

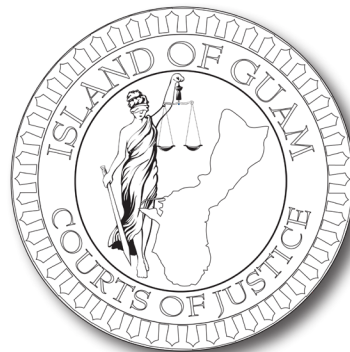


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FROM YOUR **Chief Justice & Administrator of the Courts**



Håfa adai!

On behalf of the Judiciary of Guam, we are proud to present the 2023 Annual Report. This report offers a comprehensive overview of the branch's divisions, highlights the successes of our programs and initiatives, and provides key statistics about our operations.

More importantly, the annual report celebrates the dedicated individuals who work behind the scenes and on the bench to deliver justice to our people.

At the Judiciary of Guam, our mission is to deliver justice fairly and efficiently through transparent, inclusive, and accessible court services. This past year, our resolve was tested when Typhoon Mawar, one of the most severe storms in recent decades, struck Guam. Despite these challenges, our courts quickly resumed operations, never ceasing to administer justice to our people.

We are immensely proud of our team's dedication this past year. As we look to the future, we remain committed to being a model of judicial excellence—trusted, innovative, and independent.



R. Torres
Robert J. Torres
Chief Justice of Guam

D. Rosete
Danielle T. Rosete, Esq.
Administrator of the Courts



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Court Governance

Judicial Council

The Judicial Council of Guam is the governing body of the Judiciary of Guam. By law, it is composed of all full-time justices of the Supreme Court, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, and a delegated Superior Court Judge.

The Judicial Council recommends policies for the administration of the judicial branch and administers the merit system for the judicial branch, including hearing all classified employee appeals. With the advice of the Judicial Council, the Chief Justice governs the divisions of the Judiciary.

The Judicial Council meets once a month for its regular meeting; public notice is provided for each meeting and the public is welcome to attend. Beginning in March 2020, the option to hold Judicial Council meetings remotely was initiated and beginning in May 2020, meetings were live streamed on the Judiciary of Guam's YouTube channel.

Judicial Council resolutions can be found on the Judiciary of Guam website. In 2023, the Judicial Council adopted 36 resolutions relating to court operations and activities including:

- the approval of the Judiciary of Guam Budget for Fiscal Year 2024,
- the approval of pay adjustments for Judiciary employees,
- the declaration of Law Day and Law Month,
- the declaration of Constitution Day and Constitution Week, and
- the approval of updating the Attorney Pay Plan and the Judiciary's Classification and Compensation Policy.

Current Judicial Council Members:

Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, Chairperson

Justice F. Philip Carbullido

Justice Katherine A. Maraman

Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III

Judge Maria T. Cenzone



Supreme Court of Guam

Justices



Robert J. Torres
CHIEF JUSTICE

Appointed
2004

Education
University of Notre Dame
Harvard Law School



F. Philip Carbullido
JUSTICE

Appointed
2000

Education
University of Oregon
Univeristy of California, Davis



Katherine A. Maraman
JUSTICE

Appointed
2008

Education
Colorado College
University of New Mexico

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court of Guam has jurisdiction to hear appeals over any cause decided by the Superior Court of Guam or other courts created by Guam law. Additionally, the Supreme Court has supervisory jurisdiction over the Superior Court and all other courts created by Guam law, and original jurisdiction over proceedings necessary to protect its appellate jurisdiction and supervisory authority. The Supreme Court also has the authority to make and promulgate rules governing the practice and procedure in the courts of Guam.



27

Total
Opinions

The Supreme Court's authority extends to attorney and judicial discipline and the practice of law in Guam, including admission to practice law and the conduct and discipline of persons admitted to practice law. The Board of Law Examiners (BOLE) is comprised of the Chief Justice of Guam (chairperson), the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court (members), and the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court and the President of the Guam Bar Association (ex-officio members). The Supreme Court Clerk of Court serves as the ex-officio secretary-treasurer of the Board. The Board administers the Guam Bar examination and manages the review of the character and fitness of all applicants for admission.

2023 Highlights

- Successful return to normal operations in the wake of Typhoon Mawar
- Successful civics education programs, including outreach oral arguments at John F. Kennedy High School and Constitution Day presentations at several schools throughout the island
- Completion of digitization of Guam Bar examinee and temporary admission records
- Recipient of Reporting Excellence Award in recognition of the court's e-reporting for the National Center for State Courts' Court Statistics Project

The Supreme Court will continue to expand its civics and law-related education efforts in the coming year, including participating in National Judicial Outreach Week. The court will extend its digitization efforts to historic BOLE records. The court is also preparing to transition to a new case management system in 2024.

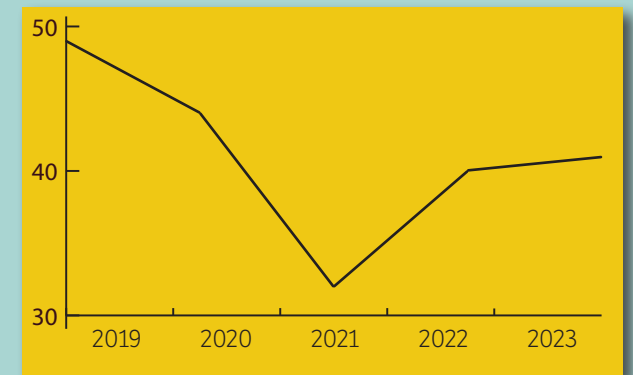
The Justices of the Supreme Court of Guam are:

- Chief Justice Robert J. Torres
- Associate Justice F. Philip Carbullido
- Associate Justice Katherine A. Maraman

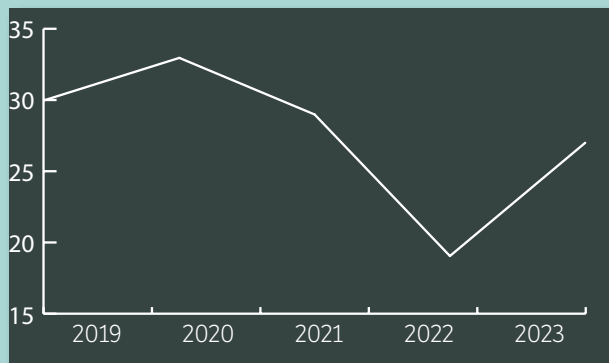
SUPREME COURT

Total Case Filings – Five-Year Trend

CASE TYPE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Appellate Procedure	0	0	0	0	0
Attorney Discipline	1	1	4	2	3
Certified Question	0	2	0	0	1
Civil Case	25	22	11	18	17
Criminal Case	20	12	15	13	15
Pro Hac Vice	0	0	0	0	0
Promulgation Order	1	3	1	0	2
Writ of Habeas Corpus	0	1	0	3	0
Writ of Mandamus	0	1	0	0	1
Writ of Prohibition	2	1	1	3	2
Writ of Certiorari	N/A	1	1	1	0
GRAND TOTAL	49	44	33	40	41



Total Opinions Issued – Five-Year Trend



CASE TYPE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Civil	15	19	17	6	10
Criminal	15	12	11	13	16
Certified Question	0	0	1	0	1
Writ	0	2	0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	30	33	29	19	27



Superior Court of Guam

Judges



Alberto C. Lamorena III

PRESIDING JUDGE

Appointed
1988

Education
University of Illinois, Urbana
University of Texas, Austin
Drake University



Arthur R. Barcinas

JUDGE

Appointed
2005

Education
University of Hawaii, Manoa
Gonzaga University School of Law



Vernon P. Perez

JUDGE

Appointed
2008

Education
University of California, San Diego
University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School
of Law



Maria T. Cenzone

JUDGE

Appointed
2012

Education
Marquette University
Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Judges



Elyze M. Iriarte

JUDGE

Appointed
2016

Education

University of Chicago
University of Southern California
Gould School of Law



Dana A. Gutierrez

JUDGE

Appointed
2020

Education

University of Southern California
University of Southern California
Gould School of Law



Albert E. Tolentino

JUDGE

Appointed
2021

Education

University of San Francisco
University of the Pacific McGeorge School
of Law



John C. Terlaje

JUDGE

Appointed
2023

Education

University of Guam
Thomas Cooley Law School

Judicial Officers



Benjamin C. Sison, Jr.

MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Appointed
2016

Education

University of Hawaii, Manoa
Boston College Law School
Seattle University
University of Washington



Jonathan R. Quan

MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Appointed
2018

Education

University of Pennsylvania
Loyola Law School



Linda L. Ingles

REFEREE

Appointed
1993

Education

University of Oregon
Whittier College School of Law



Kristina L. Baird

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICER

Appointed
2023

Education

Capital University
Southern Methodist University Dedman
School of Law

SUPERIOR COURT

The Superior Court of Guam, our island's court of general jurisdiction, is comprised of eight judges, two magistrates, a Family Court Referee, and an Administrative Hearings Officer. The eight judges preside over a variety of cases at the Hagåtña Court and the Northern Court Satellite, from felony and misdemeanor cases, juvenile matters, civil matters, divorce and custody cases, to probate and special proceedings. The magistrates have jurisdiction over certain proceedings in criminal and civil cases, uncontested divorces, and matters heard before the Small Claims Court and Traffic Court. The Family Court Referee presides over juvenile, domestic custody, and child support matters.

The Administrative Hearings Officer presides over child support cases. Juvenile Proceedings cases include juvenile guardianship matters, truancy, status offenses, and juvenile abuse and neglect cases. Domestic cases include divorce actions, custody, paternity, and child support issues.



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Civil Jury Trials

Criminal Jury Trials

PRIMARY CHARGE	NO. OF TRIALS
Criminal Sexual Conduct	10
Aggravated Assault / Assault	6
Robbery	2
Family Violence	3
Murder	3
Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance	6
Advanced Stalking	3
Burglary	4
Terrorizing	2
Theft	2
Animal Cruelty	1
Possession of Unregistered Fire Arm	1
Kidnapping	1
Complicity to Possession	1
TOTAL	45

THE JUDICIAL OFFICERS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM ARE:

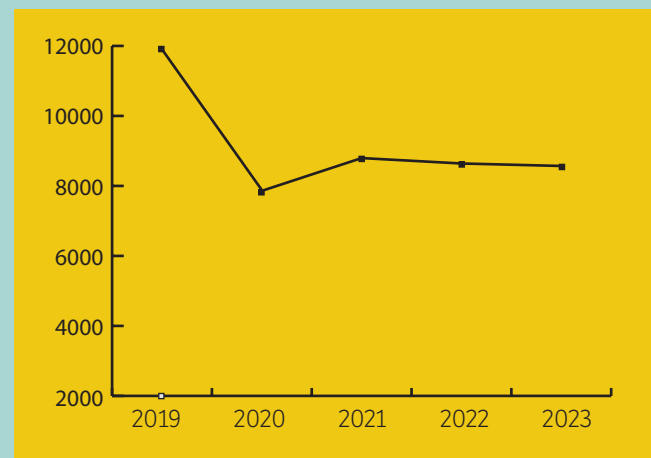
- Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III
- Judge Arthur R. Barcinas
- Judge Vernon P. Perez
- Judge Maria T. Cenzone
- Judge Elyze M. Iriarte
- Judge Dana A. Gutierrez
- Judge Alberto E. Tolentino
- Judge John C. Terlaje
- Magistrate Judge Benjamin C. Sison, Jr.
- Magistrate Judge Jonathan R. Quan
- Family Court Referee Linda L. Ingles
- Administrative Hearings Officer Kristina L. Baird

SUPERIOR COURT

Five-Year Comparative Cases Filed

CASE TYPE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Adoption	47	23	30	21	24
Child Support	273	88	138	112	144
Civil	1,481	1,087	929	723	751
Criminal Felony	720	623	674	754	847
Criminal Misdemeanor	588	514	511	469	444
Domestic	720	458	534	459	437
Foreign Order	21	0	2	1	2
Juvenile Delinquency	202	126	88	173	182
Juvenile Proceedings	355	259	305	328	310
Land Registration	5	0	4	3	4
Probate	202	168	240	239	228
Special Proceedings	216	238	210	176	163
Protective Orders	141	126	138	109	119
Restitution (Collections)	160	159	187	116	95
Small Claims	1,610	576	765	709	711
Traffic	5,167	3,369	4,008	4,214	4,073
TOTAL	11,888	7,814	8,763	8,606	8,534

Five-Year Case Filing Trend



Treatment Courts

Adult Drug Court

The Adult Drug Court (ADC) provides intensive treatment and counseling services to help participants with their substance misuse disorders. Eligible participants must undergo intensive supervision, frequent random drug and alcohol testing, and agree to sanctions for failure to comply with program guidelines. The treatment court is divided into two tracks—ADC I for first-time possession offenders and ADC II for repeat offenders whose offenses were related to drug or alcohol use. In 2023, the program supervised and provided case management for 155 participants.

Judge Alberto E. Tolentino presides over Adult Drug Court I Treatment Court and Judge Maria T. Cenon presides over Adult Drug Court II Treatment Court.

Juvenile Drug Court

The Juvenile Drug Court involves juvenile cases with a drug or alcohol offense. Eligible juveniles participate in group counseling sessions, life skills workshops, and recreational therapy sessions and are subject to drug treatment services and random drug testing throughout the program. In 2023, the treatment court had 30 active participants.

Judge Arthur R. Barcinas presides over the Juvenile Drug Court.

Family Violence Court

The Family Violence Court addresses all criminal felony and misdemeanor cases with a family violence charge. Because of the high-volume docket, the cases are assigned equally to two judges. Participants in the program attend individual and group counseling supervised by treatment court staff.

Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III and Judge Maria T. Cenon preside over the Family Violence Court docket.

Mental Health Court

The Mental Health Court strives to provide sustainable and adequate treatment for adult defendants who are mentally impaired or developmentally disabled—a segment of our population that is often misunderstood and under-served. The court ensures qualified individuals are appropriately screened, evaluated, and treated. Wraparound community-based treatment and services are provided to participants diagnosed with a mental illness. The program had 38 participants in 2023.

Judge Arthur R. Barcinas presides over the Mental Health Court.

SUPERIOR COURT SPECIALTY COURTS

Veterans Treatment Court

The Veterans Treatment Court assists justice-involved veterans, diverting them from incarceration into treatment, judicial monitoring, and supervision. Eligible participants receive specialized services and support through a network of service providers, including the Guam Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, Guam VET Center, and the Guam Veterans Affairs Office. In 2023, 31 justice-involved veterans participated in the program.

Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III presides over the Veterans Treatment Court.

Driving While Intoxicated Treatment Court

The Driving While Impaired Treatment Court serves eligible defendants charged with Driving While Impaired and Driving Under the Influence offenses. The treatment program aims to improve the quality of life of participants by providing supervised holistic treatment to reduce recidivism and increase public safety. A total of 61 individuals were served in the treatment court in 2023.

Judge Vernon P. Perez presides over the DWI Treatment Court.

Guam Adult Reentry Court Program

The Guam Adult Reentry Court Program strives to provide the necessary tools and skills to individuals transitioning from incarceration or parole into the community, aiming to reduce recidivism rates and increase public safety. Twenty-one participants were served in 2023.

Judge Vernon P. Perez presides over the Guam Adult Reentry Court Program.

Guam Family Recovery Program

The Guam Family Recovery Program aims to promote the health, safety, and welfare of children from abuse and neglect where parental substance misuse is a factor. The program seeks to strengthen families by providing collaborative, culturally respectful, and family-centered treatment and services through increased judicial oversight. In 2023, the program served 27 adult participants and 115 children.

Family Court Referee Linda L. Ingles presides over the Guam Family Recovery Program.

JANUARY 1, 2023 - DECEMBER 31, 2023

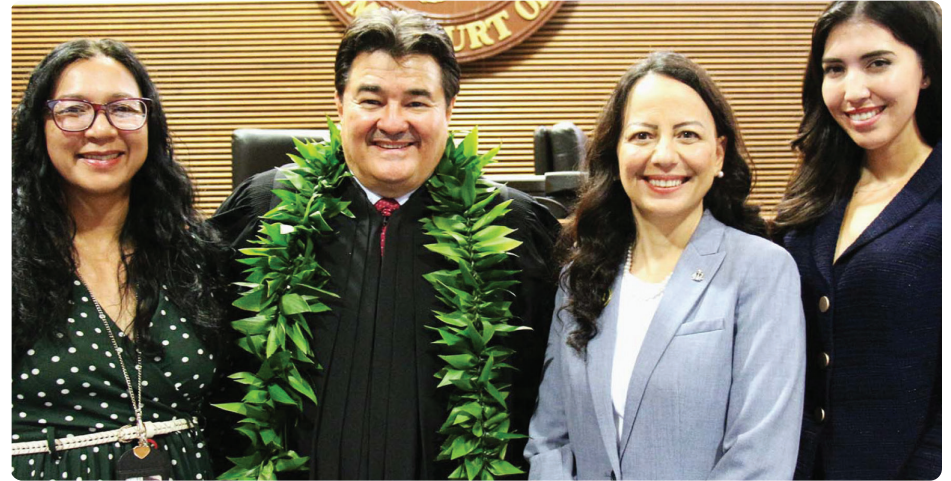
Year in Review

JANUARY 1 The Guam Criminal Law and Procedure Review Commission, the Judiciary of Guam's newest division, was established. Chaired by Magistrate Judge Jonathan R. Quan and Attorney Andrew "Serge" Quenga as Executive Director, the commission will conduct the first complete review of Guam's criminal code, seeking to modernize the decades-old chapter.

JANUARY 17 The Judiciary saw the installment of the Honorable Robert J. Torres in his third term as Chief Justice. In his swearing-in ceremony, he laid out a vision to prioritize broader access to justice through innovation and the use of technology. Newly appointed leadership included Danielle T. Rosete as Administrator of the Courts, Sophia Santos Diaz as Superior Court Clerk of Court, and Sarah G. Elmore-Hernandez as Director of Policy, Planning, and Community Relations.

FEBRUARY Geraldine Cepeda, Compiler of Laws/Guam Law Library Executive Director, educated lawmakers and librarians about how to access and understand the island's legal resources in a series of outreach events throughout the month.

The Judiciary of Guam also hosted visiting representatives from the Judiciary of Palau, who met with different divisions within the court to discuss practices that may loan to their effort in improving the delivery of justice to their people. The visit illustrated the regional cooperation between the courts of neighboring islands.



Sophia Santos Diaz, Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, Danielle T. Rosete, and Sarah G. Elmore-Hernandez share a moment after the chief justice's investiture ceremony.

FEBRUARY 21 & 23 As part of its efforts to strengthen indigent defense services on the island, the Judiciary sponsored a free two-part criminal law training for local attorneys. The training was part of a collaboration with the Guam Bar Association, the Public Defender Service Corporation, and the District Court of Guam.

MARCH 2 Judge John C. Terlaje took his oath as the Judiciary of Guam's newest judge, bringing the number of Superior Court judges to eight. Judge Terlaje, nominated by Governor



YEAR IN REVIEW

Lou Leon Guerrero in October of 2022, came at a crucial time as the branch seeks to uphold its commitment to the delivery of timely justice.

MARCH 7 Former Administrator of the Courts Kristina L. Baird was appointed as the Superior Court's Administrative Hearings Officer. The role was previously held by B. Ann Keith, who retired after 18 years of service to the court.

APRIL The Judiciary of Guam, in partnership with the Guam Bar and the District Court of Guam, recognized May as Law Month to honor the contributions of legal professionals and to promote public awareness and understanding of the law. Throughout the month, the Judiciary hosted school tours, outreach events, and mock trial competitions to celebrate.



Law Month Proclamation Signing



2023 State of the Judiciary Address

MAY 1 Chief Justice Torres presented his State of the Judiciary address before the Guam Legislature. In his speech, he spoke about the Judiciary of Guam's march to modernization and the need for the courts to embrace technology, expand treatment court services, and take proactive measures in recruiting and retaining Guam's next generation of legal talent.

MAY 9 The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center was awarded the 2023 *Hostisia* Award in a presentation ceremony held at the Guam Judicial Center atrium. The Judiciary's *Hostisia* Award recognizes individuals or organizations who have gone above and beyond to advance the cause of justice in Guam.

YEAR IN REVIEW

MAY 24 Calamity struck with the landfall of Typhoon Mawar, which left a trail of destruction as it passed through the Marianas Islands. In the weeks to follow, thousands of homes were left without power or running water. Despite these setbacks, the Judiciary quickly re-opened the courts and continued to provide services to fulfill its mandated responsibilities to the People of Guam.



Several hundred books from the Guam Law Library suffered severe water damage from Typhoon Mawar and had to be disposed.

JUNE In collaboration with *I Familian I Kotte*, the Judiciary's employee organization, the Judiciary hosted its first-ever summer camp for children of employees of the court, made possible by a \$50,000 Community Care and After School Program grant. Camp kids enjoyed taekwondo classes, soccer clinics, and other activities over the course of eight weeks.



IFIK camp kids participate in summer taekwondo classes during the Judiciary's first-ever summer camp.

JULY 14 Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III celebrated his 35th year of service to the court. PJ, as he is affectionately called, led the

effort to establish treatment and therapeutic courts at the Judiciary, including the Adult Drug Court, Family Violence Court, Mental Health Court, and Driving While Intoxicated Treatment Court.

JULY 29 – AUGUST 2 Chief Justice Robert J. Torres selected a team of judges and managers to attend the Conference of Chief Justices/Conference of State Court Administrators Western Region's leadership summit on Effective Criminal Case Management in a Post-Pandemic World: A Leadership Summit for Courts and Their Communities. The summit provided an educational opportunity for the team to meet and share insight with jurists and court professionals from other jurisdictions and ensure effective criminal case management.

AUGUST Administrative Hearings Officer Kristina L. Baird and the Judicial Hearings Division, in conjunction with the Office of the Lt. Governor and the Office of the Attorney General, held outreach events



In 1988, Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III took his oath of office as a Judiciary of Guam judicial officer.

YEAR IN REVIEW

to commemorate August as Child Support Awareness Month.

AUGUST 3 Five participants were acknowledged for their success in completing the Driving While Intoxicated Treatment Court treatment program.

AUGUST 4 On August 4, 2023, the Veterans Treatment Court held its 14th graduation, where three participants were recognized for their hard work and commitment to sobriety.



14th Veterans Treatment Court graduates

AUGUST 29 Funded by a National Drug Court Institute grant, the



Chief Justice Torres stands with Edward R. Blumberg, Chair, National Judicial College Board of Trustees and Benes Aldana, President, National Judicial College, after receiving his “Making the World a More Just Place” award.

Judiciary of Guam sent a team to observe and learn from a model Adult Drug Court in Collier County, Florida in order to improve the delivery of services to participants of treatment courts on island.

SEPTEMBER To celebrate Recovery Month, the Judiciary hosted events throughout the month that recognized the success of rehabilitation participants and offered the community a glimpse of the hard work and dedication of treatment court staff.

SEPTEMBER 26 The Judiciary recognized the occasion as the 32nd anniversary since the Guam Judicial Center had opened its doors to the public.

SEPTEMBER 28 Chief Justice Torres was honored with the “Making the World a More Just Place” award at the National Judicial College’s 60th Anniversary Celebration at the New York Athletic Club. Torres, one of twelve honorees, was recognized for championing greater access to justice by expanding services and implementing technology into court processes.

OCTOBER The Judiciary celebrated Red Ribbon Month. Throughout the month, the Judiciary’s Juvenile Drug Treatment Court, in collaboration with community partners, held outreach events targeting the island’s youth in the pursuit of a drug-free Guam.

OCTOBER 23-27 The 6th cohort graduated from the Leadership Development Academy. These thirteen handpicked employees were tutored in art and science of leadership including organizational skills, human resource management, and more.

NOVEMBER 15 The Driving While Intoxicated Court saw two participants graduate from the program.

YEAR IN REVIEW

NOVEMBER 17 Three more parents graduated from the Guam Family Recovery Program.

NOVEMBER 18 After a long hiatus due to COVID-19, the Judiciary was proud to resume its tradition of supporting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The event brought our court family together to honor lost loved ones, celebrate survivorship, and raise funds for the enduring fight against cancer.



Referee Linda L. Ingles congratulates a Guam Family Recovery Program graduate.

DECEMBER 5 Chief Justice Torres brought together key agency heads and community partners to address the evolving landscape of Juvenile Justice. The group revisited previous accomplishments and launched a campaign to develop new strategies to address the current challenges faced by juveniles in the criminal justice system.

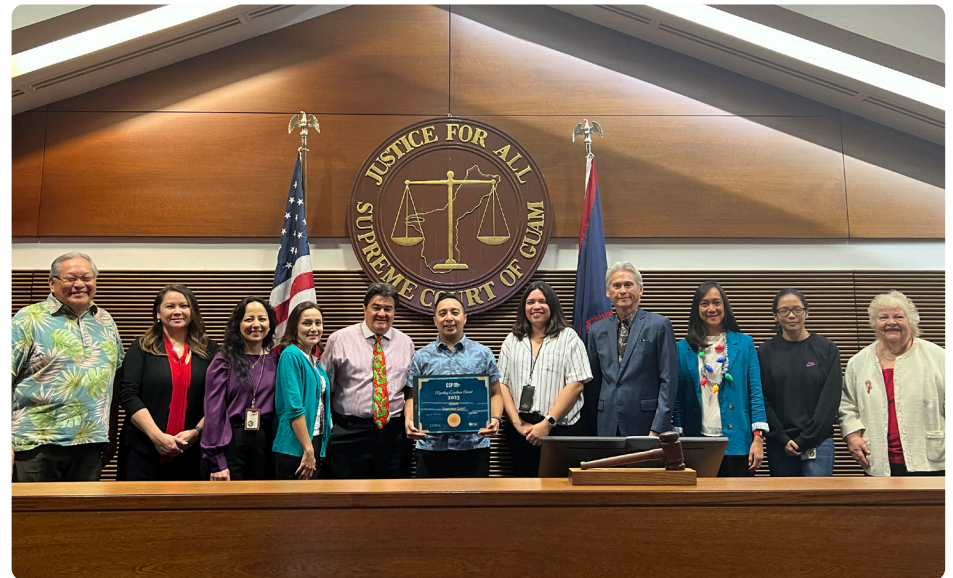
DECEMBER 20 In spirit of the holiday season, each division of the Judiciary donated gift baskets filled with blankets, clothing, and personal hygiene items to wards of the Public Guardian. In a visit to the court, wards were presented with their gifts and deliveries were made to the homes of those unable to attend.

DECEMBER 28 The Supreme Court of Guam was honored with the Reporting Excellence Award for Data Submissions from the National Center for State Courts, reflecting the commitment of the Judiciary in its obligation to improve caseload reporting operations. Since 2015,

the Supreme Court of Guam consistently reports publishable caseload data for 100% of the 33 applicable case types covering all categories collected by the Court Statistics Project.



Juvenile Justice Reform Stakeholders' meeting.



The Supreme Court of Guam receives the Reporting Excellence Award for Data Submissions, from the National Center for State Courts.

IN MEMORIAM

June Grace B. Cariño



The Judiciary of Guam continues to mourn the passing of June Grace Bells Cariño, who was called to her eternal rest on April 24, 2023, at the age of 48.

June provided over a decade of service to the Judiciary, first as a Program Coordinator II for the AOC and Supreme Court divisions before her selection as the first Language Assistance Program Manager for the court. She was instrumental in the successful development of the Court Interpreter Registry Program and led the program for five years—ensuring access to interpreter services for countless individuals who came before the court.

Thereafter, she served as Chamber Clerk Administrator for Justice F. Philip Carbullido and coordinated several educational programs for the Pacific Judicial Council. Most recently, June served as a Special Projects Coordinator for the Office of the Public Guardian.

In whatever role she filled, June served the Judiciary, her fellow employees, court patrons, defendants, and the public with the utmost professionalism and grace. We are incredibly grateful for her excellent work and contributions to the cause of justice.

June radiated joy, kindness, and positivity. She will be remembered for her bright smile, infectious laughter, generous spirit, and for the humor and friendship she brought to our lives. We miss her dearly, and we will remember her always.

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Weapons Prohibited

Judicial Administration

Administrative Office of the Courts

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has the primary responsibility of ensuring the efficient and effective operations of the Judiciary of Guam.

The Administrative Office oversees the following five divisions of the Judiciary: Court Administrative Services, Client Services, Probation Services, Marshal Services, and Courts and Ministerial.

The Administrator of the Courts (AOC) serves as the Judiciary's chief executive officer responsible for the management and direction of all operations and personnel under the organizational structure of the Unified Judiciary of Guam. Under direction from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Administrator of the Courts provides leadership, planning, direction and supervision of court operations. The AOC is a liaison to advisory working groups and committees of justices, judges, and administrators that provide recommendations and advice for policy-making, business practice change, and service delivery. The AOC also oversees the Deputy Administrator of the Courts, the Director of Policy, Planning, and Community Relations, the Public Information Officer, and staff attorneys.

Danielle T. Rosete • Administrator of the Courts

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Court Administrative Services

Court Programs

Mary Grace L. Rosadino • Court Programs Administrator

The mission of the Court Programs Office is to provide grant management, program management, and coordination expertise in support of Judiciary of Guam services for the community. This includes identifying alternate funding sources such as grant programs, developing grant proposals, administering federal direct grants and local subgrants, and coordinating activities in varying areas. The Court Programs Office ensures compliance with federal and local mandates, rules and regulations which govern the management of grants, cooperative agreements, or other funds awarded to the Judiciary of Guam. The Court Programs Office also liaises with various local and federal agencies to coordinate projects and oversees the development and submission of grant mandated reports.

Financial Management Division

Ma. Dianne Gudmalin • Finance Administrator

The Financial Management Division (FMD) is responsible for effectively managing the Judiciary's financial resources and obligations. FMD oversees the financial activities of the various funds under the Judiciary's purview, including the Operational Fund, and a number of fiduciary funds such as Trust, Traffic Court, Guardianship, Land Condemnation, Jury, Judicial Client Service, Safe Streets Act, and the Judicial Building Fund.

Human Resources Office

Barbara Jean T. Perez • Human Resources Administrator

Human Resources' primary purpose is to: retain and motivate a workforce that is competent, highly skilled, and professional; create work opportunities to attract prospective employees that will have a valuable impact and align with the current workforce; and promote a work culture rooted in core values such as professionalism, integrity and excellence within the courts. The tenets of inclusion and diversity, professional growth, and employee health and wellbeing are prioritized to maximize organizational effectiveness and efficiency.

Judicial Education Center

Dawn R.S. Blas • Judicial Educator

The Judicial Educator is responsible for researching, developing, implementing and managing an interrelated system of educational and training opportunities designed to meet the professional needs of its judicial employees. In collaboration with the Human Resources team, the Judicial Educator works to administer these opportunities to employees throughout the year.

Management Information Systems

Robert S. Rabago • MIS Administrator

The Management Information Systems (MIS) oversees the Judiciary's computer network and information systems at the Guam Judicial Center, Guam Historic Courthouse, San Ramon Building, Route 4 Building, Sinajana Warehouse, Northern Court Satellite, and the Office of the Compiler of Laws. The MIS division stewards the enhancement of technology applications, infrastructure, and modern, agile, mobile, and data-driven court services.

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Procurement & Facilities Management

Carl V. Dominguez • Procurement & Facilities Management Administrator

The Procurement and Facilities Management (PFM) Division has two primary responsibilities in supporting Judiciary operations. PFM has a procurement staff that administers the purchases and contracts for supplies, services, construction professional consulting services, including architectural and engineering services and group health insurance for Judiciary employees. The division is also responsible for maintenance of all Judiciary facilities and grounds. Procurement also manages capital improvement projects, including those associated with the Judicial Building Fund and negotiates and manages contracts with services provided by vendors.

Client Services and Family Counseling

Melissa M. Casil • Client Services & Family Counseling Administrator

The Client Services and Family Counseling (CSFC) Division's mission is to provide clinical services to support the judicial process. CSFC's role is to evaluate all court-ordered defendants and their families and to make recommendations to the judicial officers regarding behavioral health care, needs, and additional support. In addition, CSFC provides court-involved individuals and their families with various therapeutic, psychological, consultative, and educational services. Therapists work collaboratively with each other, probation, and other agencies to provide the highest quality of care to ensure individualized, holistic, and integrated services. CSFC is committed to the importance of therapeutic outcomes for its clients and will continue to be proactive, responsive, and creative in ensuring that CSFC programs meet the

needs of those served. CSFC continues to work on developing and promoting a uniform spectrum of services, case management practices, and decision-making tools to respond effectively to the needs of individuals, families and children. In addition, continuing professional education and maintaining professional ethics and standards are vital to maintaining quality services.

Probation Services

Rosanna Villagomez-Aguon • Chief Probation Officer

The Probation Services Division's mission is to reduce the incidence and impact of criminal behavior of justice-involved juveniles and adults by using evidence-based practices and treatment strategies that change criminal thinking, produce positive outcomes, and ultimately increase community safety. The Division is responsible for managing and monitoring court orders for 4,426 justice-involved juveniles and adults placed on supervised release, both pre and post adjudicated, deferred, or regular probation placed by the Honorable Courts in lieu of detention or incarceration, as mandated by Title 7, Guam Code Annotated, Section 8110. The Judiciary of Guam is also the central repository for all Sex Offender registration, pursuant to Title 9, Guam Code Annotated, Section 89.09, which is administratively maintained by the Probation Services Division. The Sex Offender Unit managed 1,191 registered sex offenders. The Division serviced 5,617 individuals.

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Marshal Services

Troy M. Pangelinan • Marshal of the Court

The Marshals Division is responsible for safeguarding the safety and security of the judicial branch—from judicial officers and employees to attorneys, witnesses, and jurors to court patrons who need court services. The division also oversees and manages the security and safety of the judicial branch's physical facilities in Hagåtña and Dededo. In Hagåtña, the facilities include: the Guam Judicial Center, which houses the Supreme Court, Superior Court, the Office of the Administrator of the Courts, the Clerk's and Ministerial Division, Client Services and Family Counseling Division, and other administrative offices; the Historic Courthouse; the Judicial Education Center in the Guam Law Library Building; the San Ramon Building that houses administrative offices; and the Route 4 building, which is currently used for the Probation Services Division and Office of the Public Guardian. The division is also responsible for the Northern Court Satellite in Dededo, and Erica's House Family Visitation Center. In addition, the statutory mandate of the Marshals Division includes providing security for all court hearings; serving process, writs and orders; executing warrants; and performing other duties as provided law, rule, or Judicial Council resolution.

Courts and Ministerial

Janice M. Camacho-Perez • Clerk of Superior Court (2024-present)
Sophia Santos Diaz • Clerk of Superior Court (2023-2024)

The Superior Court of Guam's Courts and Ministerial Division (C&M) employs more than ninety personnel in clerical, court reporter, and foreign language interpreter services. Led by the Clerk of Court, C&M staff are responsible for the processing of all Superior Court filings and the management of case records and provides support to twelve judicial officers, including Superior Court Judges, two Magistrates, an Administrative Hearings Officer, and a Referee.

Supreme Court

Supreme Court

Hannah G. Arroyo • Clerk of Supreme Court

The Supreme Court of Guam has jurisdiction to hear appeals over any cause decided by the Superior Court of Guam or other courts created by Guam law. Additionally, the Supreme Court has supervisory jurisdiction over the Superior Court and all other courts created by Guam law, and it has original jurisdiction over proceedings necessary to protect its appellate jurisdiction and supervisory authority. The Supreme Court also has the authority to make and promulgate rules governing the practice and procedure in the courts of Guam.

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Office of the Compiler of Laws

Geraldine A. Cepeda • Compiler of Laws

The Office of the Compiler of Laws is responsible for publishing primary sources of Guam law, including the statutory code (Guam Code Annotated or GCA), government regulations (Guam Administrative Rules and Regulations or GAR), Supreme Court of Guam Opinions, Superior Court of Guam Decisions and Orders. These resources are published online through the Compiler of Laws website, and can be accessed free of charge. The Compiler's Office website also provides access to other legal resources, including Executive Orders, Session Laws of the Guam Legislature, and Attorney General Opinions.

Office of the Public Guardian

Marcelene C. Santos • Public Guardian

The Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) was created by statute and established in 2001. The basic statutory duties of OPG are:

- To serve as the Guardian for elderly and disabled adults who
 - are not able to understand or adequately participate in decisions concerning their care; and
 - have no relatives or friends willing and able to act as guardian.
- To assist the Court, as the Court may request or direct, in guardianship matters.
- To advise and assist guardians.
- To offer guidance and counsel, without court appointment as guardian, to those persons who request such assistance or to those on whose behalf it is requested for the purpose of encouraging maximum self-reliance and independence.
- To develop outreach about guardianships and related matters in the community.

Office of Regulation Counsel

Alicia A. G. Limtiaco • Regulation Counsel

The Office of Regulation Counsel is a component of the Comprehensive Lawyer Regulatory System, established by the Guam Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement and Disability Proceedings adopted in 2021. These rules created the Commission on Lawyer Regulation, Office of Regulation Counsel, Investigative Committee, and Hearing Panel, which govern matters formerly handled by the Guam Bar Ethics Committee and Office of the Ethics Prosecutor. The duties of Regulation Counsel include, but are not limited to:

- Receiving information and complaints regarding the conduct of lawyers over whom the court has jurisdiction;
- Evaluating all information to determine whether it concerns a lawyer subject to the jurisdiction of the court;
- Determining whether the facts stated in a complaint or other information regarding the conduct of a lawyer provide grounds for further action under these rules;
- Investigating and prosecuting complaints as authorized by the Investigative Committee and the Hearing Panel;
- Coordinating and communicating with other jurisdictions in which a lawyer is admitted regarding discipline and disability matters; and
- Collaborating with the Commission on Lawyer Regulation on training programs and materials and conducting public awareness and education efforts regarding the Comprehensive Lawyer Regulatory System.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Collaboration

Criminal Law & Procedure Review Commission

The Guam Criminal Law and Procedure Review Commission (the “Commission”) was created by the Guam Legislature in Public Law (P.L.) 36-119 (enacted Nov. 9, 2022) to conduct the first complete review of the Criminal Codes of Guam and Criminal Procedure Codes since their creation by the 13th Guam Legislature in 1976. Under P.L. 36-119, the Commission exists as a division of the Supreme Court of Guam and receives administrative support from the Judiciary of Guam. The Commission consists of 15 members representing the three branches of government, the Guam Bar Association (to include attorneys with prosecutorial and criminal defense experience), full-time and retired judicial officers, directors of government criminal justice and public safety agencies, and private individuals from community-based and public interest organizations relating to the criminal justice system. The Commission is chaired by Superior Court Magistrate Judge Jonathan R. Quan and administered by a full-time Executive Director, one full-time staffer, one half-time staffer (shared with the Compiler of Laws Division), and one part-time legal research independent contractor.

Under P.L. 36-119, the Commission must complete its review and submit comprehensive criminal code reform recommendations on all of:

- Title 8 (the Criminal Procedure Code),
- Title 9 (the Criminal and Correctional Code) of the Guam Code Annotated, and
- other criminal statutes outside of Titles 8 and 9.

This review will include close to 80 chapters and thousands of sections of criminal statutes. This review is time-consuming and detail-oriented and requires subject matter experts in statutory construction and criminal law.





ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Juvenile Justice Reform

Every day, young children come under the Judiciary's care due to abuse or neglect, often spending years in the system. To address juvenile delinquency and prevent adult criminal behavior, Chief Justice Torres and Lieutenant Governor Tenorio re-convened the Juvenile Justice Reform initiative. The initiative is composed of five subcommittees drawing from community partners:

- Dual Status Youth,
- Data Collection and Sharing,
- Statutory and Rule Changes,
- Juvenile Referral Process and Detention, and
- Family Engagement and Community Resources.

Strategic Plan 2024-2027

Over the years, the Judiciary has used its strategic plans to bring direction to its priorities and initiatives. In late 2023, the branch began efforts to craft a new strategic plan for 2024-2027. By outlining its priorities and goals, the Judiciary aims to provide a clear and accessible roadmap for community partners and the public on the direction and objectives of the judicial branch.

Competitive Compensation

Renowned for its integrity and independence, the Judiciary of Guam is sustained by a strong cohort of dedicated judges and an equally devoted assembly of court employees. Through these employees, the branch strives to deliver efficient and effective services to the public and its taxpayers. Recognizing the challenge of losing employees to rising inflation, competition with federal government salaries, and autonomous agencies, Chief Justice Torres launched a major initiative in his first year to strengthen the branch's compensation structure. This initiative—focused on external competitiveness and internal equity—was made possible thanks to a record budget appropriation from the Legislature that supported adjustments to judiciary employees under Law Enforcement, the Attorney Pay Plan, and the General Pay Plan.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Funding

Case Related Financial Services



530

criminal and
restitution cases
serviced



281

restitution
check payments
disbursed to victims
and clients



41

language interpreters
provided service



8,300

check payments
distributed to jurors



781

cases provided indigent
defense services



13,500

transactions for
collected fines,
fees, and restitution
payments

Superior Court of Guam and Supreme Court of Guam (Unaudited)

REVENUE	FY 2023	
General Fund Appropriation	\$ 37,490,858	88%
Federal Grants	\$ 4,550,686	11%
Other Collections	\$ 787,819	2%

Other court services

- Processed over 15,000 court clearances.
- Processed over 14,000 traffic clearances.
- Provided financial services to over 80 ward under the care of the Office of the Public Guardian.
- During FY 2023, 15.32% of receipt transactions were processed from the Northern Court Satellite, illustrating the essential nature of expanding judicial services to the northern part of the island.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Grant Projects

The Court Programs Office (CPO) provides grant management, program management, and coordination expertise in support of Judiciary of Guam services for the community. In 2023, CPO secured a total of \$5,894,089 in new grant funding for the Judiciary. These grants helped fund local projects that:

- Provide greater access to timely, accurate, and complete criminal history records relied on by our local and federal law enforcement partners and, ultimately, our community.
- Improve law enforcement personnel's skills in conflict resolution and managing potentially violent situations.
- Provide resources for treatment services, enhancing evidence-based practices to aid rehabilitation and reduce recidivism.
- Enhance access to justice through virtual and hybrid hearings, improving participation in proceedings.

NEW PROGRAMS/PROJECTS AWARDED IN 2023

Program Name	Grantor	Amount
FY 2021 Edward Byrne JAG Video Conferencing Technology	BSP	\$92,802
FY 2021 Edward Byrne JAG Criminal Justice Record Improvement	BSP	\$52,410
FY 2023 OVW Grants to Improve the Criminal Justice Response (pending budget clearance from grantor)	DOJ-OVW	\$549,160
FY 2023 Guam Adult Reentry Court Enhancement	DOJ OJP BJA	\$1,124,943
FY 2023 NCHIP	DOJ-BJS	\$703,614
FY 2023 NCHIP Supplemental Funding	DOJ-BJS	\$358,647
FY 2023 OJJDP Guam Family Recovery Program	DOJ-OJJDP	\$896,487
FY 2023 SAMHSA Guam Family Recovery Program (Total amount for 5 years but awarded annually)	DHHS-SAMHSA	\$1,991,026
FY 2023 State Justice Institute Strategic Planning Initiative	DHHS-SAMHSA	\$75,000
FY 2023 Community Care and After School Care Program	GEDA	\$50,000
	TOTAL	\$5,894,089

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Technology & Innovation

Records Digitization

Criminal History Data

Complete and accurate criminal history data are essential to equipping law enforcement officers patrolling our streets, protecting our borders, monitoring probation clients, and serving warrants and protection orders. The Judiciary strives for complete data integration using various means, including manual records integration in the Marshals National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Unit, Courts and Ministerial Division, and in partnership with the Guam Police Department. It continued efforts in 2023 to improve the accuracy and availability of local criminal history records at the local and national level by digitizing and updating new and archived court case records, warrants, dispositions, and arrest and firearms registration records at GPD.



3,777

criminal and
misdemeanor
felony files



2,648

arrest dispositions
submitted to NCIC
database



1,488

inquiries submitted to
Interstate Identification
Index



11,927

warrant files verified



123

warrants entered into
NCIC

Archived Court Records

To enhance workflow efficiency, reduce storage costs, and digitize archived court records, the Judiciary has utilized NCHIP grants to fund the conversion of paper records into electronic formats. This initiative, known as the Document Management System (DMS) activity, involved setting up computer workstations, document scanners, and network access at a storage facility. There, data entry clerks were tasked with retrieving, reviewing, scanning, and digitizing archived criminal case judgments, and transferring data from paper files into the Judiciary's case management system.

In 2023, clerks at the Judiciary's off-site storage facility processed 5,434 archived cases, scanned 6,860 paper records, and digitized 7,164 archived records, preparing 4,669 case files for destruction. Additionally, NCHIP grant funds were allocated to hire staff for the GPD's Records and Identification Section to digitize and update arrest and firearms registration records. Over the past year, these personnel processed 3,071 State Identification numbers, 3,970 FBI numbers, and 1,013 firearms registration files, while also merging 578 duplicate records in GPD's system.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Upcoming Initiatives

eCourt:

eCourt is a robust case management system that will allow the Judiciary to improve its case flow by synthesizing information related to document filing and handling, hearings, and financials. By transitioning to true electronic filing, this system will facilitate public access to court documents, eliminating the need for manual records requests. Utilized across the Superior and Supreme Courts, eCourt will empower clerks, judicial officers, and financial management divisions to handle cases efficiently and ensure timely and just outcomes.

eSupervision:

In addition to eCourt, the Judiciary is introducing a new probation system, eSupervision, to enhance client management and automate case plan recommendations. This module, utilized by the Judiciary's Probation and Client Services and Family Counseling divisions, will facilitate compliance monitoring with court-imposed conditions and streamline administrative tasks such as interview management, assessment tools utilization, case plan creation, and reporting. This will allow divisions to manage interview information, administer assessment tools, build case plans, and create reports for judicial officers and court administrators.

Beyond operational enhancements, both modules will enable data-driven decision-making, provide for meaningful information sharing, and improve overall efficiency within the Judiciary.

Online Dispute Resolution:

Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) is also being integrated to complement traditional dispute resolution methods at the Judiciary. With this platform, parties can conveniently resolve conflicts online, resulting in more affordable and accessible solutions.

Digital Evidence Management:

Finally, the Judiciary recognizes the increasing role of digital evidence in court proceedings and is investing in a digital evidence management system—allowing for the organization, sharing, and presentation of digital exhibits from a single, secure platform.

The resulting need for a digital evidence management system has been spurred not only by the vast amount of content being created through smart phone videos, emails, texts, CCTV, social media, and instant messaging—but also by the mounting challenge faced when attempting to categorize digital evidence. Investing in this system will help our courts run more productively and provide greater access for law enforcement, legal professionals, and litigants.

As we continue to adapt in the ever-evolving face of technology, each of these solutions will be implemented to not only streamline our court process but broaden access to justice.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Public Access and Transparency

Access to Court Files

The Judiciary Communications team is housed in the Administrative Office of the Courts under the Director of Policy, Planning, and Community Relations. Communications is tasked with the critical role of educating and assisting the media and the public to understand the role and function of the court. Key responsibilities include preparing and disseminating news releases to media partners, responding to media inquiries and requests for interviews, coordinating press coverage of court hearings and proceedings, facilitating public appearances of judicial officers and staff, and tracking legislation and policies affecting the courts. Communications also manages the Judiciary's presence on social media platforms and oversees the production of key annual publications, such as the Judiciary of Guam Annual Report, the Citizen Centric Report, educational pamphlets and booklets, and the employee monthly newsletter.

Access to the Courtroom

To improve and expand the Judiciary's capability to provide access to justice through virtual and hybrid hearings, the Judiciary used Video Conferencing Technology (VCT) grant funds to provide improved visual and sound technology for users to participate in and observe a proceeding effectively. VCT funds were used to purchase video conferencing systems, internet bandwidth upgrades, courtroom video and audio equipment, virtual platform subscriptions, and costs for personnel to provide IT support for hybrid courtroom hearings.



Students from William C. McCool Elementary & Middle School ask questions during a visit to the Supreme Court of Guam.

The AOC's division answered:



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Media Questions



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Public Records Requests



162

Electronic Coverage
Requests

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Family Counseling

Clinical services provided by the CSFC clinical team are intake and assessments, individual counseling, couples counseling, family counseling, group counseling, psycho-education, forensic evaluations, psychosexual evaluations, and individual sex offender treatment, MATRIX Youth Group.

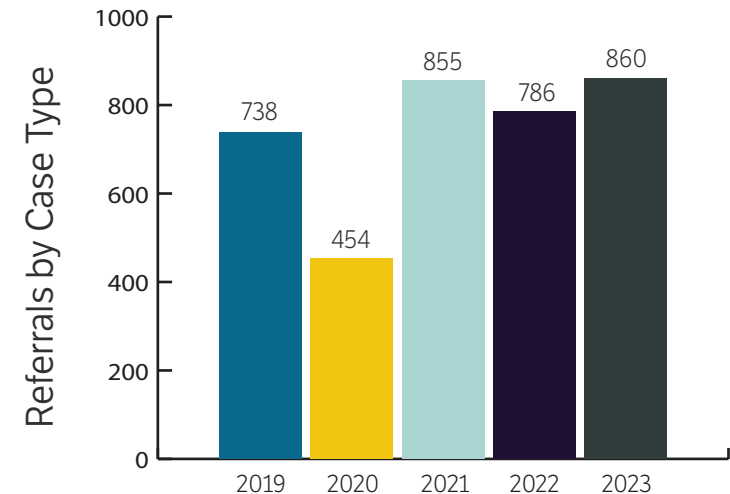
Services provided in 2023

TYPE OF SERVICE	IN-PERSON	TELEHEALTH	TOTAL
Adolescent Group	23	0	23
Intake/Assessment	706	7	738
Couples Counseling	12	14	27
Family Counseling	91	0	91
Forensic Evaluation	128	6	140
Individual Counseling	1,025	247	1,278
MRT-Anger Management	112	49	161
MRT-DV Group	216	29	245
Psychological Assessment	6	0	6
Psychological Evaluation	5	0	5
Psychosexual Evaluation	20	2	22
Risk Assessment	6	0	6
Sex Offender Individual Counseling	74	2	76
Supervised Visitation	10	0	10
Wrap Meeting	0	2	2
TOTAL	2,434	358	2,839

In April 2023, CSFC launched same-day intake and assessment services. Of the total 713 intake and assessments conducted, 277 clients were seen upon immediate referral to CSFC.

Referrals by Case Type - Five-Year Trend

CASE TYPE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Criminal Felony	328	196	375	369	332
Criminal Misdemeanor	218	127	344	277	264
Domestic	6	2	10	6	5
Juvenile Delinquency	108	64	47	65	138
Juvenile Proceeding	75	62	74	66	111
Juvenile Drug Court	1	0	0	0	0
Protective Order	2	3	5	3	10
TOTAL	738	454	855	786	860



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Procurement and Facilities

In 2023, the Judiciary's facilities faced several challenges but demonstrated resilience through it all.

Typhoon Mawar Recovery: Following Typhoon Mawar, the Judiciary acted quickly to clear debris, repair landscapes, and fix damaged fencing on court property. To provide uninterrupted services and maintain public safety during power outages, the court collaborated with FEMA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to keep the Guam Judicial Center in Hagåtña operational. Despite power being restored to the island and the courts reopening—holding Magistrate hearings even on Memorial Day—frequent outages persisted due to the branch's malfunctioning generator. Chief Justice Torres and Administrator of the Courts Rosete swiftly secured two 450 kilowatt FEMA generators, which were installed to keep the court running until a permanent solution could be found.

FEMA Inspections: Throughout the year, the Judiciary's Procurement and Facilities Management (PFMD) division facilitated inspections by FEMA, assessing typhoon damage to Judiciary facilities. This collaboration was crucial in processing claims for damage reimbursement and securing funds for necessary repairs.

Renovation of the Guam Historic Courthouse: The team continues to manage the renovation of the Guam Historic Courthouse, preserving a key historical site for the island's justice system.

Facility and Courtroom Upgrades: The team improved the courtroom for the Administrative Hearings Officer at the Dededo Northern Court Satellite, enhancing the legal proceedings environment. They also replaced outdated carpets and office furniture in the Guam Judicial Center, revitalizing the space.

These efforts not only repaired and enhanced Judiciary infrastructure but also strengthened its resilience against future challenges, ensuring that the community can rely on a strong and efficient judicial system.



PFMD personnel assist in replacement of backup generators after Typhoon Mawar.



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Invitations for Bids
Issued



5

Requests for
Proposals Issued



1,145

Requisitions
Processed



1,534

Purchase Orders
Processed

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Public Safety

Marshal Services

SECURITY SERVICES	
Screened:	
81,329	Guam Judicial Center
46,744	Hagåtña Facilities
25,483	Northern Court Satellite
1,061	Erica's House
154,617	Total patrons and employees screened
Detained and Escorted	
8,938	defendants at the Guam Judicial Center
99	defendants at Northern Court Satellite
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES	
909	documents served

CIVIL AND SMALL CLAIMS SERVICES	
2,207	documents tasked
1,597	documents served
403	non-service
200	levies tasked
167	warrants served
CRIMINAL & TRAFFIC SERVICES	
7,956	document tasked
4,533	documents served
1,872	non-service
WARRANTS & INFORMATION SERVICES	
4,064	warrants managed
1,284	warrants served
73	non-service
16	electronic monitoring warrants served

National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Unit

The Marshal Services Division is responsible for submitting Criminal History Dispositions and background checks to the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division.

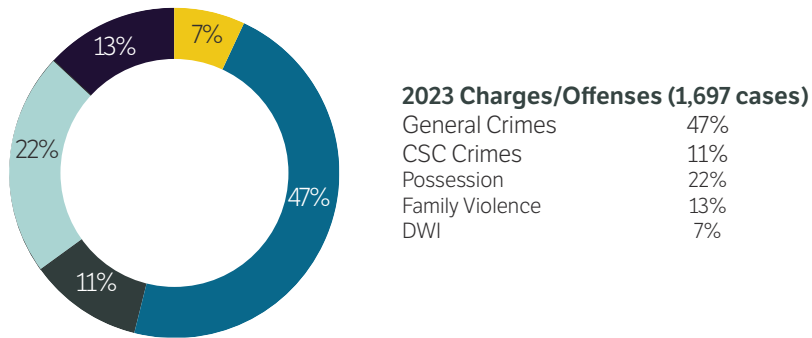
- Forwarded 2,352 dispositions to FBI CJIS Division.
- Reviewed, processed, and forwarded 2,753 criminal misdemeanor and felony cases.
- Processed 1,295 firearm identification applicant fingerprint checks
- Conducted 624 criminal background history checks for various agencies.
- Trained 41 individuals on FBI's NCIC system and the Virtual Computerized Criminal History (VCCH) system.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Pretrial Services

In 2023, the Pretrial Services Office supervised 1,697 defendants with active cases. In addition, the Pretrial Services Section and the Adult Probation Office coordinated interviews and attended over 1,200 Magistrate Hearings. The Pretrial officers successfully coordinated with Adult Probation Section's court officers to ensure that all regularly scheduled criminal hearings were attended by a probation officer.

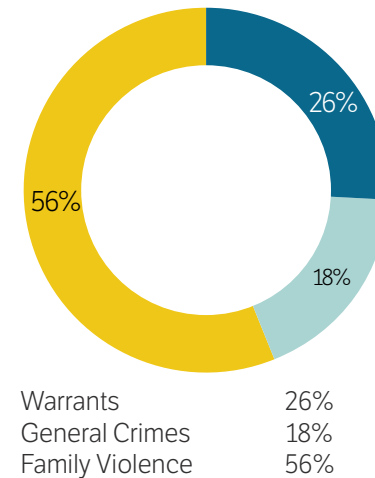
Differences with the number of cases supervised in 2022 and 2023 reflect a decline of cases, particularly with cases involving Family Violence, DWI, General Crimes, and Possession cases.



Adult Probation

The Adult Probation Section's cases are categorized by offenses and are as follows:

- General Jurisdiction/ Crimes Against Property: 345 cases
- Family Violence/ Crimes Against Persons: 1,057 cases
- Outstanding Warrants (all offenses): 478 cases (inactive cases)



Electronic Monitoring (EM) Unit

Electronic monitoring provides a cost-effective alternative to pretrial detention and in 2023, the unit expanded the program to post-adjudicated clients as part of a graduated sanction tool or as an initial supervision tool for clients on probation. Of the 168 defendants referred to EM, 73 participated in the program.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Alternative Sentencing

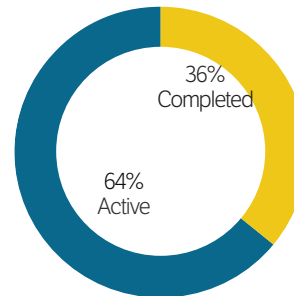
The primary mission of the Alternative Sentencing Office is to provide the Court with an alternative means of disposition for adjudicated cases aside from incarceration for criminal matters. The Alternative Sentencing Office accomplishes this by offering evidence-based educational classes and community service options where applicable in a client's case. The Alternative Sentencing Office's primary objective is to assist the Court in the reduction of recidivism by utilizing modern, evidence-based approaches and practices in the curriculum offered in its classes.

The Alternative Sentencing Office currently maintains professional collaborations with 31 government agencies and non-profit organizations. These relationships provide community service options for both adult and juvenile clients in which community service is a court-ordered condition.

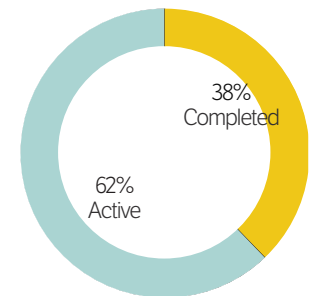
The Alternative Sentencing Office also conducts a total of ten classes, and they are scheduled from Monday through Saturday. These classes are:

- Anger and Stress Management for Juveniles (ASMPJ)
- Court Crime Prevention for Juveniles (CCP)
- Moral Reconciliation Therapy for Juveniles (MRT-Juveniles)
- Anger and Stress Management Program for Adults (ASMPA)
- Domestic Abuse Program for Adults (DAP)
- Driving With Care for unemployed clients (DWC Unemployed)
- Driving With Care for Chuukese clients (DWC Chuukese)
- Driving With Care for employed clients (DWC Employed)
- Petty Theft Diversionary Program for adults (PTDP)
- Juvenile Drug Treatment Court AfterCare Class

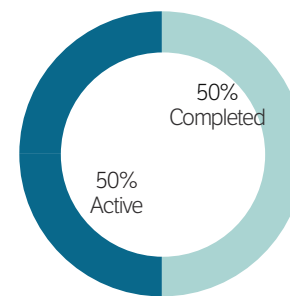
Community Service Program



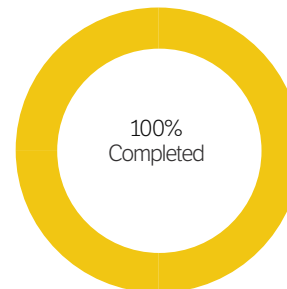
Anger and Stress Management



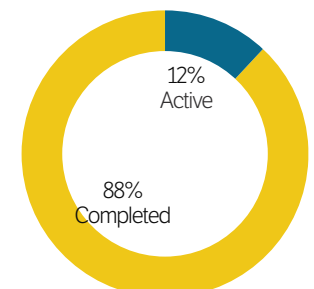
Domestic Abuse Program



Moral Reconciliation Therapy Juveniles



Court Crime Prevention Juveniles



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Wellness Driven Workforce

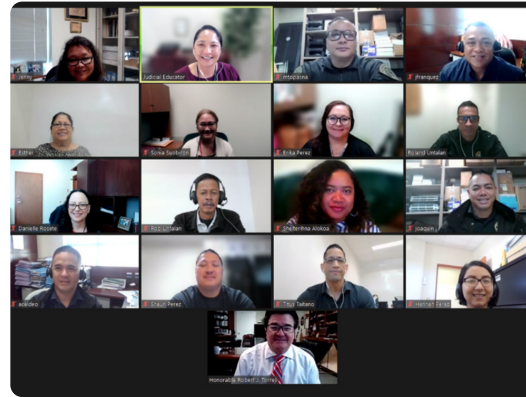
I Familian I Kotte

In April 2023, the Judiciary of Guam Employees' Association, *I Familian I Kotte* (IFIK) was awarded \$50,000 in grant funding through the Guam Economic Development Authority and the Department of Public Health and Social Services. The goal of the Judiciary of Guam Employees' Association, *I Familian I Kotte* (IFIK) summer sports program was to teach the participating children new skills in a protected and nurturing environment. Participation in organized sports improves children's physical fitness, mental health, coordination, and self-discipline and provides children with valuable opportunities to learn teamwork. The program's objective was to provide accessible resources for Judiciary employees' children to build their teamwork, physical fitness, mental health, coordination, and self-discipline skills through a wide variety of interactive activities. This grant expired on September 30, 2023.

A Family Affair

HR in collaboration with our healthcare providers, SelectCare and TakeCare, coordinated a Family Affair Event on April 1, 2023 held at the Guam Judicial Center's Atrium. Some of the highlights of the event were fitness classes by Fortress and Ultra Fitness for all age groups. This was an event for the whole family, and entertainment was provided by Natibu Dance Group along with balloon art for the children.

Leadership Development Academy



The Judiciary remains committed to providing supervisors and team leaders with a Leadership Development Academy (LDA) that offers the knowledge and tools essential for effective leadership in the Judiciary. An additional 13 supervisors and leads completed the Academy on October 27, 2023, increasing the number of graduates to a total of 74.



IFIK hosted "A Family Affair," health and wellness event for court families.



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