M. Benavente, P.E.  
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## Notice of Meeting

The Guam Board of Accountancy will hold its monthly Board meeting on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. This meeting is open to the public via Zoom Video Conference. Anyone desiring to join the virtual meeting may enter the following link in a browser:

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Our YouTube livestreaming events link for all Regular Board Meetings is available on the Board's website at: <http://www.guamboa.org/policies/activities.htm>.

### AGENDA

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- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 17, 2025
- III. OLD BUSINESS
  - Guam Accountancy Endowment Fund Update
  - Visiting Professor Update
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Requests for Approval
  - Applications for Initial Certification & Licensure
- V. GENERAL DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS
- VI. ADJOURNMENT
  - NASBA Candidate Care Quarterly Report Q2 2025
  - Guam CPA Exam Summary Q2 2025
  - SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1: Professional Licensing Board Administrative Services Agreement between the Government of Guam and Sanford Technology Group LLC
  - FY2025 GBOA YTD Financial Summary

The names of applicants being considered are available on the Board's website at: <http://www.guamboa.org/policies/activities.htm>, along with other Board meeting materials. Detail materials will be available on the website one day before the meeting. Individuals requiring special accommodations or information may contact Ms. Anna Aflague at the Guam Board of Accountancy at 671-647-0813 FAX: 671-647-0816 or [support@guamboa.org](mailto:support@guamboa.org) for assistance.

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Attorneys for Petitioner

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

PATRICIA PAULINO BENAVENTE,  
DECEASED.

PROBATE CASE NO. **PRO097-25**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given by the undersigned, Dian Xing Hao, Administrator of the Estate of Patricia Paulino Benavente, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against Guam or estate or against said decedent, that within (60) days after the first publication of this notice, they either file their claims in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Guam, or exhibit them with the necessary vouchers to PACIFIC LAW PROFESSIONALS, PLLC 277 Chalan Santo Papa Hagätña, Guam 96910, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said Estate.

Dated: AUG-04-2025

/s/ Dian Xing Hao  
Administrator

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

JEFFERY WARREN SKVARIL,

Decedent.

PROBATE CASE NO. **PRO098-25**

### NOTICE OF HEARING

THIS NOTICE IS REQUIRED BY LAW. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN COURT UNLESS YOU DESIRE.

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kody Skvaril has filed a Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary.
2. A hearing on the petition will be heard on **Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 10:10 a.m., before the Hon. Judge Elyze M. Iriarte.**
3. To attend or to participate in the hearing, you may appear in person at the Guam Judicial Center, appear remotely at <https://guamcourts.org.zoom.us> and enter Meeting ID: 864 4387 2213 and Passcode: JEMI, or call into the courtroom at 671-300-6703 at the designated hearing time. For connectivity issues, you may contact Jannette Samson at (671)475-0141 or email [jsamson@guamcourts.gov](mailto:jsamson@guamcourts.gov).

DATED: 31 JULY 2025

JANICE N. CAMACHO-PEREZ,  
Clerk of Court, Superior Court of Guam  
/s/ Alice B. Mendoza  
Courtroom/Chamber Clerk



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/s/ Andriana Quitugua  
Acting Chief Procurement Officer



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Judicial Council of Guam will conduct its monthly meeting on **Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. in the Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom, Guam Judicial Center, 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hagätña and via videoconference.**

The meeting will also be streamed live on the Judiciary of Guam YouTube: <https://youtube.com/TheJudiciaryofGuam>  
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Attorneys for Petitioner  
Alexandra Jean Aguon Castro

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
ALEXANDER PAUL MANTANONA CASTRO,  
Deceased.

PROBATE CASE NO. PRO064-25

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Alexandra Jean Aguon Castro has filed herein her Petition for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Alexander Paul Mantanona Castro, Deceased, and that on **AUG 27 2025**, at **9:00 a.m.**, before the Honorable Dana A. Gutierrez, Judge, Superior Court of Guam, Hagåtña, Guam, has been set the hearing on said petition and all persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the time and place set for said hearing and show cause if any they have why the petition should not be granted.

Reference is hereby made to the said petition for further particulars.

Dated: **JUL 03 2025**.

/s/ Pauline I. Untalan  
Chamber/Courtroom Clerk  
SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

You may appear in person at Judge Dana A. Gutierrez's Courtroom, 120 W. O'Brien Drive, Hagåtña, Guam or you may participate via Zoom by logging onto <https://guamcourts.org.zoom.us> and enter the Meeting ID: **839 7874 0380** and Passcode: **189701**. For technical assistance, please call (671) 475-3207 five (5) minutes prior to the designated hearing time.

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF  
SOLEDAD TORRES UNSIOG,  
Decedent.

PROBATE CASE NO. **PRO104-25**

### AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

THIS NOTICE IS REQUIRED BY LAW. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN COURT UNLESS YOU DESIRE.

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ma Teogenesa Q. Salayon has filed a Petition for Letters of Administration.

2. A hearing on the petition will be heard on **Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.** before the Hon. Judge Elyze M. Iriarte.

3. To attend or to participate in the hearing, you may appear in person at the Guam Judicial Center, appear remotely at <https://guamcourts.org.zoom.us> and enter Meeting ID: **864 4387 2213** and Passcode: **JEMI**; or call into the courtroom at **671-300-6703** at the designated hearing time. For connectivity issues, you may contact Jannette Samson at (671) 475-0141 or email [jsamson@guamcourts.gov](mailto:jsamson@guamcourts.gov).

DATED: **16 JUL 2025**.

JANICE M CAMACHO-PEREZ  
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/s/ Alice B. Mendoza  
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### NOTICE OF MEETING

**IN-PERSON MEETING AT 9:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025.**

A live broadcast of this meeting is available to the public on the CSC website at [csc.guam.gov](http://csc.guam.gov) or on [GovGuam.tv](http://GovGuam.tv). The public can also access a live stream of this meeting via zoom by using the link or Meeting ID and Passcode provided below: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87193378179?pwd=HGw9ZlZ3FCWVPkaSeshkyGzYFY3Z6z.1>

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(1) HEARING ON THE MERITS.  
Davida D. Herrera vs. Port Authority of Guam (PAG); CSC Case No.: 25-AA02T.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS:  
(1) SIGNING: DECISION AND JUDGMENT.  
Bryan J. Cruz vs. Office of the Attorney General (OAG);
- CSC Case No.: 25-WB01.
- V. GENERAL BUSINESS:  
(1) Bills and Laws affecting CSC: None.  
(2) Administrative Counsel Litigation Update.  
(3) Administrative Matters:  
(a) Board Training; Civil Service Commission Board Members.  
VI. ADJOURNMENT.

For special accommodations, please contact Maria P. Masnayan, CSC ADA Coordinator at (671) 647-1872 / (671) 647-1855.  
/s/ Daniel D. Leon Guerrero, Executive Director  
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### INVITATION FOR BID

**NO: IFB 25-08**

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The Judiciary of Guam is accepting bids from qualified vendors for **LAPTOPS** for the Judiciary of Guam.

Interested and qualified vendors may request for printed or electronic copies of the IFB package from the Procurement Office, 1st Floor, Guam Judicial Center in Hagåtña, Guam, on **August 19, 2025 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Guam Standard Time**, Monday to Friday, except Government of Guam holidays.

ALL BIDS must be submitted to the Procurement Office **no later than 2:00 pm, September 9, 2025 Guam Standard Time**. ALL BIDS will be publicly opened and read aloud on that said date and time at the Administrator of the Courts Conference Room, 1st Floor, Guam Judicial Center in Hagåtña, Guam.

For any periodic updates of the IFB please visit the Judiciary's website: [www.guamcourts.org](http://www.guamcourts.org). For further information or to request for copies of the IFB package, please contact the Procurement Office at **(671) 475-3290/3175/3212/3141/300-7994** or email [mantonio@guamcourts.gov](mailto:mantonio@guamcourts.gov) and [ztandor@guamcourts.gov](mailto:ztandor@guamcourts.gov).

/s/DANIELLE T. ROSETE  
Administrator of the Courts

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## JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

THURSDAY, June 19, 2025

Justice Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom

Guam Judicial Center

Via Zoom Teleconference

## MINUTES

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Judicial Council was recessed to Executive Session by the Chairman, Robert J. Torres, at the hour of 12:31 p.m.

### IN ATTENDANCE IN THE MONESSA G. LUJAN APPELLATE COURTROOM:

Chief Justice Robert J. Torres  
Justice F. Philip Carbullido  
Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III  
Judge Maria T. Cenzone

Also, Present:  
Ms. Danielle T. Rosete, Administrator of the Courts (AOC)  
Ms. Suzane P. Santiago-Hinkle, Staff Attorney  
Mr. Nathan M. Tennyson, Staff Attorney  
Ms. Priscilla Cruz, Court Transcriber, C&M Division  
Ms. Vivian Cruz, Court Transcriber, C&M Division  
Ms. Jessica Perez-Jackson, Judicial Assistant, Executive Secretary

### II. PROOF OF DUE NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Due publication of the five-day Notices of Executive Session of the Judicial Council, as required under the Open Government Law, was published in the Guam Daily Post. Acknowledgments are on file.

### III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III, and Judge Maria T. Cenzone attended. AOC Danielle T. Rosete joined them, along with Staff Attorney Suzane P. Santiago-Hinkle, and Staff Attorney Nathan Tennyson, Court Transcribers Priscilla Cruz and Vivian Cruz, and Judicial Council Executive Secretary Jessica Perez-Jackson.



#### **IV. STAFF ATTORNEY'S REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION AND SUBJECT MATTER**

Staff Attorney Nathan M. Tennyson requested, in a memo addressed to the Judicial Council dated May 27, 2025, to hold an Executive Session to discuss the ongoing litigation matter:

- *Sherif A. Philips, MD vs. Guam Superior Court*, Superior Court of Guam, CV0329-25

Presiding Judge Lamorena motioned to move to Executive Session; Judge Cenzone seconded the motion. Chief Justice Torres called an oral vote. Council members voted in favor.


#### **V. TRANSCRIPTS**

Transcripts of this executive session are being prepared and will be sealed for six (6) months from the date of the executive session unless further sealed by a court order.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**At 12:40 p.m., Chief Justice Torres entertained a motion to rise to Regular Session. Presiding Judge Lamorena made the motion; Judge Cenzone seconded. The public meeting of the Judicial Council resumed. Chief Justice Torres stated that no decision needs to be made in the Regular Session due to convening in Executive Session.**

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of August 2025.

  
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JESSICA PEREZ-JACKSON  
Executive Secretary,  
Judicial Council of Guam

  
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**ROBERT J. TORRES**  
Chairman

**Dated:** 08/21/2025



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## MINUTES

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The Regular Meeting of the Judicial Council was called to order by the Chairman, Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, at the hour of 12:04 p.m.

### ROLL CALL:

Chief Justice Robert J. Torres (VIA ZOOM)  
Justice F. Philip Carbullido  
Justice Katherine A. Maraman (excused)  
Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III  
Judge Maria T. Cenzone (excused; court)

Present in the Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom:  
Ms. Danielle T. Rosete, Administrator of the Courts  
Ms. Dianne Gudmalin, Finance Administrator  
Ms. Barbara Jean Perez, Human Resources Administrator  
Ms. Hannah G. Arroyo, Clerk of Court, Supreme  
Ms. Sarah Elmore-Hernandez, Director of Policy, Planning, and Community Relations  
Ms. Erica Eschbach, Staff Attorney  
Mr. Leo S. Diaz, Marshal of the Court  
Ms. Grace Lapid Rosadino, Court Programs Administrator  
Ms. Rosanna Villagomez-Aguon, Chief Probation Officer  
Ms. Trish Suzuki, Deputy Chief Probation Officer  
Ms. Suzane Santiago-Hinkle, Staff Attorney  
Mr. Nathan Tennyson, Staff Attorney  
Ms. Geraldine Cepeda, Complier of Laws  
Ms. Melissa Casil, Deputy CSFC Administrator  
Ms. Dawn Blas, Judicial Educator  
Ms. Elaine Naputi, Program Coordinator, Marshals  
Mr. Robert John Rabago, Management Information Systems Administrator  
Ms. Joleen Respicio, Management Information Systems  
Mr. Andrew Perez, Public Guardian  
Ms. Shelterihna Alokoa, Judicial Assistant & Supreme Court Technical Bailiff  
Mr. Andrew Jay Gimenez, Special Projects Coordinator  
Ms. Jessica Perez-Jackson, Judicial Council Executive Secretary



Also present in the Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom:

Ms. Angel Samaniego, Mock Trial Resolution  
Ms. Myka Imbat, Mock Trial Resolution  
Ms. Abigale Alvarez, Mock Trial Resolution  
Ms. Baegha Bass, Mock Trial Resolution

## **II. PROOF OF DUE NOTICE OF MEETING**

Due publication of the five-day Notices of Meeting of the Judicial Council, as required under the Open Government Law, was published in the Guam Daily Post. Acknowledgments are on file.

## **III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

**Chief Justice Torres began the roll call. Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, Justice F. Philip Carbullido, and Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III identified themselves. Justice Katherine A. Maraman and Judge Maria T. Cenzone were excused. This meeting determined a quorum with three (3) of the five Judicial Council members present during roll call.**

## **IV. READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES: June 19, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes.**

**Chief Justice Torres asked for a motion to approve the June 19, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. Presiding Judge Lamorena made a motion to approve the minutes, Justice Carbullido seconded the motion. Chief Justice Torres called an oral vote. With no discussion, the Judicial Council members voted to approve the minutes, subject to correction.**

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Judiciary FY25 Remittances Pursuant to Applicable Law**

Ms. Dianne Gudmalin, Finance Administrator, reported that the Judiciary continues to receive its scheduled biweekly allotment of \$1,652,000 for general operations under the FY2025 appropriation. According to Ms. Gudmalin, to date, approximately 81% of the total appropriated amount has been received with the most recent allotment deposited on July 1, and the next allotment expected on July 22.

### **B. eCourt and eSupervision Transition**

Administrator of the Courts, Danielle T. Rosete, reported that the Judiciary continues to meet regularly with Journal Technologies and staff on the migration process. She shared that the first phase of the production data conversion is tentatively scheduled for the first week of August. Ms. Rosete explained that the subject matter experts will conduct data testing during this phase, with three total conversion phases planned. She added that once all phases are completed and approved, training for staff and judicial officers will be scheduled, followed by the system's official go-live.

**Chief Justice Torres asked the Council to temporarily skip over Old Business Item C and move on to New Business Item C to recognize the mock trial representatives for their participation and achievements in the 2025 National High School Mock Trial Championship. With no objections, the Council agreed to proceed with New Business Item C.**

**C. Resolution, JC25 – Relative to Adopting a Training Program for Special Deputy Marshals**

Ms. Rosete reported on the proposed training program for special deputy marshals, noting that school attendance officers (DOE) and tax officers (Rev & Tax) are limited to duties tied to their positions. She provided an example explaining that attendance officers may execute pickup orders in truancy cases but lack arrest powers and cannot execute criminal warrants and the training program complies with POST Commission requirements for Category 2 officers.

Council members discussed the possibility of pursuing legislation to expand the authority of special deputy marshals to assist with warrant execution under the supervision of the Court Marshal. It was agreed that the Chief Marshal, Chief Probation Officer, and Legal Counsel would review the proposal and report back within 60 days on its feasibility, statutory considerations, and potential parameters.

**Justice Carbullido moved to adopt the resolution; Presiding Judge Lamorena seconded the motion. The Council unanimously adopted the resolution approving the training program for special deputy marshals.**

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution, JC25-012 – Relative to Commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Guam Public Defender Service Corporation**

The Council ratified Resolution JC 25-12, which had been previously signed and presented to the Public Defender Service Corporation in recognition of its 50th anniversary during the celebration held at the Dusit Thani.

**B. Resolution, JC25- Relative to Ratifying Resolution No. JC25-012 Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Guam Public Defender Service Corporation**

**Presiding Judge Lamorena moved to approve the resolution to ratify JC25-12; Justice Carbullido seconded the motion. The resolution was unanimously approved.**

**C. Resolution, JC25- Relative to recognizing Mock trial Representatives for their participation and Achievements in the 2025 National High School Mock Trial Championship**

Ms. Rosete presented a resolution recognizing Guam's 2025 High School Mock Trial participants for their accomplishments. Honorees included courtroom journalist Giada Meno,



courtroom artist Angel Samaniego, and the Okkodo High School Mock Trial Team. Chief Justice Torres pointed out that Samaniego placed third in the People's Choice category of the National Courtroom Artist Competition, and the Okkodo team earned the prestigious Larry Bakko Award for Professionalism and Civility, awarded by peers for integrity and fair play. Council members commended the students for their professionalism, skill, and representation of Guam, while Presiding Judge Lamorena emphasized the long-standing influence of the island's mock trial program, which has inspired many alumni to pursue law and leadership roles.

**Justice Carbullido moved to approve the resolution; Presiding Judge Lamorena seconded the motion. The resolution was unanimously approved,** followed by a photo session with the students, Council members, and program leaders.

**D. Resolution, JC25- Relative to Proclaiming the Week of July 20-26, 2025 as Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week**

Chief Probation Officer Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon spoke on the resolution in recognition of the national observance of Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week, scheduled for July 20–26, 2025. Following clarification on the resolution's wording, **Presiding Judge Lamorena moved to approve the resolution; Justice Carbullido seconded the motion, and the resolution was unanimously approved.**

**E. Resolution, JC25- Relative to Commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Organic Act of Guam and Recognizing Its Foundational role in the Establishment of Guam's Justice System**

Chief Justice Torres explained that the resolution before Council will be presented during the 75th Anniversary of the Organic Act commemoration events beginning August 1, 2025. Chief Justice Torres indicated that an invitation to the anniversary activities, including a flag raising at Adelup and a naturalization ceremony, will be circulated to all judges. **The chief justice entertained a motion to approve the resolution. Presiding Judge Lamorena made a motion and Justice Carbullido seconded the motion. The Council approved the resolution recognizing the Organic Act's foundational role in establishing Guam's justice system.**

**F. Notice of the Next Meeting (Thursday, August 21, 2025)**

Chief Justice Torres noted that the Council's next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 21, 2025.

## **VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

The Council received notice of events for the 75th Anniversary of the Organic Act of Guam, including flag raisings, ceremonies, exhibits, and festivities throughout August, with invitations to be circulated to all judicial officers.

## VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

### A. Guam Bar Association Board (GBA) – President’s Report

Mr. Phillip Tydingco appeared on behalf of the Guam Bar Association (GBA) Board of Governors to share announcements and updates. He thanked the Judiciary leadership for the opportunity to report and highlighted several upcoming events, a national convention, and survey results of GBA membership regarding pending legislation.

#### Upcoming Events & Announcements:

- **Virtual CLE Series – “Insular Cases, Island Consequences”**
  - July 24, 2025 | 12:00–1:00 PM | Zoom
  - Speaker: Neil Weir, Co-founder and Co-director, Right to Democracy
  - Partnership with NMI Bar Association
- **2025 POWER Act Event (District Court) – Pro bono services & legal contacts for victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence**
  - August 6, 2025 | 8:30–9:30 AM | District Court, 4th Floor Courtroom
  - Speaker: Atty. Carol Hinkle Sanchez, Civil Law Center
- **2025 Annual District Court Conference – “75 Years of the District Court of Guam: Honoring Our Legacy”**
  - September 22, 2025 | Hilton Guam Resort & Spa
  - Conference: 8:00 AM–4:45 PM | Reception: 5:00–7:00 PM
  - Notable speakers include Chief Judge Mary Murguia (9th Circuit), Chief Judge Jeffrey Sutton (6th Circuit), Senior Circuit Judge Margaret McEwen (9th Circuit), Judge Rallison (9th Circuit), and others.
  - Topics: AI updates, best practices in presenting motions, evidentiary foundations, evolving federal law, and conversations with chief judges.
- **NAPABA Convention (Denver, CO) – CLE on Birthright Citizenship and AAPI Belonging**
  - November 8, 2025
  - Co-hosted by GBA
  - Speakers include GBA President Jackie Terlahi, Prof. Rose Villazor (Rutgers Law, originally from Saipan), and Atty. SangJoon Kim (ACLU, New Hampshire).

#### Survey Results – Bill 61-38 (Public Prosecutor Bill):

- 87 active members responded (~30% of membership).
- **69%** favored returning the Attorney General to a governor-appointed position with an elected Public Prosecutor.
- **81%** opposed maintaining the current status quo of an elected Attorney General.
- Respondents were divided on whether both AG and Public Prosecutor should be elected:
  - 54% opposed dual elections.
  - 45% supported dual elections.

Mr. Tydingco concluded his report by thanking the Judiciary for the opportunity to present on behalf of the GBA.




**B. Court Employees Association**

IFIK President Jesse Franquez was excused due to military duty. No report was provided; a report will be given at the next meeting.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Presiding Judge Lamorena moved to adjourn until Thursday, August 21, 2025; Justice Carbullido seconded the motion, and with no objections the meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2025.

  
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JESSICA V. PEREZ-JACKSON  
Executive Secretary  
Judicial Council of Guam

**As set out above, the Minutes of the July 17, 2025 Regular Meeting were approved by the Judicial Council at the August 21, 2025 Regular Meeting.**

  
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**ROBERT J. TORRES**  
Chair



C E R T I F I C A T E O F

# Condolence

*Is Presented to the Family of the Late*

## Honorable Arnold I. Palacios

*In remembrance and appreciation of a devoted public servant who served as Governor and across all branches of government. The Judiciary of Guam extends our deepest sympathy to his wife, Wella, and their children, grandchildren, and his extended family. We are especially grateful for Governor Palacios and the N.M.I.'s participation in our Law Day and Law Month Proclamation and Resolution presentations in recent years. We honor his dedication to improving the lives of the people of the N.M.I and the meaningful friendship he shared with us.*

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**BEFORE THE 2025 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM  
RESOLUTION NO. JC25-018**

**RELATIVE TO THE DECLARATION OF CONSTITUTION DAY AND CONSTITUTION WEEK**

- WHEREAS,** September 17, 2025, marks the 238th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention in 1787; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Constitution established six basic governing principles for our society, including popular sovereignty, rule of law, federalism, judicial review, individual rights, and separation of powers with a system of checks and balances; and
- WHEREAS,** it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and the anniversary of its creation; and
- WHEREAS,** in the more than two centuries since its ratification, it has served as an unparalleled engine for human progress; and
- WHEREAS,** the Judiciary of Guam wishes to share in the celebration of this history, and intends to recognize Constitution Day on September 17, 2025, and to celebrate Constitution Week from September 17 to 23, 2025; and
- WHEREAS,** Constitution Week provides us with a unique opportunity to promote public understanding and appreciation of the importance of the United States Constitution by engaging in community activities, such as outreach educational programs at Guam's schools by our Judicial Officers, attorneys, and law clerks.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Judicial Council does hereby proclaim Wednesday, September 17, 2025, as Constitution Day and September 17 to 23, 2025 as Constitution Week. The Judicial Council on behalf of the Judiciary of Guam urges the citizens, schools, businesses, legal professionals, and media of Guam to use this occasion to reflect on and celebrate the Constitution of the United States.

**DULY ADOPTED** this 21st day of August 2025 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.



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**BEFORE THE 2025 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM  
RESOLUTION NO. JC25-019**

**RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF JURY SERVICE  
AND DECLARING JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK**

**WHEREAS,** the right to a trial by jury is one of the core values of the American judicial system; service by citizens as jurors is indispensable to the judicial system; and the privilege and duty of serving as a juror is as fundamental to democracy as the right to vote; and

**WHEREAS,** participation in jury service is a testament to the civic virtue and responsibility of Guam's people, and all citizens should be encouraged to see the value in service and respond when summoned; and

**WHEREAS,** the Judiciary of Guam sets aside time during the calendar year as Juror Appreciation Week to publicly recognize the contribution of those who are summoned and serve as jurors, to improve communication with jurors and employers, to disseminate a positive message about jury service, and to reinforce public confidence in the justice system; and


**WHEREAS,** the Judiciary of Guam acknowledges and deeply appreciates the dedication and exceptional service displayed by jurors who respond to the call of public duty; and their commitment to upholding the justice system reflects their profound sense of civic responsibility; and

**WHEREAS,** the Judicial Council of Guam supports the goal of educating the public about jury duty and the importance of jury service, applauds the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty, and believes that all jurors should be treated with respect and in a way so that their service is not unduly burdensome.


**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Judicial Council, does hereby proclaim the week of September 8 through 12, 2025 as Juror Appreciation Week.

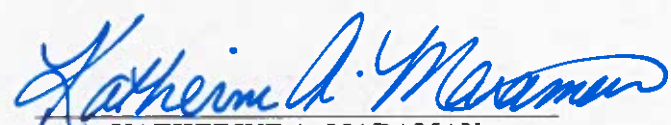
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Judicial Council of Guam honors the service and commitment of citizens who are summoned and serve as jurors in Guam and that the Judiciary of Guam extends sincere thanks and appreciation to all island employers who pay employees their normal wages while they serve as jurors, thus preventing financial hardship and fostering community strength.


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