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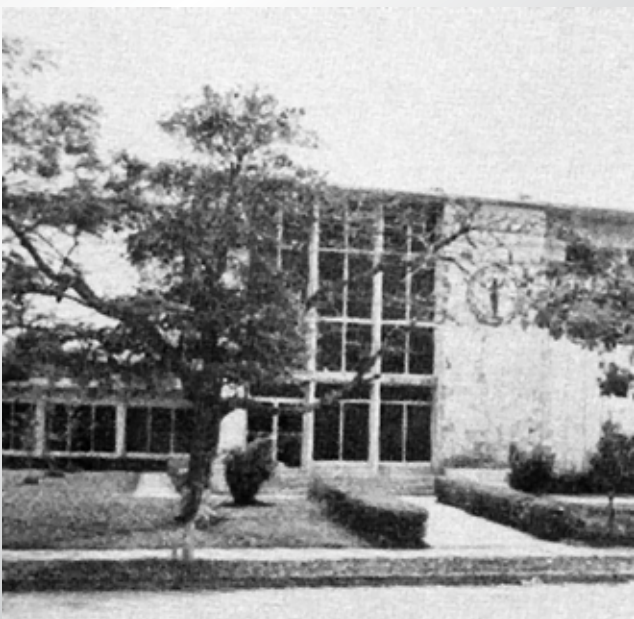
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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COURTS



*Hafa Adai!* It is with great pride and pleasure that we present to you the 2013 Annual Report of the Judiciary of Guam. The report highlights the significant accomplishments of the Judiciary over the past year, providing useful statistics, program summaries, and performance reports of our various divisions.

This report demonstrates the hard work and dedication of our judicial officers, court managers, and staff. From the development of a Court Interpreter Registry Program to provide standardized training and a code of conduct and ethics for our court interpreters, to the launch of electronic payments for various court fines and fees, we strive to ensure the fair and efficient administration of justice for all who come before our courts.

We continue to plan for the future by modernizing court operations and developing our court staff. We are still in the implementation phase with our new Case Management System, with plans to launch electronic filing and increase public access in the near future. Our Talent Management Program is a succession planning tool that demonstrates our proactive and planned approach to developing and managing high achieving managers and employees to ensure that the Judiciary's future workforce and staffing needs are met.

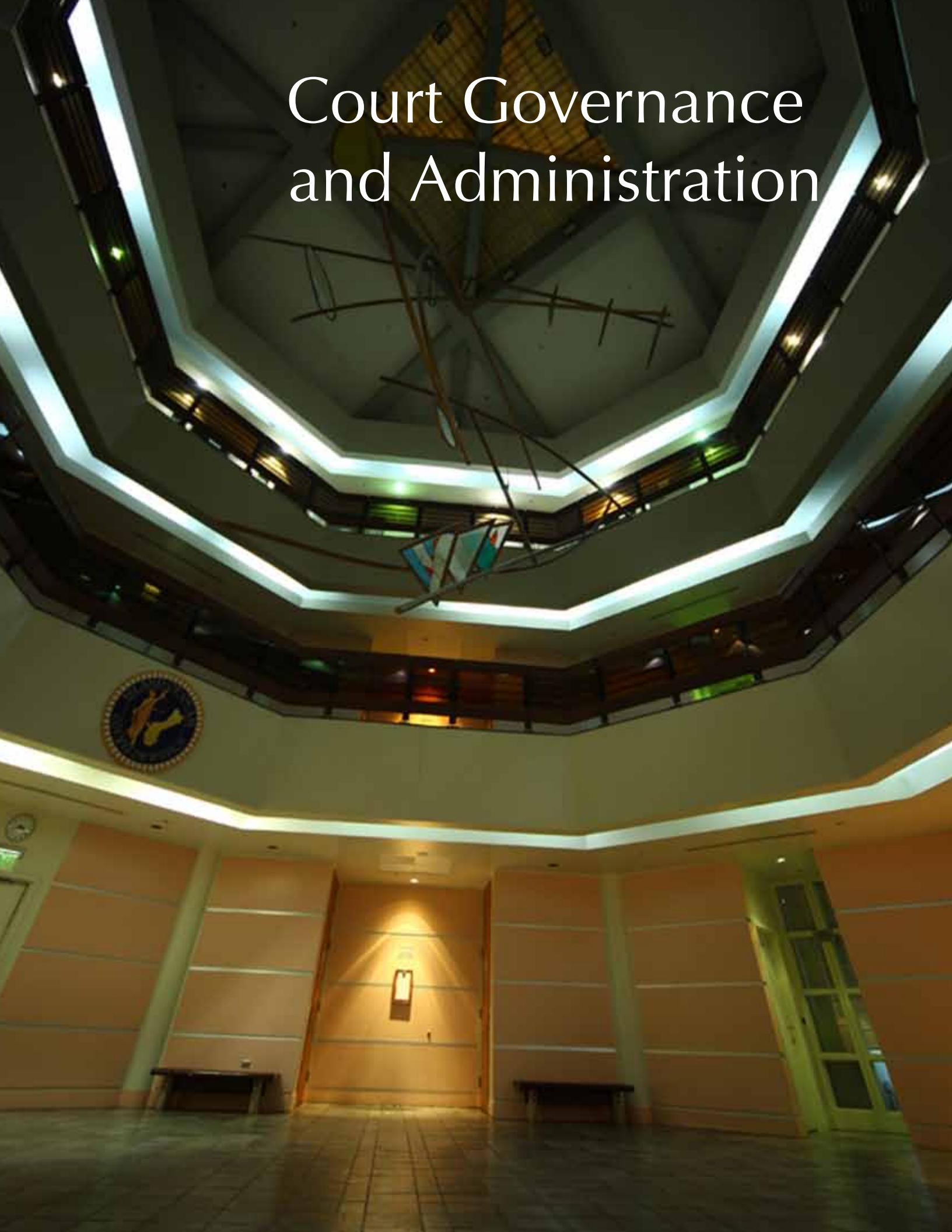
We are proud of our many accomplishments and have high hopes for the future of this branch. We invite you to take this opportunity to learn more about how your Judiciary is working to serve you.

*Senseramente,*

  
ROBERT J. TORRES  
Chief Justice of Guam

  
JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
Acting Administrator of the Courts

# Court Governance and Administration



## Judicial Council of Guam



The Judicial Council of Guam is the governing body of the Judiciary of Guam. Pursuant to 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 current composition of the Judicial Council was created in 2003, and in 2004, after an amendment to the Organic Act of Guam effectuated by the United States Congress in Public Law 108-378, the judicial branch was declared a separate and co-equal branch of the Government of Guam. Under 48 U.S.C. § 1421-1(b), the Chief Justice of Guam retains all supervisory authority of the judicial branch. With the advice of the Judicial Council, the Chief Justice governs the divisions and offices within the Judiciary of Guam.

Each month, the Judicial Council meets for its regular meeting. Public notice is provided of all regular meetings, and any interested person may attend to learn more about the challenges facing the Judiciary as it ensures the fair administration of justice to the people of Guam.

In 2013, the Judicial Council adopted 24 Judicial Council resolutions, which are available for review on the Judiciary of Guam website. These resolutions addressed governance of the judicial branch, including:

- Adoption of a code of conduct and a fee schedule for registered court interpreters
- Approval of the FY2014 Judiciary of Guam budget
- Reappointment of Alberto E. Tolentino as Magistrate

Members of the Judicial Council of Guam:

**Chief Justice Robert J. Torres**, Chairperson  
**Justice F. Philip Carbullido**  
**Justice Katherine A. Maraman**  
**Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III**  
**Judge Arthur R. Barcinas**



## Administrative Office of the Courts

The Administrative Office of the Courts has the primary responsibility of ensuring the efficient and effective operations of the Judiciary of Guam, consisting of shared services provided to the Supreme and Superior Courts. The Administrative Office oversees the following five divisions of the Judiciary: Court Administrative Services (Court Programs, Human Resources, Financial Management, Management Information Systems, and Procurement & Facilities Management), Client Services & Family Counseling, Probation Services, Marshal Services, and Courts & Ministerial.

The Administrative Office of the Courts consists of:

**Perry C. Taitano**, Administrator of the Courts (Retired)  
**Joshua Tenorio**, Acting Administrator of the Courts  
**Robert Cruz**, Deputy Administrator of the Courts  
**B. Ann Keith**, Staff Attorney for the Unified Judiciary of Guam



# Justices of the Supreme Court of Guam



**Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, Jr.** was appointed to the Supreme Court of Guam in 2004 and is currently serving his second term as Chief Justice.

Chief Justice Torres previously served as an officer and board member of the Conference of Chief Justices. He is a designated District Court Judge for the U.S. District Court of Guam and serves as Justice Pro Tempore for the Supreme Court of the CNMI. Chief Justice Torres chairs the Judiciary's subcommittees on Civil Jury Instructions, Rules of Civil Procedure & Rules of Court, E-filing, Technology & Information Systems, and Video Conferencing, and he is instrumental in the Judiciary's launch of a modern case management system. He also chairs the Judiciary's 2012-2015 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Operational Efficiency, Effectiveness and Timeliness. Additionally, Chief Justice Torres chairs the Criminal Justice Automation Commission, which oversees the criminal justice information sharing initiative in Guam.

Chief Justice Torres received a B.B.A. in Accounting (magna cum laude; Beta Gamma Sigma; Beta Alpha Psi) in 1980 from the University of Notre Dame, a Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School in 1985, and was awarded a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) Honoris Causa from the University of Cebu in the Philippines. He and his wife Mary have three children and seven grandchildren.



**Associate Justice F. Philip Carbullido** was appointed to the Supreme Court of Guam in 2000 and served as Chief Justice for three terms.

Justice Carbullido presently serves as chair of the Education Committee of the Pacific Judicial Council, which consists of the Chief Justices of Guam, the CNMI, Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Territory of American Samoa. The Pacific Judicial Council provides training for judicial officers and administrators throughout the Pacific. Additionally, Justice Carbullido previously served as Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors of the Conference of Chief Justices, a forum comprised of the highest judicial officers of the United States, its commonwealths, and its territories. Justice Carbullido continues to serve as Justice Pro Tempore for the Supreme Court of the CNMI. Justice Carbullido also chairs the Judiciary's subcommittee on the Guam Rules of Appellate Procedure and co-chairs the committee overseeing the implementation of the Judiciary's Strategic Plan.

Justice Carbullido received his B.S. in Political Science in 1975 from the University of Oregon and his Juris Doctor degree in 1978 from the University of California, Davis School of Law. He and his wife Fay have four children and one grandson, Kellan Philip.



**Associate Justice Katherine A. Maraman** joined the Supreme Court of Guam in 2008. She served as a Judge for the Superior Court of Guam for fourteen years.

Justice Maraman serves as a part-time Associate Justice for the Supreme Court of Palau. She currently chairs the Drafting & Grading Committee for the Board of Law Examiners and the Judiciary's 2012-2015 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Satisfied and Competent Personnel. Additionally, Justice Maraman chairs the Judiciary's subcommittee on Rules of Criminal Procedure and co-chairs the subcommittees on Criminal Jury Instructions, Rules of Evidence, and Rules of Civil Procedure. Justice Maraman is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Guam.

Justice Maraman received a B.A. in Economics, cum laude, from Colorado College and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of New Mexico.

# Judges of the Superior Court of Guam



**Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III** presides over the Superior Court of Guam and is a member of the Judicial Council and the Guam Public Defender Service Corporation Board of Trustees. Prior to his appointment to the bench in 1988, he maintained a private practice and was an accomplished legislator serving in leadership positions in the 15th through 19th Guam Legislatures. Presiding Judge Lamorena established the Pacific Judicial Conference in 1991. That same year, he led the construction of the Guam Judicial Center. He initiated the translation and preservation of historical court documents and the movement to adopt Guam's first Victim's Bill of Rights. He implemented the first court-wide computerized case management system (AS-400) as well as the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) to assist federal and local law enforcement. He also established the concept of specialty courts and initiated both the Adult Drug Court and Family Violence Court.

Presiding Judge Lamorena currently presides over General Jurisdiction cases and the Adult Drug Court. He previously presided over the Family Violence Court until January 2012. He is a member of the Guam Board of Law Examiners, and he chairs the Judiciary's 2012-2015 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Stakeholder and Community Relations.

Presiding Judge Lamorena received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Illinois, Urbana in 1971 and a B.A. in Accounting from the University of Texas, Austin in 1974. He received his J.D. from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa in 1977.



**Judge Michael J. Bordallo** was appointed to the Superior Court of Guam in 1998. Prior to joining the Judiciary, Judge Bordallo was a private practitioner for nine years and also served as an Assistant Attorney General for Guam. He currently presides over the Family Violence Court in addition to his regular caseload. He serves as co-chairperson of the Judiciary's subcommittees on Civil Jury Instructions and Alternative Dispute Resolution, as well as the Guam Board of Law Examiners Drafting and Grading Committee. He also co-chairs the Judiciary's 2012-2015 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Operational Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Timeliness. He previously served as President of the Board of Trustees for the Guam Law Library.

Judge Bordallo believes in remaining part of the community and has been actively involved in the local soccer organization, having served as its President, Vice President, and General Secretary. He currently serves as Chairman of its Disciplinary Committee and as a Match Commissioner for the AFC and FIFA.

Judge Bordallo received a B.B.A. in 1983 and a J.D. in 1987 from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana.



**Judge Anita A. Sukola** maintained a private practice for nearly eleven years and was a full-time Assistant Professor at the University of Guam prior to her judicial appointment in 2002. Judge Sukola's public service includes Director of Education (1989-1991); Deputy Director of Education (1987-1988); and Attorney at the Public Defender's Office. She has also served as legal counsel for the Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors and the Chamorro Land Trust Commission, and as Staff Attorney to Senator Don Parkinson (17th Guam Legislature). Judge Sukola currently presides over Mental Health Court, Family Court I (including Juvenile Court), and General Jurisdiction cases. Additionally, she chairs the Judiciary's 2012-2015 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Access to Courts and Delivery of Services, and she co-chairs the subcommittees on Pro Se Litigation and Criminal Jury Instructions.

Judge Sukola obtained a B.A. in History and Secondary Education from Washington State University in 1973 and a J.D. from the People's College of Law in 1983.



**Judge Arthur R. Barcinas** has served as a judge of the Superior Court of Guam since 2005. He maintained a private practice for fourteen years prior to his judicial service, and he served as the Hearings Officer for Small Claims Court, as Traffic Court Judge Pro Tempore, and as an Administrative Hearings Officer prior to becoming a judge. He also served as legal counsel to Governor Felix P. Camacho and as Chairman of the Chamorro Land Trust Commission Board of Directors. Judge Barcinas currently presides over General Jurisdiction cases, Family Court II and Juvenile Drug Court. He is a member of the Judicial Council, and co-chairs the Judiciary's 2012-2015 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Stakeholder and Community Relations and the subcommittee on Rules Governing the Admission to the Practice of Law and the Rules for the Discipline of Attorneys. Additionally, he is a member of the subcommittees on Pro Se Litigation, Criminal Jury Instructions, Rules of Civil Procedure & Rules of Court Revision, and E-Filing Rules.

Judge Barcinas received a B.S. in Political Science from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1986 and a J.D. from Gonzaga University School of Law in 1989.

# Judges of the Superior Court of Guam



**Judge Vernon P. Perez** was appointed to the Superior Court bench in 2008. Prior to joining the Judiciary, he was the Executive Director of the Guam Civil Service Commission and Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Guam National Guard. Judge Perez also served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Family Division of the Office of the Attorney General of Guam; Legislative Assistant to Senator Felix P. Camacho; Press Secretary to Congressman Ben Blaz in the U.S. House of Representatives; and a Math and English teacher at F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School. Judge Perez currently presides over General Jurisdiction and DWI Court cases. He co-chairs the Judiciary's 2012-2015 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Satisfied and Competent Personnel and the subcommittee on E-Filing Rules. He is also the President of the Guam Law Library Board of Trustees.

Judge Perez obtained a B.A. from the University of California, San Diego in 1987 and his J.D. from the University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law in 1997.



**Judge James L. Canto II** was appointed to the Superior Court of Guam in 2011, after having practiced in the public and private sectors for fifteen years as an Assistant Public Defender, a co-founding partner of a private law firm, and Chief Legal Counsel to the Governor of Guam. He currently presides over General Jurisdiction and DWI Court cases. He co-chairs the Judiciary's 2012-2015 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Operational Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Timeliness and the subcommittee on Rules of Civil Procedure & Rules of Court Revision.

Judge Canto obtained a B.A. in Psychology from Trenton State College in 1992 and his J.D. from the University of California Hastings College of the Law in 1995.



**Judge Maria Teresa Bonifacio Cenzone** was sworn into office as a judge of the Superior Court of Guam in 2012. She is the first Filipina-American to serve on the bench in Guam courts. Judge Cenzone has over a decade of experience in the private sector, where she served as counsel to large local and international corporations as well as some of the largest agencies of the Government of Guam. Her private practice concentrated on commercial and transactional law, with a focus on real estate, due diligence, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and civil litigation. While in private practice, she was a member of the Guam Chamber of Commerce and its Armed Forces Committee, as well as an allied member of the Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association.

Judge Cenzone served as a member of the Board of Governors of the Guam Bar Association (2006-2008) and was elected as its Secretary (2008-2012). She also served on the Board of Directors of the Guam Legal Services Corporation-Disability Law Center. Following her nomination and confirmation, she resigned from both board positions. Judge Cenzone now presides over General Jurisdiction cases. She is the Judiciary representative to the Governor's Executive Committee on Systems of Care, a member of the Veterans Court Committee, a member of the subcommittee on the Guam Rules of Appellate Procedure, and sits on several other judicial committees.

Judge Cenzone received a B.A. in English (Writing Intensive) with minors in Business Administration, Philosophy, and Criminology from Marquette University in 1992 and a J.D. from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 1996.

# Other Judicial Officers of the Superior Court of Guam



**Magistrate Judge Alberto E. Tolentino** was first appointed to the Superior Court of Guam in 2009, and he was reappointed to a second four-year term in 2013. He previously served as Chief Deputy Attorney General of Guam and as the Ethics Prosecutor. As a Magistrate Judge, he has authority to preside over small claims cases, traffic cases, as well as cases involving change of name, collections, and certain uncontested divorces and post-judgment collection proceedings. In criminal cases, he presides over first appearances and arraignments, may determine bail and pre-trial release conditions, as well as take pleas and impose sentences in misdemeanor cases. He has the authority to issue summons and bench warrants, and hear certain returns of warrants. In addition, he has authority to preside over any matter which may be heard by a Referee of the Superior Court of Guam; and upon appointment, may serve as a Special Master, or as a settlement judge in a civil or domestic case, or a Judge Pro Tempore.

Magistrate Judge Tolentino received a B.S. in Biology from the University of San Francisco in 1982 and his J.D. from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law in 1993.



**Judge Pro Tempore Richard H. Benson** became a judge of the Island Court in 1970 and of the Superior Court in 1974. He resigned in 1981 to become a justice of the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia, from which he retired in 2001. Since his return to Guam that same year, he has served as a Judge Pro Tempore of the Superior Court of Guam and as a Justice Pro Tempore of the Supreme Court of Guam, in addition to serving in other Micronesian courts. The Judicial Council of Guam presented Judge Benson with the Hustisia Award in 2012. This award recognizes a person or organization that has made a significant contribution toward the improvement of the administration of justice and good government.

Judge Benson received his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1956.



**Senior Judge Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson** is now on Senior Judicial Status, having retired after fourteen years as a trial judge. Judge Barrett-Anderson had a distinguished career before elevating to the bench in 1998. She served as Attorney General of Guam (1987-1994) and was a member of the 23rd and 24th Guam Legislatures. She is credited with establishing several therapeutic courts on Guam: Juvenile Drug Court, Family Violence Court, and the DWI Court. She continues to serve the court on Senior status, hearing Traffic Court trials and building a judicial education program for court employees.

Judge Barrett-Anderson is a 1971 graduate of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam. She obtained her B.A. from the University of San Francisco in 1974 and her J.D. from the University of Santa Clara School of Law in 1979.



**Administrative Hearing Officer Linda L. Ingles** assumed her role with the Superior Court of Guam in 1995. Prior to taking the bench, she practiced extensively in both the private and public sector. She was a founding partner of the law firm of Lamorena & Ingles, P.C., handling a multitude of civil and criminal litigation. She also served the Superior Court as a Judge Pro Tempore in Small Claims Court and Traffic Court. In public service, she served as legal counsel to the Governor of Guam, legal counsel to Senator J. George Bamba, counsel for Guam Housing Corporation, and as an Attorney for the Public Defender's office. She began her legal career as a law clerk for the Superior Court of Guam. Administrative Hearing Officer Ingles is the presiding officer of the Judicial Hearings Division, which provides the expedited adjudication of child support matters. She also presides over juvenile cases and other designated family court matters.

Hearing Officer Ingles obtained a B.S. in Political Science from the University of Oregon in 1975 and a J.D. from Whittier College School of Law in 1980.



**Small Claims Referee Benjamin C. Sison, Jr.** was appointed by the Supreme Court of Guam in 2009 to serve as a part-time Referee presiding over trials and hearings for Traffic Court and Small Claims Court.

Referee Sison received a B.S. in Biology in 1986 from the University of Hawaii at Manoa; his J.D. in 1990 from Boston College Law School; an M.B.A. in 1994 from Seattle University Albers School of Business; and an LL.M. in 2004 from the University of Washington School of Law.

# 2013 Year in Review





## Court Interpreter Registry Program

The Court Interpreter Registry Program (CIRP) was approved by the Judicial Council in November 2012. In January 2013, the CIRP's qualifications, rules and a standardized basic training program were developed by Senior Judge Pro Tempore Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson. In turn, a Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Court Interpreters was approved by the Judicial Council, and Judge Barrett-Anderson completed six training workshops.

Currently, 38 interpreters are in the registry, providing interpreter services in the following languages:

- 12 – Chuukese
- 2 – Mandarin/Cantonese
- 1 – Tagalog
- 3 – Marshallese
- 1 – Palauan
- 3 – Yapese, Outer Islands of Yap
- 2 – Kosraen
- 6 – Pohnpeian
- 1 – Chamorro
- 3 – Korean
- 1 – Russian
- 3 – Japanese
- 2 – American Sign Language

Of those requesting interpreter services in 2013, 71.96% requested for Chuukese, 8.9% requested for Mandarin/Chinese, 5.65% requested for Tagalog, 4.53% requested for Korean, and Palauan and Yapese requests were under 2% each.



## Rules of Civil Procedure and Rules of Court Revisions

In 2013, the Subcommittee on Rules of Civil Procedure and Rules of Court Revisions held regular meetings to discuss how to improve the motion practice rules in civil cases. The committee recommended that the Supreme Court promulgate and adopt the proposed amendments. Before the rules were promulgated and adopted, the committee held a CLE before judicial officers and members of the Guam Bar Association (GBA). The revised motion practice rules were adopted by the Supreme Court and became effective on March 1, 2013. The committee also examined the rules governing pre-trial conferences, scheduling orders, and discovery, and a CLE concerning the proposed revisions to these rules was held in October 2013. The committee will recommend the Supreme Court adopt the proposed rules in 2014.

## Multi-Purpose Hearing Room

On April 24, 2013, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held to unveil a new multi-purpose hearing room at the Hagåtña courthouse. The new hearing room is utilized by Senior Judge Pro Tempore Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson for traffic hearings and by Small Claims Referee Benjamin Sison for hearings in small claims cases.



## State of the Judiciary

On May 1, 2013, then-Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido gave the last State of the Judiciary address of his term as Chief Justice at the Guam Legislature's Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall. He highlighted the accomplishments of the Judiciary's divisions and programs, including the progress made on the Judiciary's 2012-2015 Strategic Plan. He also reflected on the significant changes the Judiciary had undergone since the time of his investiture in 2000:

*"When I consider the incredible strides we have made together in just over a decade; when I think about how we once considered ourselves a fragmented branch – fragmented not just from the other two branches, but fragmented internally, within ourselves; when I think that, in this relatively short time in our judicial history, we have gone from having two separate court administrations, neither unified nor cohesive, to establishing a Supreme Court on par in stature with the highest courts of all the states, to having a truly unified Judiciary . . . when I really stop and ponder these, I am filled with a renewed sense of hope and pride – different, however, from the hope and pride I felt on the day of my investiture. On that day in October 2000, my hope was flamed only by a vision. Today, having seen that vision realized, having witnessed the Judiciary surmount great hurdles by a willingness to work together, my hope is now flamed by experience, and by the reassuring knowledge that we have set in motion a solid strategy to guide the growth of the Judiciary for years to come."*



## Pacific Judicial Council Biennial Conference

The 2013 Pacific Judicial Council Biennial Conference, “Improving Professionalism through Collaboration and Action,” was held from September 23-25, 2013, at the Hyatt Regency Guam. Pacific Judicial Council Chairperson, Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido, welcomed more than 55 judicial officers from throughout the Pacific and U.S. mainland, and 60 attorneys who attended the three-day conference. Attendees heard a review of U.S. Supreme Court decisions from the 2012-2013 term from Professor Ashutosh Bhagwat of the University of California, Davis, and learned about the discipline of judges and attorneys from Professor Stephen Gillers of New York University School of Law. Senior District Judge John Coughenour of the U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington, gave “real world” tips about the practice of law and professionalism to be expected from practitioners. Chief Justice Michael G. Heavican of the Supreme Court of Nebraska spoke about the importance of funding the third branch of government, sharing his court’s experiences when faced with decreasing funding but increased expectations. Mr. David Mann, Northern California Consultant to The Other Bar, gave a first-person account of his struggle with addiction and substance abuse, and how it affected his life and his livelihood.

The Pacific Judicial Council (PJC) is a regional organization of judicial officers from: Guam; the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas; the Federated States of Micronesia and the states of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap; American Samoa; and the Republic of Palau. The work of the PJC, including the biennial conference, allows the judicial officers and the attorneys to learn not only from noted scholars, but also from each other.

The PJC biennial conference concluded with the election of new officers for 2014-2016.

The newly elected officers were:

- President: Chief Justice Martin Yinug,  
Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia
- Vice President: Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood  
District Court of Guam
- Secretary: Chief Justice F. Michael Kruse  
High Court of American Samoa
- Treasurer: Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III  
Superior Court of Guam



## Veterans Recognition Ceremony

On November 7, 2013, the Judiciary of Guam held its first Veterans Recognition Ceremony to honor 33 active employee guardsmen and reservists, 18 employee veterans, and 30 employee spouses of active military service members and veterans. Monsignor Brigido Arroyo, the first Chaplain of the Guam National Guard, performed the Invocation, and welcoming remarks was presented by Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido. Major General Benny Paulino gave the keynote address, and recognized the importance of service to both Lady Justice and Uncle Sam. Certificates of recognition were presented to employee veterans, and to the current guardsmen/reservists or their family members. Commemorative pins were presented to the employee spouses of veterans and active guardsmen/reservists. A rousing Armed Forces Medley, performed by the Island Choralers, concluded the ceremony.



## Award-Winning Active for Life Program

Nominated by the American Cancer Society, the Judiciary of Guam received the 2013 Model Worksite Wellness Program award from the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports for the Judiciary's successful Active For Life program. The award acknowledges organizations that have health and wellness programs in place to encourage and promote healthy living for employees. The Judiciary's Active For Life program was launched in November 2012 and recently completed its third campaign.



## Retirements

Jenbel V. Manibusan  
*Traffic Violations Bureau Clerk*



Jenbel Manibusan served 32 years at the Judiciary and retired in January 2013. During her time at the Judiciary, she worked in various capacities, including Assistant Clerk I, Deputy Clerk III and IV, and Courtroom/Chamber Clerk. She was promoted as the Traffic Violations Bureau Clerk in 2003 and was tasked with the responsibility of overseeing the Traffic and Small Claims Division. The Judicial Council issued a resolution highlighting her accomplishments in January 2013.

Anthony A. Meno  
*Controller*



Anthony Meno joined the Judiciary as the Controller in April 1993 and retired on March 22, 2013, serving nineteen years as the Judiciary's controller. Prior to his appointment as Controller, he was an accountant with the University of Guam. He is a member of the Association of Government Accountants and is also a Certified Government Financial Manager. The Judicial Council presented Mr. Meno with a resolution for his accomplishments and contributions to the Judiciary in April 2013.

Lorenzo P. Roberto  
*Assistant to the Compiler of Laws*



Lorenzo P. Roberto played an essential role in the publication of Guam's laws as an employee of the Law Revision Commission, which later became the Office of the Compiler of Laws. After more than 28 years of Government of Guam service, with 8 years at the Judiciary of Guam, Mr. Roberto retired on March 8, 2013, as an Assistant to the Compiler of Laws. His service to our country had been saluted by the Judicial Council on February 18, 2010, upon his selection as the 2009 Senior Noncommissioned Officer for the 254th Air Base Group and his nomination as Outstanding Airman of the Year. Mr. Roberto's contributions were recognized in a Judicial Council resolution presented on June 27, 2013.

Richard B. Martinez  
*Superior Court Clerk of Court*



After 28 years of service to the Judiciary, Richard B. Martinez retired as Clerk of Court for the Superior Court of Guam. Mr. Martinez began his Judiciary career as a bailiff in 1984. He also served as the Traffic Violations Bureau Clerk and eventually was appointed as Clerk of Court in 2004. At a special ceremony held in September 2013, he was presented with a Judicial Council resolution for his many accomplishments.

## New Appointments

Valerie D. Tenorio  
*Traffic Violations Bureau Clerk*



In April 2013, Valerie D. Tenorio was promoted to the position of Traffic Violations Bureau Clerk. Mrs. Tenorio began her career at the Superior Court of Guam in 1989 as an Assistant Clerk I, working her way up the ranks to her most recent position as Deputy Clerk Supervisor in 1996, a position she held for over 16 years. In all, she has provided nearly 25 years of service to the Judiciary of Guam.

Danielle T. Rosete  
*Superior Court Clerk of Court*



In October 2013, Danielle T. Rosete was appointed as the new Clerk of Court of the Superior Court of Guam. Mrs. Rosete joined the Judiciary in 2003 as a Superior Court law clerk to then-Judge Katherine A. Maraman. She then served as a Research Attorney for the Supreme Court of Guam and was subsequently promoted to her most recent position as Supreme Court Staff Attorney. As Staff Attorney, she excelled in promoting public awareness of the rule of law and the role of the courts through her involvement in various Judiciary-sponsored law-related education programs, including Law Week, Olweus Bullying Prevention, and Play By the Rules. Mrs. Rosete received her B.A. in Political Science from the University of Guam and her J.D. from Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

Christopher M. Budasi  
*Controller*



In November 2013, Christopher M. Budasi was selected as the new Controller of the Judiciary of Guam. Prior to joining the Judiciary, Chris served as the Director of the Office of Finance and Budget at the Guam Legislature, overseeing management and government budgeting, public finance, economic forecasting, and fiscal planning. He also worked for thirteen years in the health insurance industry as a senior manager responsible for pricing, risk management, information technology systems, business analytics and vision center clinic operations. He has a B.A. in Government, Economics and Management from Beloit College in Wisconsin.

## Years of Service Presentation Ceremony

On December 20, 2013, the Judiciary held a special Holiday Merienda and Years of Service Presentation Ceremony to honor dedicated employees for their years of service to the Judiciary. Awards were given in increments of five-year ranges, starting from 5-9 years of service (61 employees); 10-14 years (37 employees); 15-19 years (84 employees); 20-24 years (60 employees); and 25-29 years (10 employees). The following 7 employees received special recognition for 30-35 years of service:

Janet Beldad, *Supreme Court*  
Rodolfo Carino, *Probation Division*  
Lolita Limtiaco, *Courts and Ministerial*  
Roque Manglona, *Marshals Division*  
Teresita Perez, *Courts and Ministerial*  
Jovyna San Agustin, *Judges' Chambers*  
Virginia Yasuhiro, *Client Services and Family Counseling*

# Community Outreach and Education



# Law Week 2013

## Realizing the Dream: Equality for All

May 1 of every year marks Law Day, a day celebrating the nation's commitment to the rule of law. The 2013 national Law Day theme was "Realizing the Dream: Equality for All." Guam's Law Week 2013 sponsors, the Judiciary of Guam, the District Court of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association, focused on educating the public about the progress made in ending discrimination, and the work that must be done to ensure that all receive equal treatment under the law.

Using a variety of media outlets and outreach events, our Law Week programming engaged all levels of the community, from our island's leadership to primary school students, from veterans to university students. In 2013, our Law Week events reached even more members of the community, as we continued our traditional events as well as explored innovative programs.

Law Week 2013 kicked off with a joint proclamation and resolution presentation from all three branches of government, underscoring the important role of Law Week in our community.

### Fairy Tale Mock Trials

Fairy tale mock trial plays held at the Judiciary features students from the island's elementary and middle schools who play the roles of judges, attorneys, witnesses, court staff, and jurors. More than 400 students performed mock trial plays that reinterpreted fairy tales and other stories. Superman was brought to trial for breaking and entering into a warehouse. Other popular mock trials included Red Riding Hood v. I.M.A. Wolf, featuring Riley Rosete as Renee Hood and Seth Arroyo as defense attorney. The Judiciary also opened its doors to the public during an Open House and invited the public to tours of the Superior Court.





## Islandwide High School Mock Trial Competition

Students from the island's high schools were honored at a special Mock Trial Awards program held during Law Week for their participation in the High School Mock Trial Competition.

*The following winners were recognized:*

First Place – Academy of Our Lady of Guam

Second Place – St. John's School

Third Place – Simon Sanchez High School and Father Duenas Memorial School

Outstanding Witness – Michelle Mafnas, Academy of Our Lady of Guam

Outstanding Attorney – Whitney Quinley, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School, and Lilian Gill, St. John's School

As first place winners, the Academy of Our Lady of Guam students represented Guam in the 2013 National Mock Trial Championship in Indianapolis, Indiana.



## Coloring, Art, and Essay Contests

The artistic talents of the island's elementary school children were featured during Law Week, with hundreds of students participating in the annual Law Day Art and Coloring Contest. The artwork submitted from students in grades K-5 were displayed in the Judiciary's atrium throughout Law Week. Our Law Week events also captured the interest of the island's middle and high school students in the annual Law Day Essay Contest. Over 200 entries were received, with many writing about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the equal rights challenges Guam residents face.

The following winners of the Art and Essay contest were honored at a special ceremony during the Law Fair:

### Coloring Contest

K-2nd Grade

First Place – Kayla Garcia, Ligan Elementary School

Second Place – Jhoanna Topacio, Santa Barbara Catholic School

Third Place – Sera Fina Shimizu, Bishop Baumgartner Memorial Catholic School

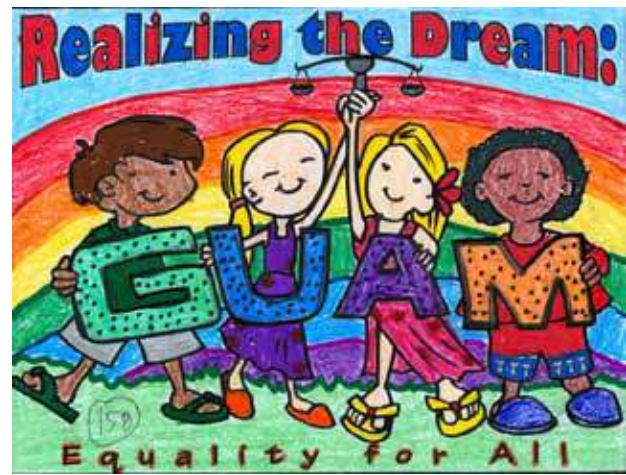
### Art Contest

3rd-5th Grade

First Place – Jerico Losing, Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School

Second Place – Angelica Gomez, Santa Barbara Catholic School

Third Place – Jenny Choi, St. Anthony Catholic School



## Essay Contest

### Middle School

- First Place – James Cook, McCool Middle School
- Second Place – Noah Gault, McCool Middle School
- Third Place – Elyse S. Coleman, McCool Middle School
- Honorable Mention – Shanelle Odtohan, L.P. Untalan Middle School

### High School

- First Place – Ashley Marie Q. Mercado, Academy of Our Lady of Guam
- Second Place – Carlo Sugatan, Okkodo High School
- Third Place – June Chew, Academy of Our Lady of Guam
- Honorable Mention – Chloe Gogue, Okkodo High School



## Hustisia Award

A special event held during Law Week is the annual presentation of the Hustisia Award, in recognition of a person or organization that has contributed significantly to the administration of justice and good government in Guam. In 2013, Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido had the honor of presenting the Hustisia Award to Retired Chief Justice Benjamin J.F. Cruz. Chief Justice Cruz has nearly 40 years of undeterred and courageous government and civic service and has distinguished himself as a singularly compassionate activist for the young, the vulnerable, and the marginalized. He is a public servant who overlooked no one's rights, and he is a true embodiment of the 2013 Law Week Theme: Equality for All.



## Law Fair

The most far-reaching outreach event, the annual Law Fair, was held at the Micronesia Mall and gave the public the chance to learn about the services and programs of the local and federal courts, law enforcement agencies, and community organizations. Entertainment included mock trial performances, cultural dances, and demonstrations by the military and Guam K-9 units.





### Relay for Life – Team Kotte

Judiciary employees continued to show support in increasing the awareness of cancer in Guam by participating in the 2013 American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. Team Kotte’s fundraising efforts earned Gold Status in the Relay for Life celebration with the theme of Celebrate, Remember, & Fight Back. Team Kotte eagerly joined the various teams from other organizations on the track during the parade of teams and participated in the luminaria ceremony and closing ceremony.



### 17th Annual Silent Witness Candlelight Ceremony

Twenty-six red silhouettes surrounded the atrium of the Judiciary during the 17th Annual Silent Witness Candlelight Ceremony chaired by Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III on October 4, 2013. The silhouettes stand as a reminder of those whose lives ended in tragic acts of domestic violence. The ceremony also provides an opportunity to reach out to those that continue to silently suffer in their homes and to celebrate those who have survived. The keynote speaker for the event was Attorney General Leonardo Rapadas.

## Safe & Drug-Free Schools Project

The Safe and Drug-Free Schools Project contributes to the Judiciary's 2012-2015 Strategic Plan Focus Area #4 to enhance collaborative relations with stakeholders and partners through its continued partnership with the Guam Department of Education (DOE). The Project is partly funded by the U.S. Department of Education Title V-A Consolidated Grant #84-403A under Prugraman Inagofli'e´ and provides implementation, training, and technical support to students, school staff, parents, stakeholders, and the community through innovative, research and evidence-based, law-related educational programs: Bullying Prevention, Play by the Rules™/Children at Risk, and School Resource Officer. In 2013, the Project conducted 431 training and 68 outreach events to students and adults (school staff, parents, and community).



### DUO (Do Unto Others): A Partnership Against Bullying

The Project continues to advance bullying prevention by educating, engaging and inspiring positive action in youth and families. Bullying prevention included continued implementation of the Olweus™ Bullying Prevention Program (Olweus) in elementary schools, and the student-empowered Safe Schools Ambassadors® Program in secondary schools. Other progress in 2013 included furtherance of Bullying Prevention Advisory Group (BPAG) stakeholder initiatives, and additional training on bullying, cyber bullying, sexting, and related youth violence and behavioral topics.



### Play by the Rules™

The goal of the Play by the Rules (PBR) program is to teach Guam youth about their legal rights and responsibilities, to become civic-minded, responsible young citizens, and provide them the tools needed to prevent crime, save lives, and build healthier and safer communities. The interactive program provides a handbook, Play by the Rules: Guam Laws for Youth, for every student to own, take home, and share with their families. In 2013, PBR was expanded from DOE secondary schools to elementary schools' fifth grade classes. On April 3 and 5, 2013, 77 school teachers, staff, and School Resource Officers (SRO) were trained to teach PBR. The program is also widely used by the SROs in the public high schools. The Guam PBR Project initiated plans to publish the second edition of the handbook, incorporating updates and additions to Guam youth laws. Publication is expected in 2014.



### Children at Risk

The Children at Risk: The Juvenile Justice System video production, featuring DOE GATE students in a mock trial case, is used to teach youth about the juvenile justice system and consequences of breaking the law. The Children at Risk (CAR) program provides outreach lessons, primarily conducted by Judiciary attorneys and law clerks to secondary school students. Other CAR outreach includes mock trial presentations and Law Week activities featuring students in mock trial plays with fairy tale themes. Twenty-nine CAR outreach presentations for students and three CAR outreach training events for adults were conducted in 2013.

### School Resource Officers

SROs are school-based officers who are specially trained, carefully selected, full-time law enforcement officers who work in schools as their primary assignments. Throughout the year, SROs participated in numerous community events to raise public awareness of their role as SROs in the public high schools and law-related educational issues pertaining to youth. SROs co-presented at the University of Guam Mini-Conference on January 12 and participated in the Guam Community College Community Fair on February 23. SROs actively participate in school orientations, parent-teacher conferences, and school-sanctioned athletic events, among other activities.

In 2013, the SROs were involved in 4,275 disciplinary incidents, 308 of which were reported to the Guam Police Department for further action. The SROs conducted 308 presentations in the high schools throughout the year, which was an increase of 110% from the number of presentations conducted the previous year.

# Looking Towards the Future



## Case Management System

The Judiciary continues to implement its case management system, which has modernized court operations and integrated court information and data. In December 2013, the Judiciary launched E-Payments for certain court fines and fees. Currently, individuals with certain traffic and parking citations can now pay these citations online. E-payment is also available for court-ordered fines and fees in adjudicated criminal cases involving DUI offenses. Special Process Servers can also pay application and renewal fees online.

In 2014, the E-Payments function will be expanded to allow for payment of court and traffic clearances online. Additionally, attorneys will be able to pay their Guam bar dues online, and prospective bar members will be able to pay the bar exam application fee online.

E-payment will also be available for other criminal case obligations, such as criminal fines, restitution, court costs, and program fees for several Judiciary-sponsored programs, such as the Domestic Abuse Program, Anger and Stress Management Program, and Individual Counseling for Family Violence cases.

The Judiciary also looks to launch E-Filing in 2014, with implementation beginning in the Supreme Court followed by the Superior Court. These online services will offer convenience to the Judiciary's clientele and are part of the Judiciary's ongoing efforts to increase access to justice.

## Veterans Court

Led by Chairperson Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III, the Veterans Treatment Court Committee has been meeting to develop this specialty court focused on treating justice-involved veterans whose service to our country has severely impacted their health and wellness. Potential participants must provide written proof of their veteran status, meet certain clinical criteria, and have been charged with a non-violent offense.

The Veterans Treatment Court program is intended to address issues that often arise as a result of veteran status, including homelessness, unemployment, untreated substance abuse, medical issues, and injuries. Veterans in the program are supported by a collaborative network of service providers to foster sustained recovery. The committee members include representatives from the:

- Judiciary of Guam: Justice F. Philip Carbullido, Judge Anita Sukola, Judge Vernon Perez, Judge James Canto II, Joshua Tenorio, Jacqueline Zahnen-Cruz and Court Programs Office staff, William "Brandy" Brandshagen, Virginia Yasuhiro, Raymond Taimanglo, Ann Keith, Margaret Paulino
- Veterans Affairs: Dr. Edward Santos, Guam Veterans Center; Dr. Joan Gill and Stephanie Vidaurri, Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic; John Unpingco (Retired Judge), Administrator of the Guam Veterans Affairs Office
- Attorney General's Office: Leonardo Rapadas, Attorney General; Phil Tydingco, Chief Deputy Attorney General
- Public Defender Eric Miller; Alternate Public Defender Annie Gayle
- Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center: Rey Vega, Director
- U.S. Naval Hospital: Rosita Mahoney
- Guam Air National Guard: Katherine Davis-Finch
- Guam Army National Guard: Rosemarie Camacho and Susanna Mafnas

The passage of Public Law 32-082 amended Guam law to provide for the establishment of this treatment court within the Judiciary, and permitted the Judicial Council to establish fees to supplement the costs related to administering this program.



## Employee Training

Through various training opportunities, the Judiciary ensures that employees are able to expand their knowledge base, improve their performance, and become better prepared to respond to emergency situations in the workplace. Training programs in 2013 included:

- Public Safety Grant Writing Training was held for public safety organizations and emergency service providers working with Homeland Defense. Judiciary attendees included a deputy marshal and program coordinator.
- Administrative Response to Active Shooter Training was presented by the Marshals Division to 143 non-law enforcement administrative employees, preparing them with information about identifying and responding to an armed shooter. The employees learned about identifying potential threats and stages of an active shooter, typical response plans, and improving cooperation with law enforcement.
- CPR/First Aid/Automated External Defibrillator Training was provided to first responder and administrative employees. A total of 98 employees earned their CPR recertification cards.
- Firearms Requalification Training for deputy marshals and probation officers, conducted by marshals who are certified firearms instructors. The training included a daytime qualification course for court-issued firearms to teach proper shooting techniques and safety drills.
- Pharmaceutical Drug Diversion Training was provided by the Controlled Substances Program and Guam Prescription Drug Monitoring Program of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, to raise awareness and train regulatory officials on prescription drug use and diversion. Five probation officers attended this training, which DPHSS conducted in partnership with Purdue Pharma, L.P., and Laulima Pacific, Inc. Hawaii.
- Suicide Postvention Training – Train the Trainer, sponsored by the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, focused on reducing risk and promoting healing after a suicide. Two Individual, Marriage and Family Therapists from the Judiciary's Client Services and Family Counseling Division attended, and learned to coordinate a safe and supportive response to a suicide, reducing the risk of suicide-related phenomena, responding to media, and best practices on communicating safely about suicide.



## Talent Management Program

The Judiciary of Guam launched its Talent Management Program in 2013, a proactive and planned approach to developing and managing high achieving managers and employees, to ensure that future workforce and staffing needs are met.

This program, which is consistent with and complementary to the Government of Guam merit system, is a succession planning tool to create an “internal talent pool” for the Judiciary. The goal is to provide existing Judiciary employees with training and skills to fill critical positions as vacancies occur, and to provide opportunities for career enhancement and professional development.

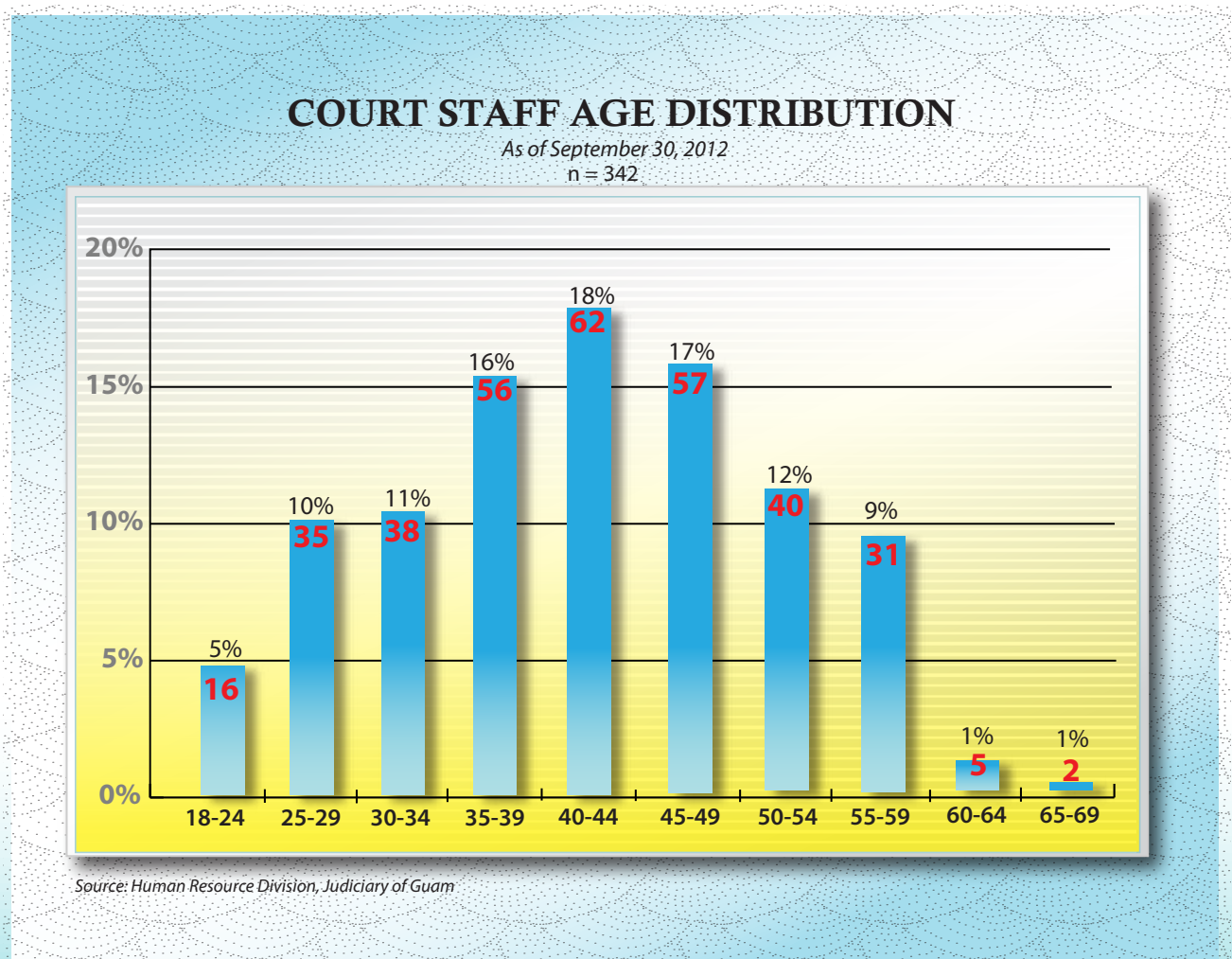
Track 1, the Leadership Development Track, is aimed at creating qualified candidates to fill key leadership positions. Track 1 participants are:

- Joshua Tenorio, Acting Administrator of the Court
- Erica Eschbach, Supreme Court Staff Attorney
- Jessica Cruz, Chief Deputy Clerk of Court, Superior Court
- Yvette Blas-Ananich, Senior Probation Officer
- Serena Taimanao, Courtroom Bailiff

Track 2, the Career Development Track, offers career enhancement to high performing staff. Track 2 participants are:

- Norman Quidachay, Deputy Clerk I
- Charlene Santos, Deputy Clerk III
- Pete Meno, Probation Officer Supervisor
- Rhea Taitano, Program Coordinator III
- Tiffany Muna Barnes, CT Info Systems Analyst II

After being accepted into the program, participants created their individual development plans and report on their progress to a team of senior managers. With forward thinking and preparation, the Judiciary can better anticipate its future staffing needs.



# Judicial Statistics and Division Reports

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## Supreme Court of Guam

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.

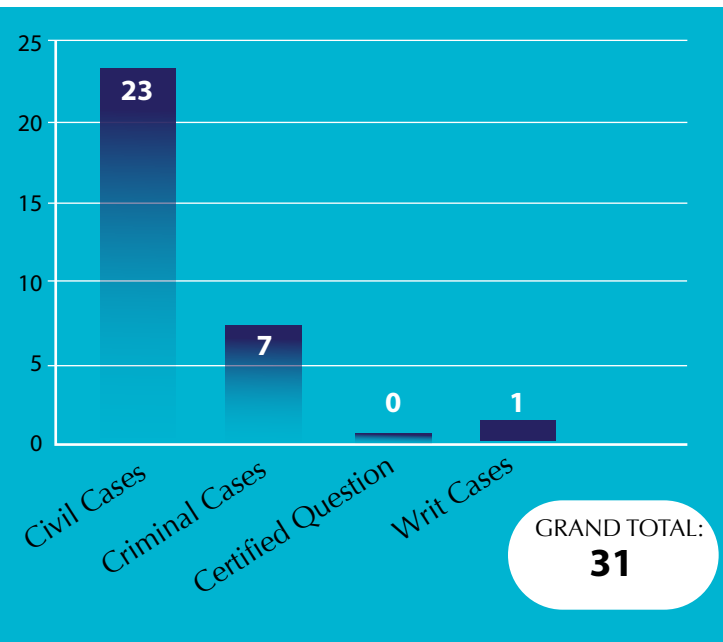
The Supreme Court's authority also extends to attorney and judicial ethics and the practice of law in Guam, including admission to practice law and the conduct and discipline of persons admitted to practice law. The Board of Law Examiners is comprised of the Chief Justice of Guam (chairman), the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court (members), 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 inquires into the character and fitness of all applicants for admission.

The Justices of the Supreme Court of Guam are:

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

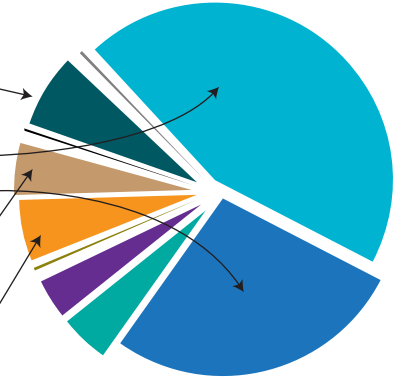
The Supreme Court Clerk of Court is Hannah G. Arroyo.

### Opinions Issued in 2013:



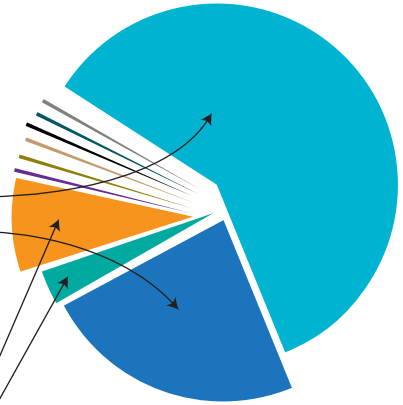
### Number of Case Filings:

Appellate Procedure	0
Attorney Discipline	6
Certified Question	0
Civil Cases	39
Criminal Cases	24
Pro Hac Vice	4
Promulgation Orders	3
Writ of Habeas Corpus	0
Writs of Mandamus	5
Writs of Prohibition	4
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>85</b>



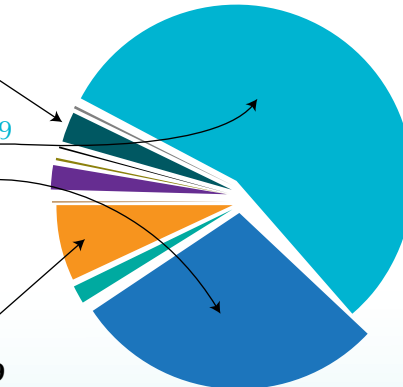
### Actions Filed:

Appellate Procedure	0
Attorney Discipline	0
Certified Question	0
Civil Cases	64
Criminal Cases	25
Pro Hac Vice	0
Promulgation Orders	0
Writ of Habeas Corpus	0
Writs of Mandamus	9
Writs of Prohibition	2
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>100</b>



### Orders Filed:

Appellate Procedure	0
Attorney Discipline	6
Certified Question	0
Civil Cases	119
Criminal Cases	61
Pro Hac Vice	0
Promulgation Orders	5
Writ of Habeas Corpus	0
Writs of Mandamus	15
Writs of Prohibition	3
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>209</b>



## Supreme Court Offices

The Supreme Court of Guam, in addition to serving as the highest appellate court for the local Judiciary, has administrative oversight over the following offices: the Compiler of Laws, the Ethics Prosecutor, and the Public Guardian.

### Office of the Compiler of Laws

The Office of the Compiler of Laws continues to fulfill its statutory mandate of publishing the Guam Code Annotated (GCA) and updates thereto, and to assist with the preparation and publication of the Opinions of the Supreme Court of Guam. Free online access to Guam laws, including the GCA, session laws of the Guam Legislature, and the executive orders of the Governor of Guam, are made available free of charge through the Compiler of Laws website, [www.guamcourts.org/compileroflaws](http://www.guamcourts.org/compileroflaws).

In 2013, the Compiler's Office bid a fond farewell to Assistant Compiler Lorenzo Roberto, whose contributions to publishing the laws of Guam began with assistance to the first Compiler of Laws Attorney Charles Troutman and the Law Revision Commission, the predecessor of the Office of the Compiler of Laws. Mr. Roberto retired from the Government of Guam after more than 28 years of dedicated service.

Geraldine Amparo Cepeda, Compiler of Laws  
Erica Eschbach, Chief Assistant to the Compiler of Laws (Jan. – Sept. 2013)  
Dean Manglona, Chief Assistant to the Compiler of Laws (from Oct. 2013)

### Office of the Public Guardian

The Public Guardian serves as a guardian of the person or estate of an adult who, by reason of age, disease, or disability, is unable to properly manage and take care of him or herself or his or her property without assistance. The Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) receives referrals for guardianship services from Superior Court judges, families, as well as entities such as Catholic Social Services, St. Dominic's, Guam Memorial Hospital and the Skilled Nursing Unit, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, and the Department of Public Health Adult Protective Services. The OPG also assists and advises guardians, those who are seeking to become guardians, and the court in proceedings involving the appointment and supervision of guardians.

In 2013, OPG had over 80 wards. The office received 61 referrals in 2013, an increase from the 45 referrals received in 2012. Of the 61 referrals, 16 became wards of OPG, and the office filed 14 petitions on behalf of family members.

Significant staffing changes took place at OPG in 2013. OPG hired two new social workers, one to replace the previous social worker who resigned in March, and another to fill a new social worker position. In May, OPG was also able to fill the Fiscal Officer position. With the fortification in its staff, OPG has been better able to meet the demands of effectively caring for its many wards.

Marcelene C. Santos, Public Guardian

### Office of the Ethics Prosecutor

The Office of the Ethics Prosecutor receives ethical complaints against lawyers and judicial officers and assists members of the public with their complaints should the case proceed to a formal proceeding. After receipt of a complaint, the process involves an initial screening determination and, if warranted and authorized, an investigation into the allegations. In some cases, the process results in a formal complaint filed against the attorney or judicial officer. These proceedings are generally confidential, but the office ensures that complainants are apprised of the status of their complaints and of the attorney or judicial discipline process.

Fifty-one attorney discipline matters were commenced in 2013. In addition, the Ethics Prosecutor fielded in excess of 50 inquiries from members of the bar as well as the public regarding potential ethics complaints. The following attorney discipline was imposed in 2013: two public reprimands ordered by the Supreme Court of Guam, and one private reprimand imposed by the Guam Bar Ethics Committee.

Seven judicial discipline matters were commenced in 2013. One judicial discipline order was issued by the Supreme Court of Guam in early 2014 regarding a matter resolved in 2013. That order imposed a public reprimand on a retired judge for conduct while he was on the bench.

Bruce Bradley, Ethics Prosecutor

## Superior Court of Guam

The Superior Court of Guam is our island’s court of general jurisdiction, and seven judges preside over the cases brought before them – from criminal felony and misdemeanor cases, juvenile matters, civil matters involving more than \$10,000, divorce and custody cases, to probate and special proceedings. The Magistrate Judge has jurisdiction over certain proceedings in criminal and civil cases and other matters. The Administrative Hearings Officer presides over child support cases and juvenile matters, while the Small Claims Referee and the Traffic Judicial Officer conduct trials and hold hearings for Small Claims Court and Traffic Court.

In 2013, the Superior Court saw a slight increase in cases filed. The majority of newly filed cases in 2013 were criminal felony, civil matters, small claims cases, and cases involving protective orders.

The judicial officers of the Superior Court are:

Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III  
 Judge Michael J. Bordallo  
 Judge Anita A. Sukola  
 Judge Arthur R. Barcinas  
 Judge Vernon P. Perez  
 Judge James L. Canto II  
 Judge Maria T. Cenzone  
 Magistrate Judge Alberto E. Tolentino  
 Senior Judge Pro Tem Richard H. Benson  
 Senior Judge Pro Tem Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson  
 Administrative Hearings Officer Linda L. Ingles  
 Small Claims Referee Benjamin C. Sison, Jr.

### FIVE-YEAR COMPARATIVE CASES FILED

Description	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adoption	57	43	28	48	45
Child Support	438	499	482	370	315
Civil	1,897	2,064	1,984	1,395	1,727
Criminal (Felony)	671	762	727	735	754
Criminal (Misdemeanor)	1,346	1,273	1,300	1,207	1,125
Domestic (Divorce)	868	849	878	869	742
Juvenile Delinquent	276	235	316	458	229
Juvenile Special Proceedings	828	895	781	773	707
Juvenile Drug Court	141	84	131	217	176
Land Registration	5	6	2	1	8
Probate	182	176	154	190	176
Special Proceedings	264	260	216	202	204
Small Claims	2,154	1,869	2,125	1,643	1,933
Foreign Orders	1	6	3	1	1
Protective Orders	93	83	125	137	167
Restitution and Fines	0	72	42	32	43
<b>GRAND TOTALS:</b>	<b>9,221</b>	<b>9,176</b>	<b>9,294</b>	<b>8,278</b>	<b>8,352</b>

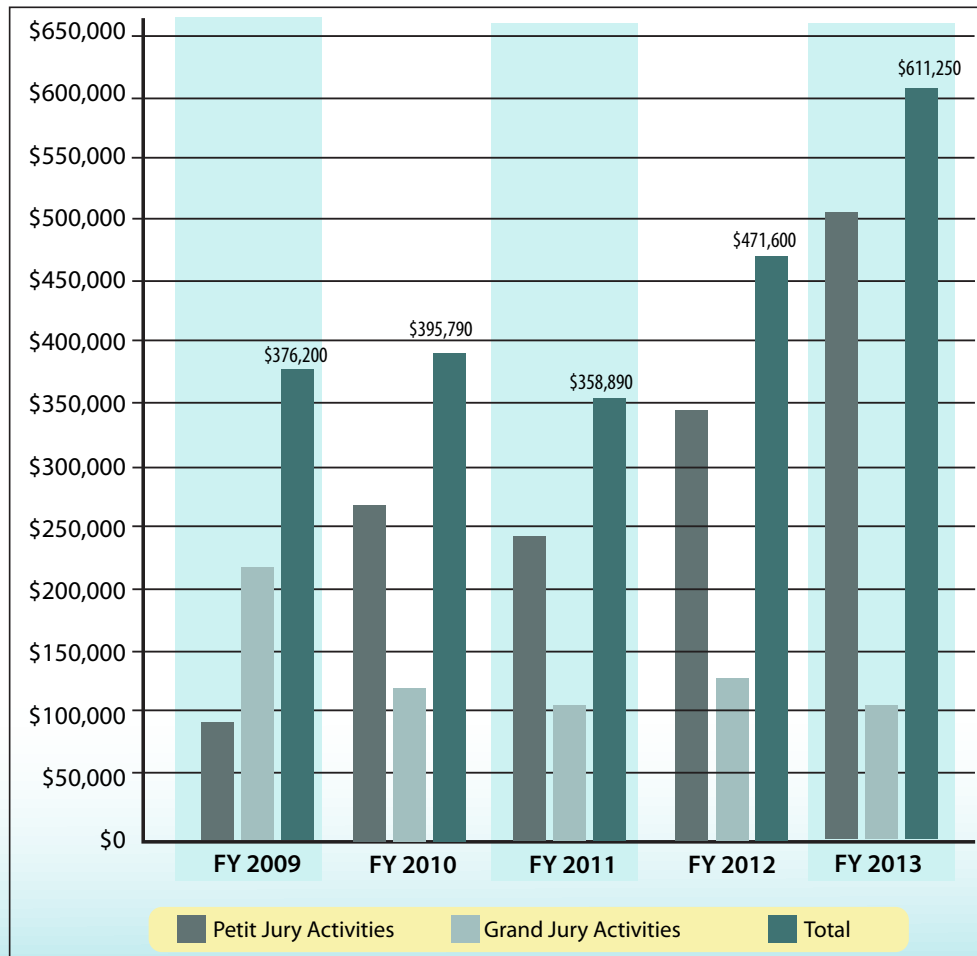
\* Source: Superior Court of Guam

The Jury Unit is responsible for ensuring and coordinating the availability of grand jurors and petit jurors for matters in the Superior Court, and, therefore, it plays a critical role in ensuring the constitutional rights of those accused of crimes. The right to a criminal jury trial is guaranteed by the Constitution, and this unit is essential to the criminal justice system. In 2013, 20,375 jurors were present at orientations, selections and court proceedings, an increase of 23% from 2012 and 41% from 2011. There was also an increase in the number of grand jury proceedings held. Of the 72 petit jury selections, 71 of the cases were tried before a jury, which is a 45% increase from 2012.

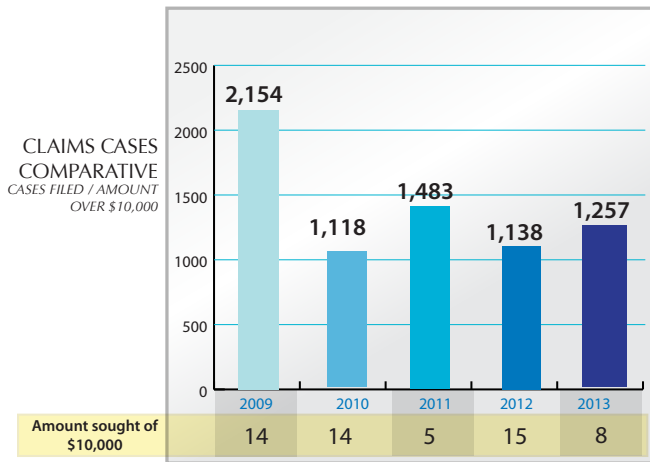
FIVE-YEAR CASE COMPARATIVE • JURY MANAGEMENT STATISTICS

CATEGORY	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Petit Jury Orientations	12	11	15	22	24
Petit Jury Selections	62	65	53	77	72
Petit Jury Trial Cases	31	34	27	39	71
Petit Jury Trial Days	144	111	111	162	318
Grand Jury Selections	2	2	2	2	2
Grand Jury Days	146	182	175	188	172
Grand Jury Cases	603	724	701	708	720
Jurors Present	12,540	13,193	11,963	15,720	20,375

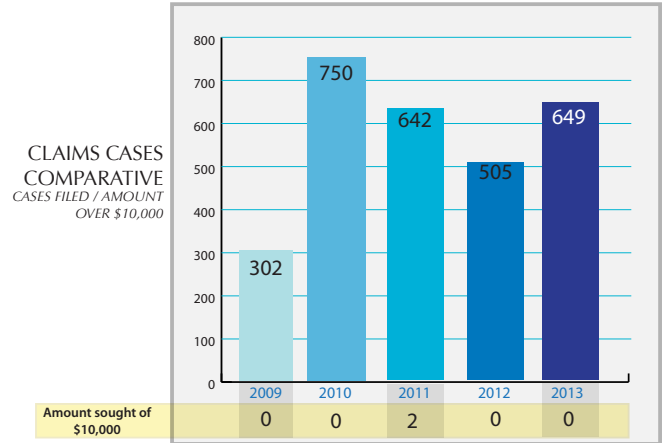
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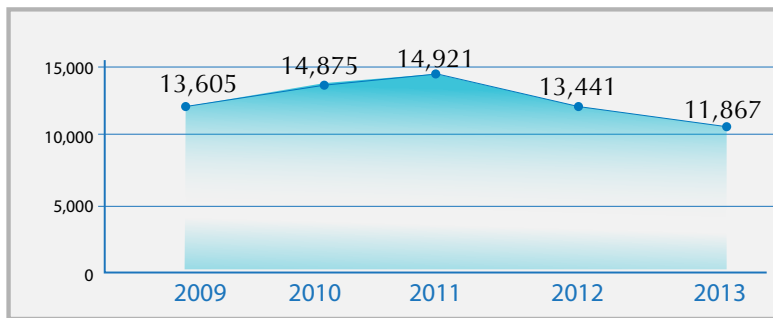
\* Small Claims Cases Filed • Hagåtña Courthouse



\* Small Claims Cases Filed • Northern Court Satellite



Traffic Citations Filed



## Courts and Ministerial Division

The Courts and Ministerial Division (C&M) is an integral part of the judicial process and can be described as the nerve center of the court. C&M is usually the first stop a person makes when visiting the Judiciary for the first time. The staff of C&M plays many vital roles in aid and promotion of the judicial process, most importantly managing the flow of cases through the court. Other essential services include the fair and equitable assignment of cases to Superior Court judicial officers, intake and processing of court documents, maintenance and preservation of case files and court records, support staff for judges' chambers, management of the jury process, and transcription services for courtroom proceedings. C&M is comprised of the following units:

- Intake & Records
- Traffic Violations Bureau/Small Claims Court
- Team Chambers
- Jury Unit
- Child Support
- Drug Courts
- Family Courts
- Master Calendar Cases
- Court Reporters Unit

C&M personnel also facilitate the use of the Self-Represented Litigants Kiosk by those citizens representing themselves in court proceedings and provide interpreter services to persons with Limited English Proficiency as part of the Court Interpreter Registry Program, in addition to other administrative duties.

Danielle T. Rosete, Clerk of Court  
 Jessica C. Cruz, Deputy Clerk of Court

## Specialty Courts

In an effort to address the underlying reasons and causes of criminal behavior, the Superior Court of Guam has developed the following specialty courts: Adult Drug Court, Juvenile Drug Court, Mental Health Court, and Family Violence Court. Known as “therapeutic” or “problem-solving” courts, these programs transform the interaction between criminal offenders and the justice system by using a non-traditional process involving a multi-disciplinary approach. This approach includes treatment, frequent status hearings, counseling, and graduated sanctions and rewards for participants. Research shows that these types of programs are better able to reduce substance abuse, recidivism, and jail overcrowding than the traditional adversarial system.

### Adult Drug Court

Participants of the Adult Drug Court program undergo intensive counseling and treatment for their substance abuse addictions and are subjected to frequent random drug testing, agreeing to sanctions for failure to comply with program guidelines.

In 2013, the program received 54 referrals. Thirty-eight of those referred were assessed to be legally eligible for the program, 15 were deemed legally ineligible, and one individual was assessed to be clinically ineligible for the program.

Throughout 2013, program clients were tested up to three times a week depending on their phase in the program. The results of these tests demonstrate that a vast majority of the clients complied with program guidelines:

- Urinalysis tests yielded 86 positive results and 3,421 negative results.
- Breathalyzer tests yielded an average of 4 positive results and 160 negative results per quarter.
- Saliva tests yielded an average of 13 positive results and 30 negative results per quarter.

### Juvenile Drug Court

The Juvenile Drug Court program integrates drug treatment services with the juvenile justice system, recognizing that substance abuse addictions may develop in youth and that delinquent behavior may stem from substance abuse related issues. Participants in the program undergo weekly status hearings, random testing, group counseling sessions, life skills workshops, and recreational therapy sessions.

In 2013, the program had 198 active cases. Of the 3,530 drug tests conducted, 17 positive results were returned.

Since the first Juvenile Drug Court graduation in 2003, 294 juveniles have graduated from the program, including 26 in 2013.



### 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 too often is misunderstood and underserved. This specialty court provides wraparound community-based treatment and services to defendants diagnosed with a mental illness brought before the court for alleged criminal behavior. The court ensures that qualified defendants are properly screened, evaluated, and treated. Defendants in the program are closely followed and encouraged to attend appointments, take prescribed medications, and report to the probation office as directed.

In 2013, the Mental Health Court served a total of 70 clients, 23 of whom were in formal Mental Health Court, 44 on the traditional track, and 3 receiving off-island treatment.

### Family Violence Court

The Family Violence Court is an integrated domestic violence court that allows a family to have all civil and criminal cases arising from the same incident heard by a judge specifically trained to address legal issues that arise within families. This successful “One Judge, One Family” model improves caseload efficiency while increasing the services provided to victims and increasing defendant accountability.

Family Violence filings in 2013	
Criminal Felony	127
Criminal Misdemeanors	307
<b>Total</b>	<b>434</b>

Protective Orders 156

### DWI Court

In addition to the therapeutic courts, in 2010, the Judiciary established the DWI Court to help address the severe backlog in the prosecution of cases involving Driving While Intoxicated offenses. Under the DWI docket, cases are resolved within 90-120 days from the date of arraignment, instead of languishing for months or years. The consequences for the crime are immediate, and as a result, a violator is more likely to associate the intoxicated driving with the punishment, creating a deterrent effect and preventing recidivism. The DWI docket also requires frequent court hearings and counseling sessions, as well as random breath and urinalysis testing.

DWI Court filings in 2013	
Criminal Felony	57
Criminal Misdemeanors	332
<b>Total</b>	<b>389</b>

## Court Administrative Services Division

The Judiciary's Court Administrative Services Division consists of the following offices: Court Programs, Human Resources, Financial Management, Management Information Systems, and Procurement & Facilities Management.

### Court Programs Office

The Court Programs Office is responsible for obtaining federal grants to fund Judiciary programs and for monitoring compliance with grant requirements to ensure continuity of federal funding. These grants enhance the Judiciary's ability to develop initiatives and programs without relying on local appropriations. Through the Court Programs Office's consistent performance in compliance monitoring, grant progress, and financial reporting, the Judiciary has garnered a solid reputation as a reliable, trustworthy, and efficient recipient of federal monies.

In 2013, the Court Programs Office secured more than \$1.1 million in new federal funding, an increase of over \$730,000 from the previous year. The Office continued to administer more than \$6.6 million in ongoing projects from previous fiscal years. The federal funds received in 2013 for new and ongoing projects include:

- \$3,777,000 in Compact Impact Funding for the Judiciary's Case Management System
- \$400,000 for the Guam Sex Offender SMART Program
- \$200,000 for the Adult Drug Court Enhancement Project
- \$354,400 for the Criminal Justice Information System
- \$50,000 for the Talent Management Program

Jacqueline Z. Cruz, Court Programs Administrator

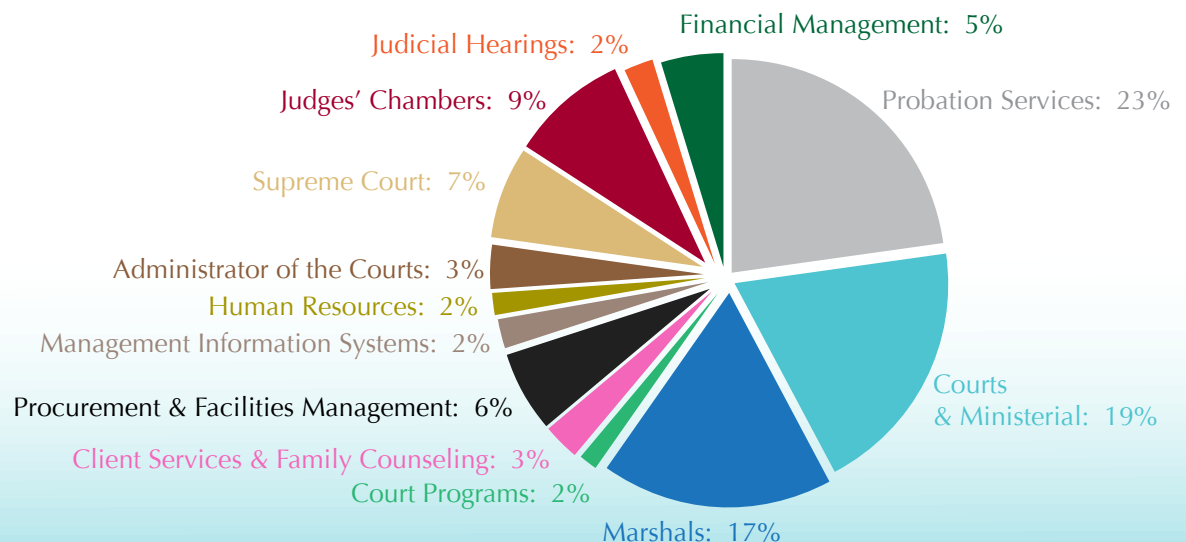
## Human Resources Office

The Human Resources (HR) Office manages and administers all HR-related functions for the Judiciary, which includes responsibilities related to recruitment and selection, compensation and classification, performance management, benefits administration, training and development, leave administration, workforce discipline and management, as well as analysis and strategic planning. Led by the HR Administrator, the six full-time classified employees of the HR Office ensure the Judiciary's compliance and conformance with federal and local employment related statutes, administrative employee management policies, and personnel rules and regulations adopted by the Judicial Council.

In 2013, notable contributions of the HR Office include: recruitment and processing of 76 new employees, including limited term and probational appointments, and 30 in-house positions; and the comprehensive audit of all employee personnel records in light of the legislative appropriation for merit bonuses, which resulted in processing of 267 personnel actions for such bonuses. Also in 2013, the Judiciary executed a health insurance contract independent from the Government of Guam, securing an attractive and cost-effective health and dental insurance plan design that included a lower deductible, reduced rates, increased dental coverage, and expanded gym and wellness options.

Barbara Jean T. Perez, Human Resources Administrator

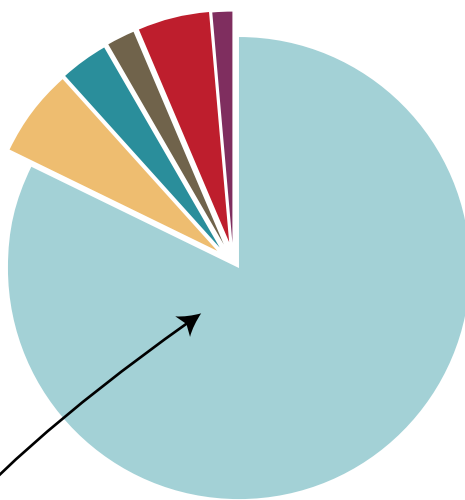
In 2013, the workforce distribution within the Judiciary was as follows:



## Financial Management

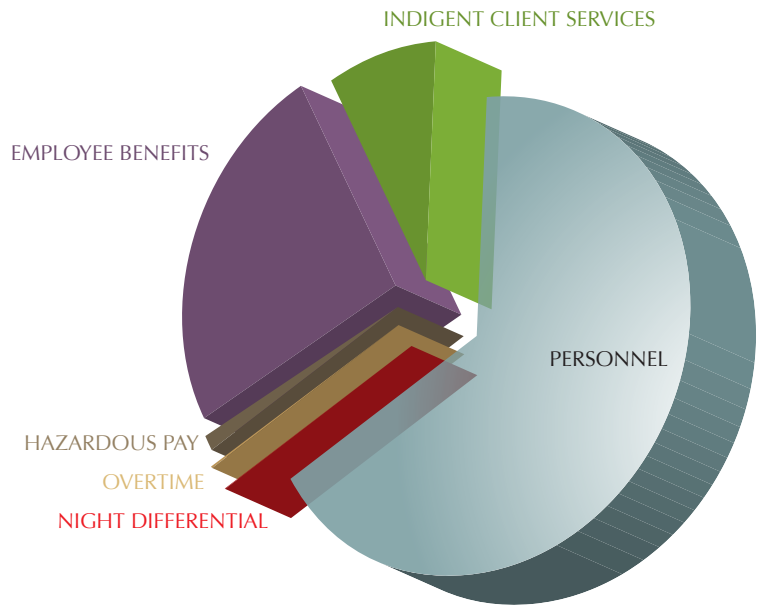
The Financial Management Division (FMD) is responsible for effectively managing the Judiciary’s financial resources and obligations. FMD conducts internal audits and prepares financial reports, including revenue and expenditure forecasts, accounts payable, payroll, federal and local appropriations, accounts receivable, and cash collection and disbursement. FMD is also responsible for various funds under the Judiciary’s purview, such as the Operations Fund, the Judicial Building Fund, the Indigent Defense Fund, and fiduciary funds for cases involving court guardianships, trusts, and land condemnations. FMD spearheads the preparation of the Judiciary’s annual budget.

Christopher M. Budasi, Controller  
 Norma S. Camacho, Deputy Administrator



**FUNDING SOURCES**

	2012	2013
APPROPRIATIONS	24,738,596	23,564,558
FEDERAL GRANTS	6,205,977	1,769,113
TRAFFIC FINES	812,065	917,875
FINES	1,192,969	528,233
FEES	1,668,953	1,446,359
MISCELLANEOUS	398,769	363,799
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35,017,329</b>	<b>28,589,937</b>



**MANDATORY EXPENSES**

	2013
PERSONNEL	17,494,285
OVERTIME	26,516
NIGHT DIFFERENTIAL	9,136
HAZARDOUS PAY	198,616
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	6,589,985
INDIGENT CLIENT SERVICES	
Court Interpreters	71,382
Alternate Public Defender	846,896
Court Appointed Attorneys	952,613
Other	258,105

### Management Information Systems

The Management Information Systems (MIS) Office is responsible for the Judiciary's computer network and information system, including the development, installation, operation, and maintenance of hardware and software systems. In 2013, MIS played a primary role in the continued implementation of the Judiciary's new case management system, launching the E-payment function in December.

Peter Leon Guerrero, Management Information Systems Administrator

### Procurement & Facilities Management

The Procurement & Facilities Management Office handles purchases, capital improvements, project management, contract administration, and maintenance of the judicial building and grounds. Major projects of the office in 2013 included the in-house construction of a new traffic and small claims hearing room and the procurement of a group health insurance plan separate from the Government of Guam.

Raymond Taimanglo, Procurement & Facilities Management Administrator

### Marshal Services Division

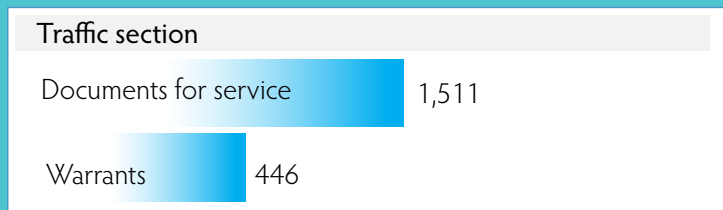
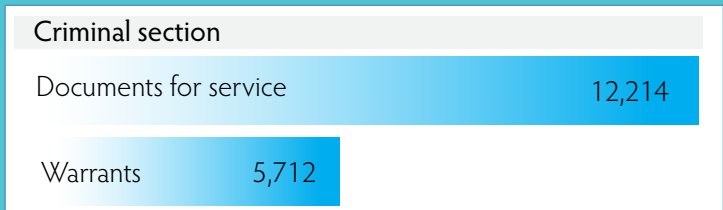
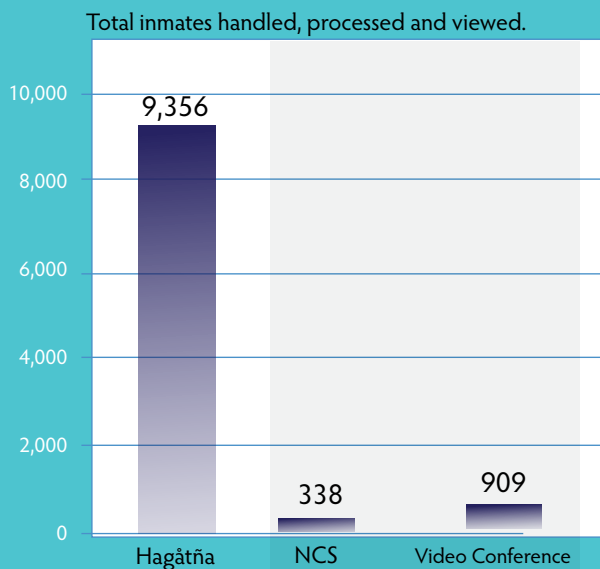
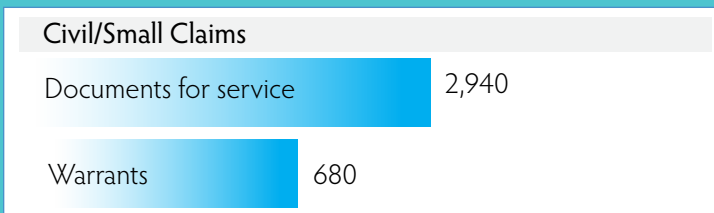
The Marshal Services Division is responsible for all aspects of court security, from judicial officers, to court employees and patrons, and all judicial facilities. The division is also responsible for service of court documents, execution of warrants, and transportation of prisoners, among other duties. The division is comprised of the Field section (criminal, traffic, and civil/small claims), the Security section, the Supreme Court section, the Training and Staff Development section, and the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS)/National Crime Information Center (NCIC) section.

In 2013, the Criminal section received 12,214 documents for service, including 5,712 warrants. The Traffic section received 1,511 documents for service, including 446 warrants. The Civil/Small Claims section received 2,940 documents for service, including 680 warrants. The Supreme Court section received 573 documents for service. The Training and Staff Development section conducted 15 training sessions in 2013, involving 1,370 participants.

The Security section handled and processed a total of 9,356 defendants at the Hagåtña courthouse, and 338 defendants at the Northern Court Satellite. The section also processed 909 defendants via video conference.

The CJIS/NCIC section is responsible for submitting and updating criminal history records for Guam to the FBI, and is the sole submitting agency for Guam. The section also processes and remits payments received for fingerprint process for firearms identification, and conducts background checks requested by off-island law enforcement agencies. Among the section's many activities in 2013, it submitted 1,122 criminal felony and misdemeanor dispositions to the FBI, and processed 332 requests for background check from local and federal law enforcement agencies.

Edward Toves, Marshal of the Courts



## Client Services & Family Counseling

The Client Services and Family Counseling (CSFC) Division provides a variety of direct therapeutic, psychological, evaluative, consultative, and educational services to the court, its clientele, and the community. CSFC believes that coordination and collaboration are essential for the delivery of integrated services. CSFC also believes that continuing professional education and maintaining professional ethics and standards are vital to maintaining quality services. CSFC remains committed to the importance of therapeutic outcomes for its clientele and will continue to be proactive, responsive, and creative in ensuring programs meet the needs of its clients. CSFC will continue to develop and promote a uniform spectrum of services, case management practices, and decision-making tools that enable the courts to respond effectively to the needs of individuals, families and children.

Services provided by CSFC include: Forensic and Psychological Evaluations; Individual, Couples / Conciliation and Family Counseling; Group Counseling; and In-House Consultation and Counseling.

In 2013, CSFC staff provided professional consultation and technical assistance with grants and grant applications, such as the Domestic Violence Court Enhancement Project, the Judiciary's Strategic Plan, the Bullying Prevention Program, and the Case Management System; and with program development and ongoing support of the specialty courts for Mental Health, DUI, Family Violence, and Juvenile and Adult Drug Courts. Additionally, CSFC staff continued to work closely with the University of Guam in the professional development of students pursuing professional careers as therapists, psychologists, and social workers. CSFC provided field supervision, training and counseling with University of Guam undergraduate and graduate students from the Psychology and Education Programs. In addition to class presentations, staff also provided clinical supervision to students and graduates requiring hands on counseling experience.

Figure 1. Caseload Beginning 2013

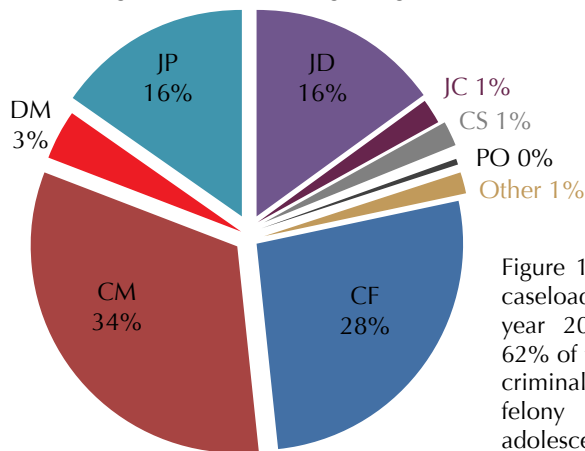


Figure 1 reflects the overall caseload at the start of the year 2013 by Case Type. 62% of the cases were adult criminal misdemeanor and felony cases, 33% were adolescents and children, and 4% were domestic, child support and protective order cases.

Figure 2. Cases Received in 2013

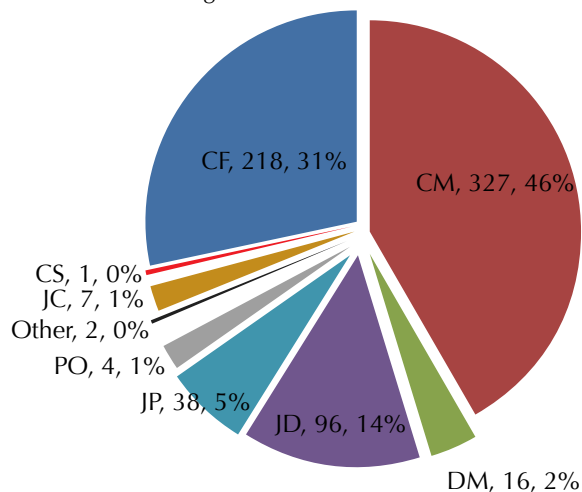


Figure 2 illustrates the number of new case types received in 2013, totaling 709 case types (648 cases). 578 case types plus referrals of 709 resulted in CSFC servicing a total of 1,287 case types in 2013. Adult criminal felony and misdemeanor cases made up 77% of the 2013 referrals. Adolescents and children in Delinquency, Juvenile Special Proceedings and Juvenile Drug Court made up 20% of the referrals. Referrals in domestic, protective order, and child support cases represented 4% of the referrals in 2013.

Figure 3. Case closures 2013

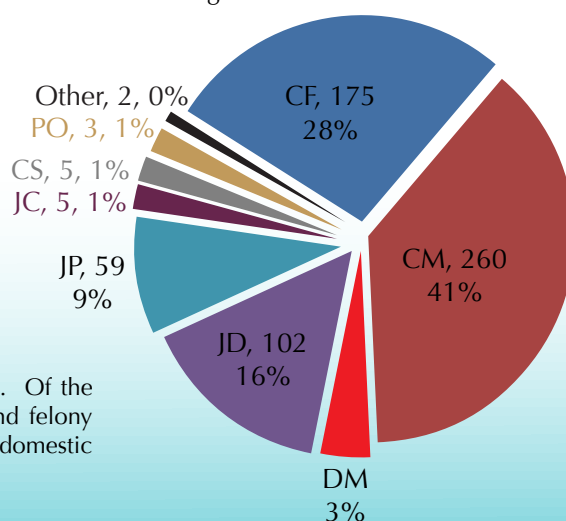


Figure 3 shows that there were 628 cases closed in 2013. Of the 2013 closures, 69% were adult criminal misdemeanor and felony cases, 26% were adolescents and children, and 4% were domestic and child support cases.

Ten-Year Referral Trends

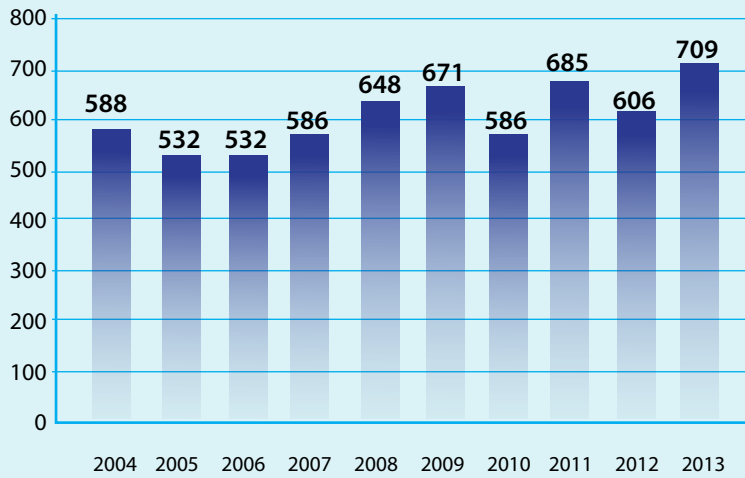


Figure 4 shows the trend in referrals to CSFC over a ten-year period. Referrals fluctuated year to year, with referrals over the past five years rising one year and falling the next. Referrals were up 16.99% in 2013 over 2012.

Table 1. Service - Performance Outcome 2013

Services	Visits	No Shows	Client r-s	Total
Forensic Evaluations	54	7	3	64
Intake and Assessments	634	220	93	947
Individual Counseling	1529	371	332	2232
Couples Counseling	71	1	22	94
Family Counseling	294	46	88	428
Biofeedback	82	32	19	133
FVMG	2039	294	180	2513
FVMG-NE	448	141	34	623
THRIVE	240	63	56	359
WRAP/Treatment Team	27	1	2	30
Victim Counseling	426	80	0	506
Grand Total	5844	1256	829	7929

Table 1 depicts the type and quantity of services provided by CSFC. 5,844 client treatment visits were held, with 1,256 no shows in 2013.

Figure 5. Caseload ending 2013

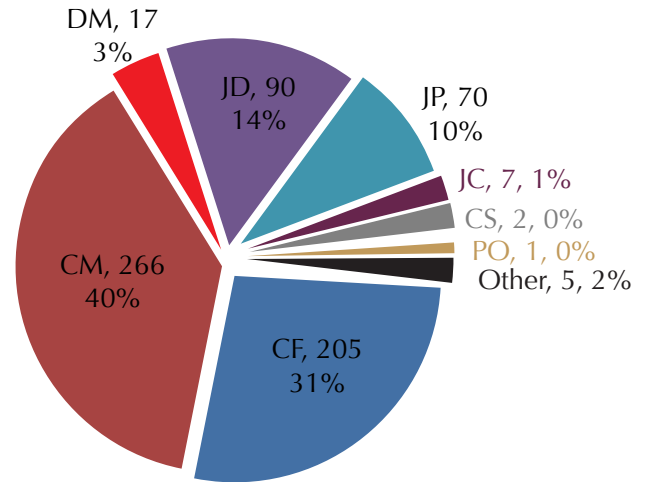


Figure 5 shows the year 2013 ended with a caseload of 663. Of the open cases, 71% were adult criminal misdemeanor and felony cases, 25% were adolescents and children, and 4% were domestic/CS/PO/Other cases.

Figure 6. Service Distribution

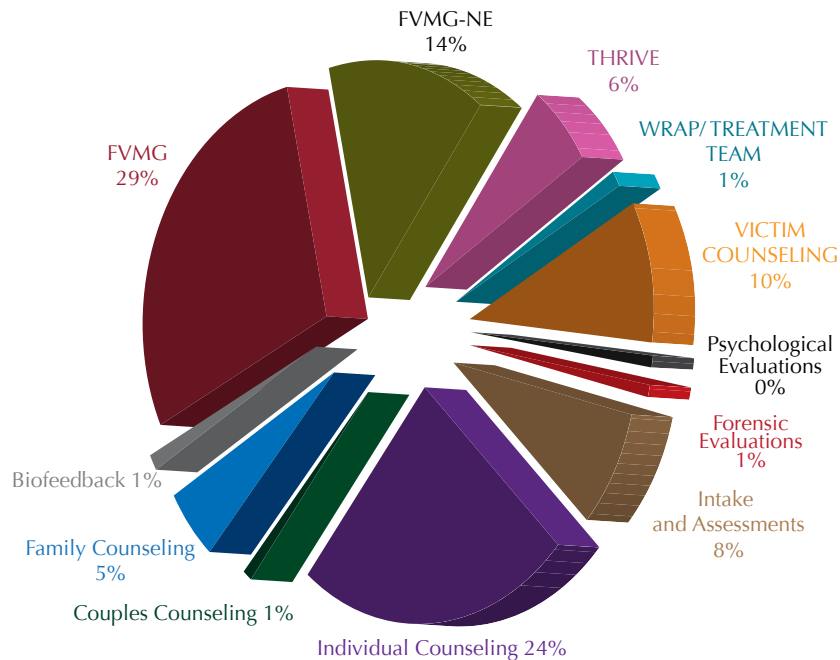


Figure 6 depicts the distribution of clinical activity by service type. Group treatment (FVMG, FVMG-NE, THRIVE) at 49% and individual treatment at 24% are the most utilized services provided by CSFC. Intake/Assessments, Victim Counseling, Criminal Sexual Conduct Counseling, and Family Counseling follow.

## Probation Services Division

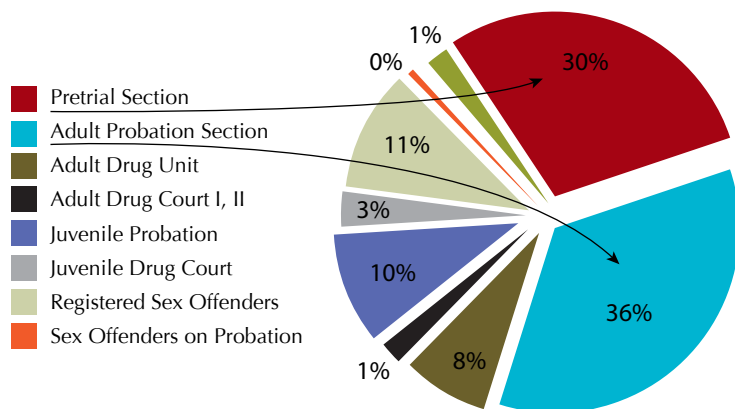
The mission of the Probation Services Division (PSD) is to assist in keeping the community safe and secure through the enforcement and monitoring of court orders for more than 7,000 adult and juvenile offenders who are placed on supervised release, both pre- and post-adjudicated, diversion, deferred or regular probation in lieu of incarceration as mandated by 7 GCA § 8110.

PSD promotes and enhances a safe environment for Guam’s community by monitoring adherence to court orders for those clients released pending disposition of their case. PSD tracks and enforces the payment of fines, fees, court costs, restitution payments to victims, and court ordered treatment services. Additionally, PSD administers drug and alcohol testing, community service programs, alcohol education programs, theft diversion programs, educational/rehabilitative programs, and anger and stress management programs. The division also provides community policing through the School Resource Officer Program, and performs community outreach to schools, businesses, and organizations as part of a preventive effort to control the increase of new cases and reduce offender recidivism.

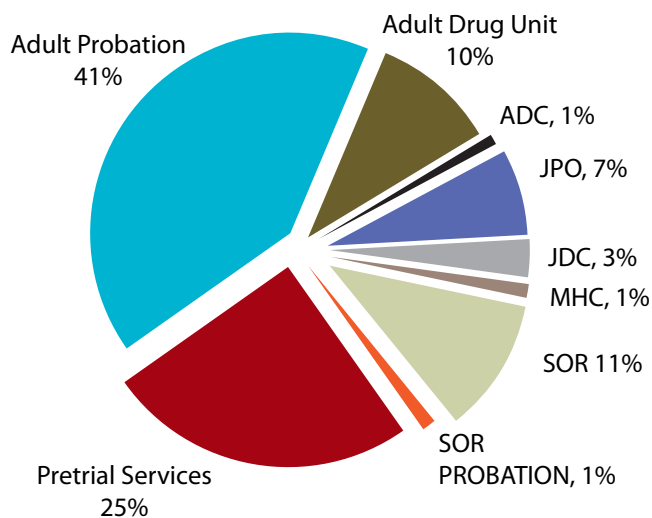
In 2013, PSD recorded 88,388 client check-ins via reporting in person, by phone or through mail/email. The division reported on the non-compliance of probationers through 2,764 violation reports. Other significant statistics include the administration of 22,690 drug and alcohol tests by the Intake/Drug Testing section, the supervision of 2,974 cases by the Adult Probation section, the supervision of 525 cases by the Juvenile Probation Office, the registration of 58 convicted sex offenders in the Guam Sex Offender Registry, and the education of 1,851 clients in various Alternative Sentencing Office programs.

A major accomplishment and the newest feature to PSD was the implementation of Risk-Based Supervision for all clients. Risk-based supervision allows the division to focus community supervision on those clients identified as high risk or most likely to recidivate. The implementation of this concept involved the introduction of a risk assessment tool used to categorize clients into three categories: High Risk, Medium Risk, and Low Risk. This also required the restructuring of case assignments based on the three risk categories. Seasoned Senior Probation Officers supervise high risk clients, while less experienced probation officers are assigned to low risk clients.

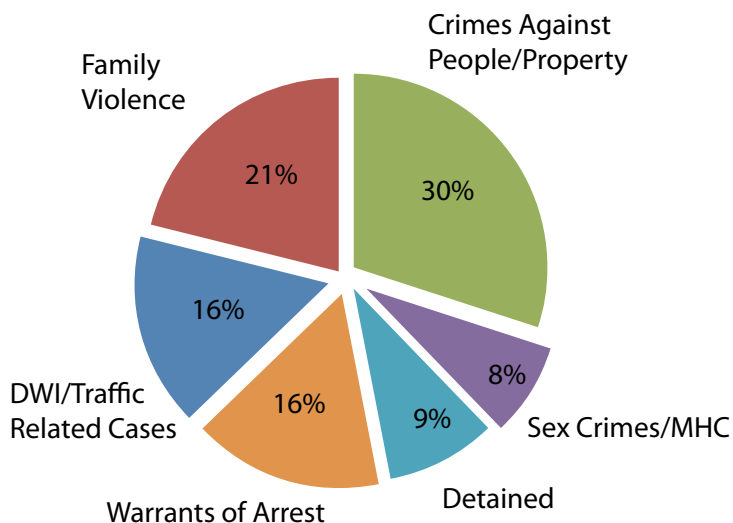
PSD Supervision Caseload = 7,143



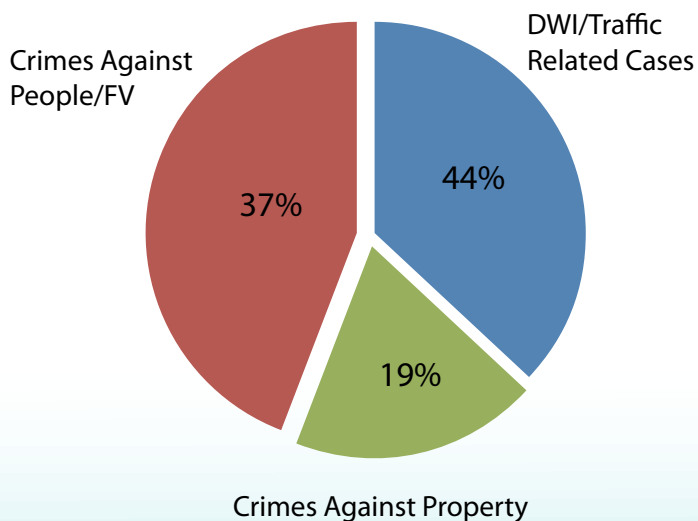
Probation Caseload Distribution



Pretrial Caseload Distribution



Adult Probation Caseload Distribution



**ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING OFFICE (ASO) PROGRAMS FOR CY 2013:**

**Alcohol Education Program (AEP-English)**

Referral	228
Completion	192
Pending/Non-compliance	36

**Alcohol Education Program (AEP-Chuukese)**

Referral	61
Completion	46
Pending/Non-compliance	15

**Anger and Stress Management Program (ASMP-Adult)**

Referral	118
Completion	82
Pending/Non-compliance	36

**Domestic Abuse Project (DAP-Adult)**

Referral	2
Completion	2
Pending/Non-compliance	0

**Petty Theft Diversionary Program (PTDP-Adult)**

Referral	61
Completion	54
Pending/Non-compliance	7

**Court Crime Prevention Program (CCP-Juvenile)**

Referral	57
Completion	47
Pending/Non-compliance	10

**Anger and Stress Management Program (ASMP-Juvenile)**

Referral	39
Completion	27
Pending/Non-compliance	12

**Community Service Program (CS-Juvenile and Adult)**

Referral	1,285
Completion	832
Pending/Non-compliance	453

# Directory

## SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

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## SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

### Chambers of

Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III	475-3410
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Judge Arthur R. Barcinas	475-3502
Judge Anita A. Sukola	475-3323
Judge Vernon P. Perez	475-3223
Judge James L. Canto II	475-3336
Judge Maria T. Cenzon	475-3346

### General Administration

Administrator of the Courts	475-3544
Deputy Administrative Director	475-3128
Director of Policy Planning and Community Relations	475-3278
Court Programs	475-3202
Facsimile	477-3184

### Client Services and

Family Counseling Division	475-3383/3101
Facsimile	472-5450
TDD	477-8043

### Courts and Ministerial Division

Clerk of Court	475-3340
Traffic Violations Bureau	475-3121/3424/3326
Small Claims	475-3326/3274
Jury Commissioner	475-3440
Facsimile	472-2856

### Judicial Educational Project

Judicial Hearing Division	
Child Support Office	475-3142/3494
Facsimile	477-5023

## Marshals Division

Marshal of the Courts	475-3216
Deputy Chief Marshal	475-3315
Criminal/Field Section	475-3487
Civil/Small Claims Section	475-3545
Traffic Section	475-3513
Family/Child Support Section	475-3508
Security Section	475-3515
Post 1	475-3576

## Probation Division

Chief Probation	475-3448
Pre-Trial	475-3466
Alternative Sentencing Office	475-3305
Juvenile Probation Services	475-3453
Adult Probation Services	475-3375
Office Duty/Intake	475-3388/3174
Juvenile Drug Court	475-3373
Adult Drug Court	475-3361
Adult Drug Unit	475-3151
Facsimile	477-4944



## Supreme Court of Guam Three Justices

The Supreme Court is the “court of last resort” in Guam. It is answerable only to the United States Supreme Court. The Supreme Court of Guam hears appeals from any cause decided by the Superior Court of Guam or other courts created by Guam law. It has supervisory jurisdiction over the Superior Court and all other courts created by Guam law, as well as original jurisdiction over proceedings necessary to protect its appellate jurisdiction and supervisory authority.



## Superior Court of Guam

### Seven Judges, One Magistrate, One Hearing Officer, One Referee

The Superior Court is Guam’s trial court of general jurisdiction. It includes the Adult Drug Court, Juvenile Drug Court, Family Violence Court, Mental Health Court, DWI Court, and Judicial Hearing Division (Child Support). Among the cases it hears are:

- Civil matters
- Criminal cases (both felony and misdemeanor)
- Domestic relations cases
- Juvenile matters
- Probate cases
- Appeals from Small Claims Court, Traffic Court, and decisions of administrative agencies



**Small Claims Court**  
(not of record)



**Traffic Court**  
(not of record)



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