



2022 Judiciary of Guam **ANNUAL REPORT**



Cover art: Hagåtña was the island’s “principal village” during the time of Father Diego Luis de San Vitores, and possibly, long before his mission on Guam began. Hagåtña may even have existed before the appearance of *latte*, and stands strong after wars and numerous colonial occupations. Today, Hagåtña is the seat of Guam’s three branches of government—the Judicial, Legislative, and Executive.

Like Hagåtña, the Judiciary of Guam continues to thrive, grow, and evolve, keeping current with the digital age, while being mindful of our culture and traditions.

In the history of our island, our unified courts are still young. It took, roughly, 60 years after Guam’s liberation for Congress to formalize the Judiciary of Guam as the third and co-equal branch of Government. Today, the Judiciary administers its operations and protects individual freedoms and rights of Guam’s people while the Supreme Court of Guam stands confidently on equal footing with other state Supreme Courts.

The Plaza de España is a reminder of our people’s long history of survival and the importance that the past holds for us. Prior to the arrival of the Spanish, the CHamoru people had their own distinct laws and customs. However, following Spanish conquest, they were governed by Spanish law, military law, and later, Japanese law. Today, the people of Guam create and enforce their own laws, ensuring the protection of all citizens, including those individuals who cannot protect themselves.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COURTS

Håfa Adai!

On behalf of your third branch of government, we are proud to present the 2022 Annual Report of the Judiciary of Guam.

As you browse through these pages, you'll find performance reports from our court divisions, the success of various programs, and statistics on the branch's many functions. But this report is more than a mere collection of facts and figures. It's also a tribute to the incredible work of the men and women of the courts.

At the Judiciary of Guam, we believe that a robust and reliable judicial system is the foundation of a strong society. Despite the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we remained committed to effectively and efficiently administering justice. Our annual report showcases the progress we've made, the lessons we learned, and the resilience we gained while adapting to rapidly changing circumstances. Over the past year, we've also invested in capital improvement projects and infrastructural upgrades to enhance our internal operations and our services to the community. These efforts ensure that justice is delivered promptly and fairly, and we're committed to utilizing these resources in the years ahead.

Thank you for taking the time to review the Judiciary of Guam's Annual Report for 2022. We feel proud to highlight the excellence of our employees and are honored to share this report with you. As we continue to serve our community and uphold the rule of law, we remain deeply grateful for your support.

Senseramente,


ROBERT J. TORRES
Chief Justice of Guam




DANIELLE T. ROSETE, ESQ.
Administrator of the Courts



COURT GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION



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, all Judicial Council meetings were held remotely and beginning in May 2020, were live streamed on the Judiciary of Guam's YouTube channel.

All Judicial Council resolutions can be found on the Judiciary of Guam website. In 2022, the Judicial Council adopted 23 resolutions relating to court operations and activities including:

- The approval of the Judiciary of Guam Budget for Fiscal Year 2023
- The approval of pay adjustments for JOG employees
- The declaration of Law Day and Law Month
- The declaration of Constitution Day and Constitution Week
- The approval of the revised Judiciary of Guam Personnel Rules and Regulations



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



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 Court of Guam and Superior Court of Guam.

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

The Administrative Office of the Courts is Comprised of:

Danielle T. Rosete, Administrator of the Courts (appointed 2023)
Sarah G. Elmore-Hernandez, Director of Policy, Planning, and Community Relations (appointed 2023)
Suzane P. Santiago-Hinkle, Staff Attorney (appointed 2023)

Judiciary of Guam Website:

www.guamcourts.org

Judiciary of Guam YouTube Channel:

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCfnFCWwllp99fAeh9zi4Q4g>

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 serving his third term as Chief Justice. His Honor presently serves as the Membership Secretary for NAPABA's Judicial Council and is an executive committee member of the Pacific Judicial Council. He was President of the American Judges Association (AJA) in 2019, serves on their Executive Committee and Board of Governors, and was recently honored as the 2022 Recipient of the Judge William H. Burnett Award for outstanding service to the AJA. Chief Justice Torres has assisted the National Center for State Courts in assessing courts in various developing countries in Asia and the Pacific. He has educated judges and attorneys in more than 20 countries on a variety of subjects including the International Framework for Court Excellence, cultural competency, court community communication, alternative dispute resolution, technology, and judicial ethics and discipline. Chief Justice Torres also serves as Justice *Pro Tempore* for the Supreme Court of the CNMI and chairs various Judiciary subcommittees, including the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Technology. 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 and from Centro Escolar University in the Philippines. He and his wife, Mary, have three children and 11 grandchildren.



Associate Justice F. Philip Carbullido was appointed to the Supreme Court of Guam in 2000 and served his fourth term as Chief Justice from 2020-2023.

Justice Carbullido formerly served as President of the Pacific Judicial Council (PJC), which consists of the Chief Justices of Guam, the CNMI, Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and American Samoa. He currently serves as co-chair of its Education Committee. The PJC provides training for judicial officers and administrators throughout the Pacific. Additionally, he previously served as Vice President and twice as 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. He chairs the Committee on Indigent Defense.

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



Associate Justice Katherine A. Maraman joined the Supreme Court of Guam in 2008 and served as Chief Justice from January 2017 to January 2020. She was the first female Chief Justice of Guam. Prior to her appointment to the Supreme Court, she was a Judge for the Superior Court of Guam for 14 years.

Justice Maraman serves as a part-time Associate Justice for the Supreme Court of Palau and as Justice *Pro Tempore* for the Supreme Court of the CNMI. She chairs the Judiciary's 2020-2023 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Mental Health, Substance Use Disorders, and Treatment Courts; the Drafting & Grading Committee for the Board of Law Examiners; and the Criminal Justice Automation Commission. Additionally, Justice Maraman co-chairs the Judiciary's subcommittee on Criminal Jury Instructions. She 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 and former chairman of the Judicial Council, the Guam Public Defender Service Corporation Board of Trustees, the Guam Board of Law Examiners, and the Board of Directors for the Guam Legal Services Corporation. He is Chairman of the Committee on Judicial Discipline, and founded and served as chairman of the Criminal Justice Automation Commission. Prior to his appointment to the bench in 1988, he maintained a private practice and served five terms as senator from the 15th through 19th Guam Legislatures. He established the Pacific Judicial Council (PJC) in 1991, whose membership includes the judiciaries of Western Pacific jurisdictions, and was elected the first PJC President. He currently serves as PJC's Treasurer.

Presiding Judge Lamorena initiated the concept of therapeutic courts and established the Adult Drug Court, Family Violence Court, Mental Health Court, and DWI Treatment Court. He served as chairman of the task force to create the Veterans Treatment Court, created the Adult Reentry Court for high- and medium-risk offenders likely to recidivate, the Family Drug Court, and the GIVE Program for defendants with multiple probation violations. He currently presides over the Criminal Docket, including the Veterans Treatment Court and the Family Violence Court in addition to General Jurisdiction cases. He co-chairs the Judiciary's 2020-2023 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Employee Excellence and Satisfaction, and he chairs the Criminal Sexual Offender Management Committee.

Presiding Judge Lamorena received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Illinois, Urbana, a B.A. in Accounting from the University of Texas, Austin, and his Juris Doctor from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Law degree from the University of Guam for distinguished service towards the advancement of the people of Guam. He is active in various civic and community organizations and was named a Melvin Jones Fellow by the Lions Club International Foundation for dedicated humanitarian services.



Judge Arthur R. Barcinas has served as a Judge of the Superior Court of Guam since 2005. He maintained a private practice for 14 years prior to his judicial service, and he served as a 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 of Guam Felix P. Camacho and as Chairman of the Chamorro Land Trust Commission Board of Directors. He served as a Judicial Council Member from 2005 to 2022. In 2021, Judge Barcinas was appointed to serve as part-time Associate Justice of the Palau Supreme Court, Trial Division.

Judge Barcinas currently presides over Mental Health Court, Juvenile Drug Court, and General Jurisdiction cases. He is Co-Chair of the Education Committee of the Pacific Judicial Council. He co-chairs the Judiciary's 2020-2023 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Mental Health, Substance Use Disorders, and Treatment Courts, and the subcommittee on Rules Governing the Admission to the Practice of Law and the Rules for the Discipline of Attorneys. He is a member of several other Judiciary subcommittees on rule drafting and revision.

Judge Barcinas entered military service in 1982 and is a distinguished military graduate. He received his commission as Second Lieutenant while attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where he received a B.S. in Political Science in 1986. He received a Juris Doctor from Gonzaga University School of Law in 1989. Judge Barcinas has three wonderful daughters.



Judge Vernon P. Perez was appointed to the Superior Court of Guam in 2008. He began his legal career as an Assistant Attorney General in the Family Division of the Office of the Attorney General of Guam. In 2002, he became a JAG for the Guam National Guard and serves part-time as the Staff Judge Advocate in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He previously served as: Executive Director of the Guam Civil Service Commission; Legislative Assistant to then-Senator Felix P. Camacho; Press Secretary to Congressman Ben Blaz, U.S. House of Representatives; and a Math and English teacher for the Guam Department of Education.

Judge Perez currently presides over a Criminal Docket, which includes the DWI Treatment Court and Adult Reentry Court, as well as General Jurisdiction cases. He co-chairs the Judiciary's 2020-2023 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Community Relations/Stakeholders and has served as the President of the Guam Law Library Board of Trustees for several years.

Judge Perez obtained a B.A. from the University of California, San Diego in 1987 and a Juris Doctor from the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law in 1997.

JUDGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM



Judge Maria Teresa Bonifacio Cenzone was appointed to the Superior Court of Guam in 2012 after 15 years in private practice and government service and is the first Filipina-American to serve on the bench in the Guam courts. Prior to joining the bench, she was Legal Counsel to Governor of Guam Eddie Baza Calvo and served proudly on numerous community and legal organizations and boards, including as President of the Guam Legal Services Corporation – Disability Law Center and a member of the Board of Governors of the Guam Bar Association.

Judge Cenzone currently presides over the Criminal Docket, including the Adult Drug Court II and Family Violence Court. On September 10, 2015, she launched the Guam Veterans Treatment Court, which graduated over 40 participants in just over four years. She was appointed to serve on the Judicial Council in 2023 and chairs the Judiciary's Strategic Plan Focus Area on Effective Case Management & Timely Resolution. Judge Cenzone also oversees the Judiciary's Criminal Justice Reform pilot program, which seeks to improve the access to justice and to reduce delays in the adjudication of criminal court cases, while also serving on numerous Judiciary committees and sub-committees.

She has presented locally and nationally on issues relating to the administration of justice, including at the National Association of Drug Court Professionals VetCourt Conference in National Harbor, MD, and to local community organizations on the benefits of the Adult Drug Courts. She is a *Pro Tempore* Judge and *Pro Tempore* Justice in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and holds Adjunct Faculty positions at the Guam Community College and at the University of Guam. She represents Guam as an athlete member of the Guam National Olympic Team in Sport Shooting, winning gold and silver medals in the 2015 Pacific Games in Papua, New Guinea.

Judge Cenzone received her B.A. from Marquette University and her J.D. from Loyola University Chicago School of Law, where she was the Cases Editor for the Loyola University Chicago Consumer Law Review.



Judge Elyze M. Iriarte presides over a Civil Court docket, which includes civil, domestic, probate, and family court cases. She spearheads the Judiciary's Civil Justice Reform Pilot Program, which aims to improve access, ensure procedural fairness, and reduce cost and delay in civil cases. As part of that initiative, she created the Judiciary's Settlement Conference Program, which generates civil case settlement opportunities. She also co-chairs the Committee to improve and modernize the Guam Rules of Civil Procedure. On the technology front, she co-chairs the Judiciary's Technology committee. She leads the Judiciary's foray into new technologies such as Online Dispute Resolution, which aims to digitize dispute resolution for civil and small claims cases, and digital evidence for presentation during remote (Zoom) hearings. She is a fellow with the Judicial Engagement Network, and is leading improvements to patrons' access to protective orders and their understanding of the protective order process.

Judge Iriarte was appointed to the Superior Court of Guam in 2016 after 15 years of practice in the private sector. She earned her B.A. in Law Letters & Society from the University of Chicago and her J.D. from the University of Southern California School of Law. She is admitted to practice law in Guam, California, Hawaii, Republic of Palau, and the Northern Mariana Islands.



Judge Dana A. Gutierrez Judge Dana A. Gutierrez was sworn in as a judge of the Superior Court of Guam on July 24, 2020. Judge Gutierrez presides over General Jurisdiction cases and is assigned the Civil Docket which includes civil, domestic, probate, and family court cases.

Before her appointment, she worked in both the private and public sectors in Guam and has more than 20 years' experience in private practice in the areas of labor and employment law, business planning, corporate governance, and regulatory compliance. She was a frequent presenter on employment issues for the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Guam Chapter, and has served on the SHRM Guam Chapter Board of Directors.

Judge Gutierrez has also served on the Guam Bar Association Board of Governors, the Guam Law Library Board of Trustees, the Guam Girl Scouts Board of Directors, and the Guam Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors. Judge Gutierrez chairs the Judiciary of Guam's 2020-2023 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Employee Excellence and Satisfaction and co-chairs the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Rules of Civil Procedure. Judge Gutierrez attended the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, where she earned her B.A. in Political Science and East Asian Studies in 1993 and her J.D. from the University of Southern California Gould School of Law in 1997. She is married to David Hurchanik, and they have a son, Mateo David.

JUDGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM



Judge Alberto E. Tolentino is a son of Guam and was appointed to the Superior Court of Guam Bench in 2021. Judge Tolentino received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of San Francisco in 1982, and his Juris Doctor from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law in 1993. His legal career includes that of a criminal prosecutor with the Office of the Attorney General; a private practitioner in the fields of criminal defense, landlord-tenant, business transactions, family law and civil litigation; a research attorney for the Supreme Court of Guam; appointment as the first full-time prosecuting counsel of the Guam Bar Ethics Committee; the Chief Deputy Attorney General of the Office of the Attorney General of Guam; the first Magistrate Judge appointed by the Chief Justice with the consent of the Legislature in 2009; a Justice *Pro Tempore* of the Supreme Court of Guam; a court referee; and the disciplinary counsel of the Guam Judicial Disciplinary System. Judge Tolentino and his wife, Doris, have five children, Tamineh, Brandon, Angela, Kiana and Kristin.



Judge John C. Terlaje was appointed to the Superior Court of Guam in 2023. Prior to his appointment, Judge Terlaje practiced at the Law Offices of John C. Terlaje, P.C where he handled a wide range of litigation issues including probates, land registration, civil proceedings, custody issues, divorces, adoptions, guardianships and numerous criminal proceedings. He formerly served as a law clerk at the Superior Court of Guam, as well as a Physical Education, Science, and Math teacher and an administrator under Guam's Public School System. Judge Terlaje is a graduate of the University of Guam, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He attended Thomas Cooley Law School in Michigan while working at a Senior Law Center that assisted low-income senior citizens with wills, deeds, power of attorney, durable power of attorney, DNR requests, and others. He obtained his Juris Doctor with an emphasis in Litigation in 2001.

JUDICIAL OFFICERS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM



Magistrate Judge Benjamin C. Sison, Jr. was appointed to the Superior Court of Guam in 2016 and presides over various criminal and civil matters and serves on several court committees. He also serves as a member of the Board of Governors for District 5 of the American Judges Association. Prior to his appointment, he served for eight years as a Superior Court Referee presiding over traffic and small claims cases, and was in private practice for 22 years. He was an assistant professor at the Guam Community College for four years, and is currently an adjunct professor.

Magistrate Judge Sison received his B.S from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, his Juris Doctor from Boston College Law School, his M.B.A. from Seattle University, and his LL.M in Taxation from the University of Washington. He has earned two Professional Certificates in Judicial Development (General Jurisdiction Trial Court Skills and Special Court Trial Skills) from

JUDICIAL OFFICERS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM



Magistrate Judge Jonathan R. Quan was appointed to the Superior Court of Guam in 2018, and in addition to magistrate duties, he serves as Judge *Pro Tempore*. Before his appointment, he was in private practice while also serving as an assistant professor (tenured) at the Guam Community College. He then served as an Assistant Attorney General, where he was a Senior Prosecutor, both prosecuting and supervising the prosecution of criminal cases, and then the Solicitor assigned to the Guam Police Department and the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency. Magistrate Quan currently serves as a Major in the Guam Army National Guard.

Magistrate Quan received a B.A. in International Relations and Asian Middle Eastern Studies in 1993 from the University of Pennsylvania. He received a Juris Doctor in 1996 from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, California. In his spare time, he has earned a 1st Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do, a 1st Degree Black Belt in Aikido, and a 5th Degree Black Belt (“Punong Guro – Lakan Lima”) in Kali/Arnis/Eskrima.



Family Court Referee Linda L. Ingles has served as a judicial officer of the Superior Court of Guam for over 25 years. In 1993, she was appointed as a Judge *Pro Tempore*, adjudicating cases in Small Claims and Traffic Court, as well as domestic and family court matters. In 1995, she became the Administrative Hearings Officer, presiding over the Judicial Hearings Division of the Superior Court of Guam and providing expedited adjudication of child support matters. She currently presides over juvenile status offender cases, persons in need of services cases, designated family court matters, and the Guam Family Recovery Program. In 2018, she was appointed as a Judge *Pro Tempore* to conduct and oversee settlement discussions as part of the Superior Court’s Settlement Conference pilot program.

Referee Ingles received a B.S. in Political Science from the University of Oregon and a J.D. from Whittier College School of Law.



Administrative Hearings Officer Kristina L. Baird was appointed as the Administrative Hearing Officer for the Judicial Hearings section of the Superior Court of Guam on March 7, 2023. Previous to this appointment, she served as the Administrator of the Courts for the Judiciary of Guam from January 2020 until January 2023. Ms. Baird also held the position of Staff Attorney for the Judiciary of Guam from 2017-2020. Ms. Baird has over 25 years of practice in law outside the Judiciary of Guam in both the private and public sector. She has practiced as an Assistant Attorney General with the State of Ohio, as an Associate Attorney with the then law firm of Klemm, Blair, Sterling and Johnson, as an Associate Attorney with the then law firm of Horecky & Associates and as a solo practitioner specializing in employment and procurement litigation. Ms. Baird holds a Master of Laws (LLM) in Taxation from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law and a Juris Doctorate (JD) from Capital University. She is admitted to practice law in Guam, Texas, Ohio, and Florida. Ms. Baird is married and has one daughter.



Referee Maria G. Fitzpatrick formerly served the Judiciary as referee as needed for cases where there are conflicts or absences. She moved to Guam in 1984 on a two-year contract with the Office of the Attorney General and worked there for 21 years. She joined the Public Defender Services Corporation in 2008 and retired from government service in 2016. She was first appointed by the Judicial Council to serve as referee in 2018, and was reappointed in 2019 and in 2021.

She served as a *Pro Tempore* Justice on the Supreme Court and currently serves as a pro tem Judge for the Superior Court. Judge Fitzpatrick earned her B.A. from Ohio State University and her Juris Doctor from Cleveland State University.

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.

The Supreme Court’s authority also 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 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.



The Justices of the Supreme Court of Guam are:

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

Hannah G. Arroyo, *Clerk of Court*

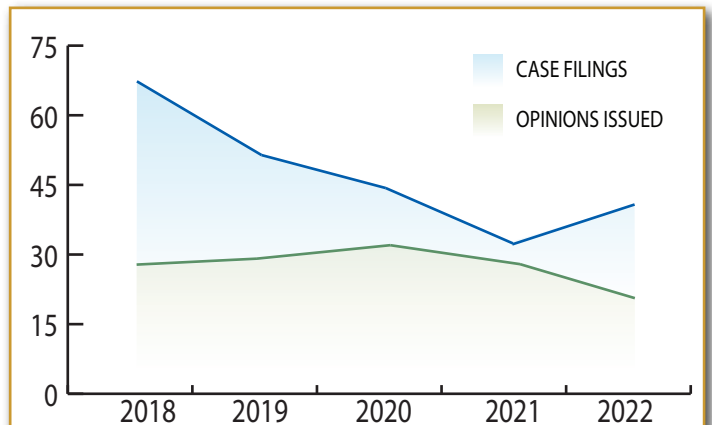
Supreme Court Statistics and Cases

CHART 1: TOTAL CASE FILINGS — FIVE-YEAR TREND

CASE TYPE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Appellate Procedure	0	0	0	0	0
Attorney Discipline	3	1	1	4	2
Certified Question	1	0	2	0	0
Civil Case	35	25	22	11	18
Criminal Case	15	20	12	15	13
Pro Hac Vice	0	0	0	0	0
Promulgation Order	3	1	3	1	0
Writ of Habeas Corpus	0	0	1	0	3
Writ of Mandamus	7	0	1	0	0
Writ of Prohibition	1	2	1	1	3
Writ of Certiorari	N/A	N/A	1	1	1
GRAND TOTAL	65	49	44	32	40

CHART 2: TOTAL OPINIONS ISSUED — FIVE-YEAR TREND

CASE TYPE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Civil	14	15	19	17	6
Criminal	13	15	12	11	13
Certified Question	1	0	0	1	0
Writ	1	0	2	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	29	30	33	29	19



Superior Court of Guam

The Superior Court of Guam, our island's court of general jurisdiction, has 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.

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

Civil Jury Trials

Cause of Action	No. of Trials
Premises Liability	1

Criminal Jury Trials

Primary Criminal Charge	No. of Trials
Criminal Sexual Conduct	7
Aggravated Assault / Assault	7
Robbery	3
Family Violence	3
Murder	2
Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance	2
Advanced Stalking	1
Attempted Murder	1
Driving While Impaired	1
Felonious Restraint	1
Kidnapping	1
Manslaughter	1
Resisting Arrest	1
Strangulation	1
Terrorizing	1
Theft	1
TOTAL	34

Five-Year Comparative Cases Filed

Cases Filed	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Adoption	36	47	23	30	21
Child Support	274	273	88	138	112
Civil	1,226	1,481	1,087	929	723
Criminal Felony	772	720	623	674	754
Criminal Misdemeanor	643	588	514	511	469
Domestic	691	720	458	534	459
Foreign Order	0	1	0	2	1
Juvenile Delinquency	196	202	126	88	173
Juvenile Proceedings	436	355	259	305	328
Land Registration	6	5	0	4	3
Probate	223	202	168	240	239
Special Proceedings	218	216	238	210	176
Protective Orders	124	141	126	138	109
Restitution (Collection)	88	160	159	187	116
Small Claims	1,608	1,610	576	765	709
Traffic	4,480	5,167	3,369	4,008	4,214
TOTAL	11,021	11,888	7,814	8,763	8,606

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.

In 2022, although the virtual platform continued to be the primary mode for conducting court hearings as pandemic restrictions eased, there was an increase in the number of in-person hearings held. Hybrid hearings have been the most challenging platform for conducting hearings, but with technology upgrades in the trial courts and the completion of a high technology courtroom, the judicial officers and court staff continued their efforts to ensure hearings were held and parties had their day in court. The Superior Court saw a slight decrease in case filings, however, criminal felony and juvenile filings increased from the previous year.

Superior Court Therapeutic Courts and Specialty Courts

Adult Drug Court

The Adult Drug Court (ADC) involves cases where defendants are charged with a drug offense (and may include other criminal offenses in addition to the drug offense). The goal of the ADC program is to provide intensive treatment and counseling services to help participants with their substance abuse addictions. Participants eligible for the ADC program must complete a clinical screening, undergo frequent random drug and alcohol testing, intensive supervisor, and agree to sanctions for failure to comply with the program guidelines. There are two tracks to the ADC program – ADC I for first-time possession offenders, and ADC II for repeat offenders whose offenses were related to drug or alcohol use.

In 2022, the ADC returned to complete in-person activities for the participants. The ADC I Program provided drug and alcohol treatment services to 51 active participants with 11 participants successfully graduating. The ADC II Program provided drug and alcohol treatment services for 16 participants throughout 2022 with two participants successfully graduating. Eleven new participants entered the program ending the year with a total of 9 active participants.

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

Juvenile Drug Court

The Juvenile Drug Court (JDC) involves juvenile cases with a drug or alcohol offense. Probation officers use evidence-based risk assessment tools to determine if a youth is eligible for the JDC Program. Participants in JDC receive drug treatment services, have numerous hearings, random testing, group counseling sessions, life skills workshops, and recreational therapy sessions. In 2022, there were 34 active participants in the program and 12 successfully completed.

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. Family Violence offenses continue to be one of the top offenses charged annually, and because of the high volume docket, the cases are assigned equally to two judges. The Client Services and Family Counseling Division also provides individual and group counseling to defendants in criminal family violence cases.

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

Family Violence Court filings:
2022
Criminal Felony – 175
Criminal Misdemeanor – 191
2021
Criminal Felony – 188
Criminal Misdemeanor – 209
2020
Criminal Felony – 139
Criminal Misdemeanor – 172
2019
Criminal Misdemeanor – 172
Criminal Felony – 150



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 appropriately screened, evaluated, and treated. In 2022, the Mental Health Court served a total of 35 clients. Ten participants completed probation supervision ending the year with a total of 25 active participants.

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

Superior Court Therapeutic Courts and Specialty Courts

Veterans Treatment Court

The Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) assists justice-involved veterans, diverts them into treatment, judicial monitoring, and supervision. Consistent with best practices, the VTC uses evidence-based screening and assessment tools to determine eligibility. 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 2022, twenty-one veterans actively participated in the program. Five justice-involved veterans successfully completed the program ending the year with 19 active participants.

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

DWI Treatment Court

The DWI Treatment Court (DWITC) serves eligible defendants charged with Driving While Impaired (DWI) and Driving Under the Influence (DUI) offenses. Treatment aims to increase public safety and to improve the quality of life of the participants by providing holistic supervised treatment to reduce recidivism. Ten participants entered the program in 2022 with 26 participants successfully graduating. The program ended with 50 active participants.

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

Guam Adult Reentry Court Program

The Guam Adult Reentry Court Program strives to reduce recidivism and increase public safety by providing the necessary tools and skills to individuals transitioning from incarceration or parole into the community. The program had 16 active participants throughout 2022 and received 32 new referrals from the Department of Corrections in 2021. Two participants successfully graduated while the remaining participants are actively continuing in the program.

Judge Vernon P. Perez currently presides over the Treatment Program.

Guam Immediate Violation Enforcement Program

Guam's Immediate Violation Enforcement Program offers a strategy to effectuate positive behavioral change for individuals who have failed in the traditional probation track and targets the high risk probation population. The program provides swift, certain, consistent and proportionate consequences for misbehavior in an environment of caring support. In 2022, the program provided service to 7 participants.

Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III presides over the Treatment Program.

Guam Family Recovery Program

The Guam Family Recovery Program (GFRP) aims to promote the health, safety, and welfare of children from abuse and neglect where parental substance use is a factor. The program seeks to strengthen families by providing collaborative, culturally respectful, family-centered treatment and services through increased judicial oversight. Throughout 2022, the program provided services to 25 active participants and 108 children. The program held three graduations with ten parents successfully graduating.

Family Court Referee Linda L. Ingles presides over the Treatment Program.

RECOGNITION OF JUDICIARY EMPLOYEES

At the annual Employee Christmas luncheon held on December 16th, the Human Resources Office coordinated the recognition of employee anniversaries and presented them with their milestone Judiciary pin.

Overall, a total of 44 employees were recognized for their service to the branch. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication and loyalty of these public servants who have served the Judiciary for many years. Their hard work, professionalism, and commitment to upholding the rule of law are truly admirable. Congratulations to our employees and thank you for your exemplary service!

Below is the breakdown of employees in the anniversary category:

5 years – 13 employees
10 years – 4 employees
15 years – 9 employees
20 years – 2 employees
25 years – 12 employees
30 years – 4 employees



RECOGNITION OF JUDICIARY EMPLOYEES

The Judiciary recognizes the following ten employees who retired in 2022. Together, their years of dedicated service have left an indelible mark on the justice system, and their contributions have been instrumental in helping the Judiciary fulfill its mission.

As they move on to the next chapter in their lives, their legacy will continue to inspire and guide us. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors and extend our deepest appreciation for their invaluable service to this branch.

NAME	POSITION TITLE	TOTAL YEARS OF JUDICIARY SERVICE
Virgina W. Yasuhiro	Client Services & Family Counseling Administrator	39
David M. Ulloa	Probation Officer II	28
Linda M. Perez	Deputy Clerk III	26
Denise R.J. Mendiola	Probation Officer Supervisor	24
Anthony J. Meno	Deputy Marshall III	24
Jacqueline S.C. Terlaje	Courtroom/Chamber Clerk	24
Jean P. Wycoff	Senior Judicial Therapist	24
Juan S. Manglona, Jr.	Deputy Clerk I	22
Jennifer L. Aguon	Management Officer	21
Rosa I.T. Ceribo	Management Officer	17

In Memoriam



Carl P. Perez

The Judiciary of Guam was deeply saddened by the passing of Carl P. Perez, our Superior Court of Guam Court Archivist. Carl passed away on September 20, 2022, leaving behind a legacy of dedication and commitment to the Judiciary, where he served for nearly 30 years. From his humble beginnings as a Court Bailiff for Justice Katherine A. Maraman, Carl proved to be an exemplary leader, colleague, and friend to many at the Judiciary. His Courts and Ministerial (C&M) family continues to feel his loss and mourn his passing.

Despite working in the Clerk's office, Carl went above and beyond to assist other divisions with their case management systems, earning the title of C&M's Just Ware SME. He played a crucial role in many Judiciary projects, including the launch of the Digitization and Archiving of Court Records, the revisions of the Retention Schedule, the e-Filing pilot project, online payments, and the automation of traffic and court clearance procedures.

Carl was also a mentor and source of inspiration for many deputy clerks, guiding them throughout their careers. He was in the process of becoming a Certified Court Manager with the NCSC's Institute for Court Management and had only one final course to complete.

Carl's professionalism and excellence in his work, as well as the knowledge he imparted to the courts, will always be remembered. The work he started will continue, and when the projects he helped start are completed, it will be a testament to his passion for improving the administration of justice. We thank you, Carl, for your outstanding work, leadership, and friendship.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022



2022 Highlights

STATE OF THE JUDICIARY ADDRESS: “RESPONSIVE AND ROOTED”

On April 29, 2022, Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido delivered his final State of the Judiciary Address of the term, highlighting the progress made in Guam’s court system under his leadership.

Speaking before a packed Guam Congress building—a welcome change from the pandemic-restricted audiences of the past two years—the Chief Justice reported to island leaders, Judiciary employees, and the people of Guam that the state of the Judiciary was “responsive and rooted – responsive to the ever-changing demands of providing quality justice services even under pandemic conditions; rooted in the solid infrastructure that makes our operations possible.” In an address that began by recounting the remarkable evolution of our court system in Guam from a divided operation just two decades ago to the unified Judiciary we have today, the Chief Justice seized the opportunity to acknowledge that difficult journey and, perhaps more importantly, to express his deep appreciation for the partnerships that have developed along the way. He also emphasized the critical importance of giving the Judiciary a fair budget for FY2023—one that included funding for across-the-board pay adjustments for all Judiciary employees.

In his closing remarks, Chief Justice Carbullido directly addressed his Familian Kotte. He expressed his deep gratitude and honor to have served the Judiciary for the past 22 years, with 11 of those years as Chief Justice. He also spoke of doing his utmost to fairly and efficiently resolve disputes that came before him and working with an amazing team of professionals to administer the branch: “In all that I have done in my legal career for the past 44 years, public service has – by far – been my greatest honor.”

The Chief Justice’s message was a poignant reminder of the importance of public service and the lasting impact it can have on a community.

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-- Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido



GRAND OPENING OF THE EIGHTH COURTROOM

On October 31, 2022, the Guam Judicial Center held the grand opening ceremony for its eighth courtroom. The new courtroom features state-of-the-art technology and modular furniture to enable hybrid and remote hearings and to allow for social distancing as circumstances warrant. Chief Justice Carbullido emphasized the critical importance of the new courtroom in enhancing the Judiciary's efficiency and effectiveness, particularly with the recent appointment of an eighth Superior Court judge. Despite facing obstacles, such as the relocation of all court servers from the space, the new courtroom is a significant achievement for the Judiciary's Master Plan and serves as a model for future courtroom technology and design updates. The additional courtroom will help manage the Judiciary's increasing caseload and will allow for more extensive involvement by judicial officers in therapeutic court models.



GUAM FAMILY RECOVERY PROGRAM GRADUATION



The Guam Family Recovery Program (GFRP) had many accomplishments in 2022, holding three graduation ceremonies for families who successfully completed the program. The GFRP targets parents who are involved in "Person in Need of Services" (PINS) cases, due to the neglect and/or abuse of their children, often due to substance abuse and other co-occurring disorders. Through a 12-month intergovernmental effort, the GFRP works to eliminate parental substance abuse and give mothers and fathers the necessary recovery skills to create a safe, nurturing, and substance-free home for their children.

Since its implementation in November 2018, GFRP has graduated 19 parents, serviced 49 parents with 175 children, and currently has 25 parents and 103 children in the program. The program requires the close involvement of those involved in the cases, including the court-appointed guardian ad litem, the Assistant Attorney General, treatment providers, and stakeholders to ensure that parents receive the support they need to remain substance-free.

At each graduation, parents are presented with a Certificate of Graduation, Certificate of Sobriety, a gift basket, gift certificates, and personalized gifts. Ceremonies conclude with a reminder that GFRP's mission is for graduates to maintain a safe, stable, and happy substance-free home so they can continue their sobriety, become productive citizens in the community, and

PACIFIC JUDICIAL COUNCIL

After a three year hiatus, the Pacific Judicial Council Conference (along with the Joint Annual District Court of Guam Conference) was held in-person on Guam in October 2022. The Pacific Judicial Council (PJC) is a group of Chief Justices and Presiding Judges from American Samoa, Guam, the National and State Courts of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Northern Marianas Islands and Palau. The PJC has been providing educational opportunities to its members and local professionals for over 25 years. Conference topics included judicial security, cryptocurrency, litigation, finance, ethics, remote hearings, and legal advocacy.



Chief Justice Carbullido emphasized the importance of the conference, stating that “the conference affords our membership in the region the opportunity to keep informed and abreast with the changes in law... and it gives us the opportunity to pull our resources and provide an educational opportunity for our membership and members of the Bar.” District Court of Guam Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood added that the judicial conference aims to promote the rule of law and educate members of the Bar and the island community.

The conference hosted a distinguished list of speakers and presenters, including Ambassador Chantale Wong, Director of the Asian Development Bank and graduate from Academy of Our Lady of Guam; Judge M. Margaret McKeown of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; Kaleb Udui, Jr., Palau Minister of Finance; Commander, Joint Region Marianas, Rear Admiral Benjamin Nicholson, and U.S. Marshals Service Director Ronald Davis, along with all of the distinguished judicial officers and members of the Pacific Judicial Council. The conference provided an opportunity for members of the Pacific Judicial Council to learn from experts in various fields and strengthen their professional networks.



DWI TREATMENT COURT FOUNDATIONAL TRAINING

In September 2022, the Judiciary held a four-day Foundational Training for the DWITC Team at the Guam Judicial Center. The training was facilitated by Director James Eberspacher and Project Director Julie Seitz from the National Center for DWI Courts (NCDC), a division of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). Attendees included Judge Vernon P. Perez, representatives from the Probation Services Division, Court Programs Office, Office of the Attorney General, Public Defender Service Corporation, Alternate Public Defender, Guam Police Department, University of Guam Regional Center for Public Policy, and DWITC treatment providers.



The goal of the training was to align all team members and increase adherence to best practice standards for operating a DWI treatment court. Sessions focused on topics such as treatment and recovery, pharmacologic interventions and addiction, incentives and sanctions, DWI court phases and requirements, and evaluation for outcome measures. The training included interactive discussions between participants and trainers to address challenges and barriers experienced by team members.



Trainers emphasized the importance of collaboration among team members for efficient processes and improved communication to support recovery and reduce recidivism. On the last day of the training, participants observed virtual real-time court hearings held in the El Paso DWI Treatment Court in Texas. Participants witnessed the strong rapport of the El Paso court with their DWI participants and learned about court operations and processes.

The DWITC Team had the chance to ask questions directly to the El Paso DWI court staff after the court hearings. Training participants expressed that the technical assistance and training helped the DWITC team identify gaps and opportunities to improve services for clients.

COURT INTERPRETER REGISTRY PROGRAM



In September 2022, the Court Interpreter Registry Program (CIRP) trained and qualified eight new court interpreters for four different languages. The training focused on the three modes of interpreting: simultaneous, consecutive, and sight translation. The interpreters practiced these modes during in-person hearings, attorney-client meetings, treatment classes, and virtual hearings. They were also trained on the interpreter professional code of conduct, emphasizing the importance of accuracy, impartiality, and confidentiality. At the end of the training, they all passed their written examination.

This addition to the pool of interpreters increases the courts' capacity to provide access to justice and procedural fairness to court patrons who speak languages other than English.



The eight new court interpreters were sworn in by Chief Justice Carbullido on October 4, 2022, via Zoom.

Judiciary of Guam

Here are some interesting statistics about our court in 2022.



Court Patrons screened at the
Guam Judicial Center

64,381

Court Patrons screened at the
Northern Court Satellite

22,200

Court Patrons screened at the
Historic Courthouse

12,351



Court Patrons screened at the
San Ramon Building

5,003

Court Patrons screened at the
Route 4 Building

12,646



Veteran Treatment Court Graduates



108

Children in the
Guam Family
Recovery Program



Adult Drug Court participants

Client Services counseling sessions
3,157

Number of divorces filed

424

12

Juvenile Drug Court Graduates

21
Adoptions

176

Registered Court Interpreters

11,803
Jurors present

243
VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN
STOP
TRAINING PARTICIPANTS

Traffic Citations Filed:

Court Clearances:

4,214

9,166

JUDICIARY TAKES HOME 1ST PLACE IN GOV GUAM CHAMORU TRIVIA CHALLENGE BOWL

To celebrate Mes CHamoru, on March 30, the Judiciary took home the win during the Mes CHamoru Trivia Challenge Bowl Competition. The court beat five other government agencies, ending the competition with nine points. Congrats to our team composed of Dr. Juan Rapadas, Dr. Lisa Baza, Dorianne Walker, Dorothy Cruz, and our Judiciary liaisons Supreme Court Clerk of Court Hannah Gutierrez Arroyo and Rosa Ceribo. In the end, the Judiciary took home a custom-made Mes Chamoru trophy presented by Department of CHamoru Affairs President Melvin Won Pat-Borja. Congratulations Familian Kotte on your win and for exemplifying your knowledge in CHamoru trivia!



JUDICIARY RECEIVES PRO PATRIA AWARD



The Pro Patria Award is given to a single public sector employer by the Employer Support Guard and Reserve. On August 18, 2022, the Judiciary received the award. The Pro Patria Award recognizes the highest level of support for members of the National Guard and Reserve. Joseph Leon Guerrero and Oscar Espinosa of our Marshals division and members of the Guam Air National Guard nominated the Judiciary for the prestigious award. Receiving the award exemplifies that the Judiciary's service members are valued and supported. Biba Familian Kotte for the prestigious award!

JUSTICE TORRES RECEIVES WILLIAM H. BURNETT AWARD

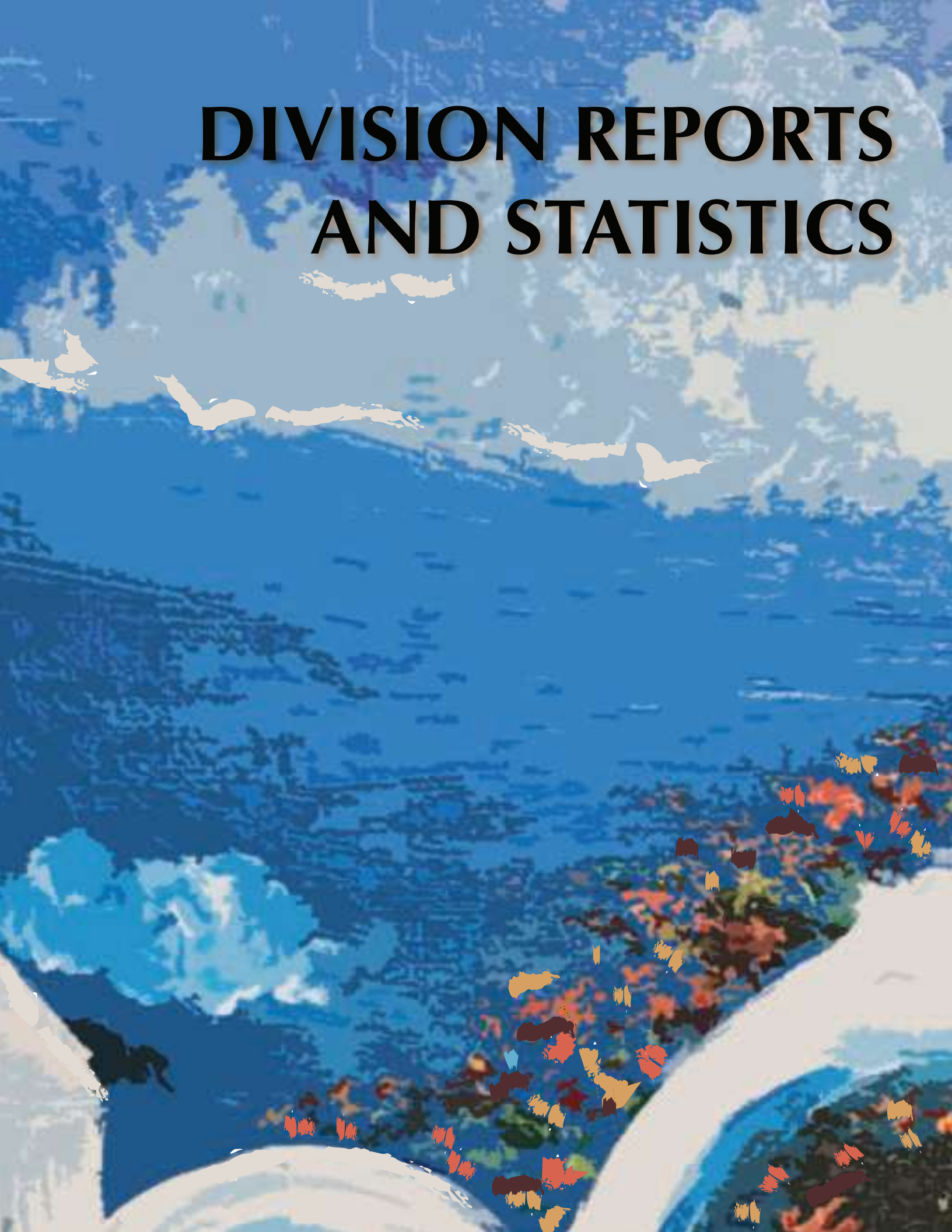
Justice Robert J. Torres is the recipient of the William H. Burnett Award by the American Judges Association. The American Judges Association which was founded in Colorado in 1959 is composed of judicial officers throughout the United States. The organization's primary goal is to ensure that judges improve. Congratulations to Justice Torres on his achievement and outstanding service to the AJA and to the Judiciary!



JUDICIARY RECEIVES COPS GRANT AWARD

In January 2022, the Judiciary was awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office). The grant will aid the court's law enforcement officers in de-escalating situations when individuals who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol become agitated or irate. The training, which consists of verbal and tactical strategies will help keep our officers and community safe as they are always in direct contact with many individuals. A special thank you to Chief Probation Officer Rossana Villagomez-Aguon, Marshal of the Courts Troy Pangelinan, and Captain Josef Sablan for contributing to the training and application.

DIVISION REPORTS AND STATISTICS



Court Administrative Services Division

The Court Administrative Services Division is comprised of Financial Management Services, Human Resources, Management Information System, Court Programs Office, and Procurement and Facilities Management. The AOC also oversees offices and programs including Staff Attorneys, the Director of Policy, Planning, and Community Relations, the Judicial Educator, the Public Information Officer (PIO), the Employment Assistance Program (EAP), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator.

Financial Management

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 and Safe Streets Act, and the Judicial Building Fund, a capital project fund.

FMD comprises seventeen full-time positions. The division's primary mission is to oversee the financial activities of the Judiciary. The division is also responsible for producing the Judiciary's annual audited financial statements, including information relative to single audit reports and other reports required by federal, state, and local regulations. In addition to the division's responsibility to maintain accounts under the purview of the Judiciary, the division spearheads the branch's annual budget submission and provides administrative support, which includes, but is not limited to, payroll service, vendor payables, and revenue collections, and monitors projects and division expenditures on a continuous basis to assess overall fiscal condition.

FMD also assists various divisions within the Judiciary to achieve fiscal compliance, accuracy, timeliness, and meaningfulness for the resulting financial information, further promoting the overall mission of the Judiciary to administer justice. Some of the notable highlights in fiscal year 2022 showcasing the division's contribution to the Judiciary's mission are listed as follows:

Case related financial services

- Processed 186 bail payment releases resulting from court orders.
- Disbursed 411 restitution checks to respective victims and clients.
- Relative to indigent-related cases, FMD processed 114 checks to a total of 22 indigent defense attorney panel members and firms for over 620 cases serviced; 390 checks to 44 language interpreters; and 20 checks issued for counseling services related to indigent defense cases.
- Distributed over 7,200 check payments to over 2,900 jurors who provided jury service during the fiscal year.

OPG Wards

- Provided financial services to over 100 wards under the care of the Office of the Public Guardian. FMD provides services by helping clients manage their daily needs, assisting with bill payments and other incurred expenses, accounting for income received, maintaining financial records, and issuing financial reports.

Financial reporting of case accounts

- Submitted financial reports for 539 case proceedings to the Office of the Attorney General and Magistrate Judge, assisting in court proceedings related to criminal and restitution cases.
- Submitted 216 financial reports relative to 149 case proceedings to the Office of the Attorney General and the Guam Parole Board, assisting with reporting, decision-making and other necessary proceedings.

Receipts

- Processed 356 bail payment collections and 14,048 receipt transactions for fines, fees, and restitution payments.
- During the fiscal year, 16% 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.

M. Dianne O. Gudmalin, Finance Administrator

Expenditure Type	FY 2018	%	FY2019	%	FY2020	%	FY2021	%	FY2022	%
Personnel Services	\$ 27,591,375	88%	\$ 26,460,904	91%	\$ 26,126,691	92%	\$ 26,890,557	89%	\$ 27,921,259	86%
Operational Cost	\$ 1,529,150	5%	\$ 1,503,529	5%	\$ 1,456,994	5%	\$ 2,058,174	7%	\$ 2,383,437	7%
Utilities	\$ 1,081,080	3%	\$ 1,042,215	4%	\$ 825,750	3%	\$ 780,479	3%	\$ 966,935	3%
Capital Outlay	\$ 1,142,074	4%	\$ 97,182	0%	\$ 75,020	0%	\$ 482,832	2%	\$ 1,189,871	4%
Total	\$ 31,343,678		\$ 29,103,830		\$ 28,484,455		\$ 30,212,042		\$ 32,461,502	

HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE

The Human Resources (HR) Office provides leadership on programs and policies for Judiciary employees, including recruitment, compensation, employee development, performance management, workforce discipline, and employee assistance. HR aims to align the Judiciary's mission and vision statement with the Strategic Plan while continuously improving standards to attract and maintain a competent, skilled, and professional workforce.

In 2022, HR ushered in several milestones for the Judiciary. Earlier in the year, the office held 31 virtual Q&A sessions on the branch's Personnel Rules and Regulations and presented revisions to the Judicial Council based on employee comments. The Revised Personnel Rules were approved in August and made effective October 1, 2022.

Additionally, HR was at the forefront of the Judiciary's efforts toward employee equity. The office reviewed the branch's law enforcement pay and presented options for court-wide pay increases. A 7% increase was approved for law enforcement in March and a 6% increase for non-law enforcement followed in April. Both were subject to legislative appropriation. Over 400 personnel actions for pay increases were processed by the HR Office, effective October 1, 2022.

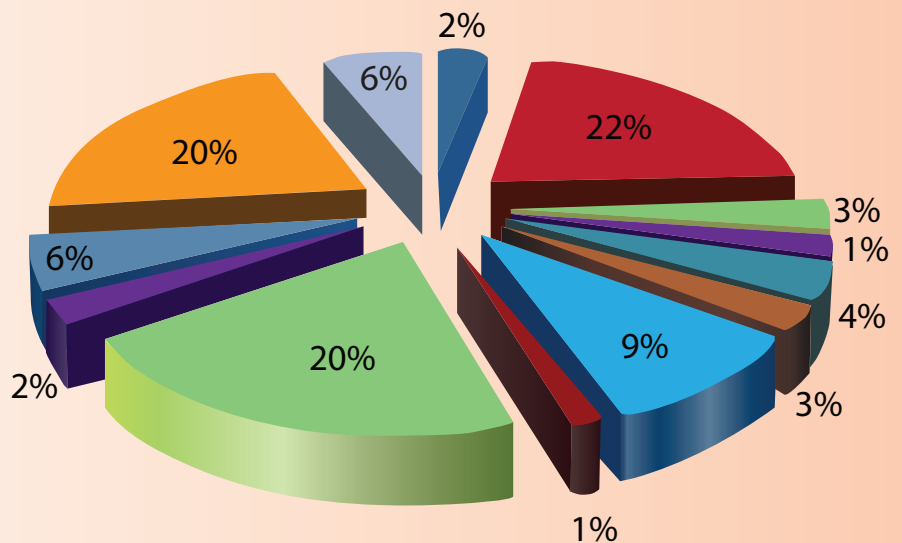
Together with the Judicial Educator Dawn Blas, HR conducted four on-boarding Zoom sessions for new employees. A total of 62 new employees attended the four sessions held throughout the year.

Throughout 2022, HR maintained a number of initiatives to promote employee engagement, including a Welcome Card for all new employees, a "Welcome Aboard" email for new employees which also gives upcoming training information, Anniversary Cards given during an employee's work anniversary, and a virtual daily Compliment Bulletin Board.

Barbara Jean T. Perez, Human Resources Administrator

2022 Staffing Levels

- Administrator of the Courts (9)
- Courts and Ministerial (89)
- Client Services and Family Counseling (12)
- Court Programs (6)
- Financial Management (17)
- Human Resources (12)
- Judges Chambers (36)
- Judicial Hearings (5)
- Marshals (82)
- Management Information Systems (9)
- Procurement & Facilities Management (24)
- Probation Services (83)
- Supreme Court (26)



Judicial Education Center

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.

Education and training are offered throughout the year as the Judicial Educator works in collaboration with the Human Resources team to administer meaningful educational and training opportunities to employees. Additionally, the JEC supports various programs such as STOP VAW, Drug Prevention, and De-Escalation programs by conducting research, designing curriculum, and coordinating training plans.

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY (LDA)

On August 12, 2022, twelve supervisors/team leads completed the Judiciary's Leadership Development Academy. The academy was led by 100% in-house faculty. Participants self-reported that they were satisfied or highly satisfied with the training, with 100% of participants self-reporting that the material was relevant and helpful to their job.



BASIC FIRST AID AND CPR TRAINING

To assist the Judiciary's law enforcement officers to maintain their P.O.S.T. Certification, the Judiciary, in collaboration with the Guam Fire Department, provided basic First Aid and CPR training. The training consisted of an online course and four hours of classroom training, led by instructor Angel Llagas, Jr. from the GFD Training Division. Fifteen officers renewed their 2-year certification as a result of the training.

EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AND SATISFACTION

The Judicial Educator serves as a committee member of the Employee Excellence and Satisfaction Committee. The committee is chaired by Judge Dana Gutierrez and co-chaired by Referee Linda Ingles and Magistrate Judge Jonathan Quan. In 2022, the Judiciary prioritized Employee Excellence and Satisfaction Goal 2.2: "Employees will be Engaged and Motivated" by meeting Objective 2.1 to attract, develop, motivate, and retain competent court employees making upward adjustments to the salary scales for Judiciary employees at the rates of seven percent (7%) for law enforcement officers and six percent (6%) for all other employees and Objective 2.2 by modernizing workspaces and completing capital improvement projects.

ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT (EIGP)

In compliance with 4 GCA § 15409(c), 309 Judiciary employees completed Ethics in Government Program training. Topics include Guam statutes concerning ethics, lobbying, procurement, contracting laws, Parliamentary procedure, fiduciary responsibility, personnel policy, government finance, Open Government Law, and the Sunshine Reform Act. A compliance report was submitted to the Guam Ethics Commission and currently can be found on their website with all other Government of Guam agencies who have submitted reports.

Dawn R. S. Blas, Judicial Educator



Procurement and Facilities Management

The Procurement and Facilities Management (PFM) Division plays a vital role in supporting the operations of the Judiciary. PFM administers the purchases and contracts for supplies, services, construction, professional engineering services, professional consulting services and group health insurance for Judiciary employees. The Division also manages capital improvement projects, executes Judicial Building Fund projects, provides contract management services, and performs other duties related to negotiation and management with vendors. In addition, PFM is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the Judiciary's facilities and properties in Hagåtña, Dededo, and Sinajana and the fleet of official vehicles.

At the onset of 2022, as the COVID-19 virus continued to spread throughout the island, PFM responded by processing numerous purchase orders for personal protective equipment and supplies, and ensuring the cleaning and sanitization of Judiciary facilities to safeguard the health and wellbeing of employees and patrons.

Amidst these ongoing efforts, PFM oversaw the construction of an 8th Superior Courtroom at the Guam Judicial Center. The new courtroom boasts a 50% larger space than the other seven courtrooms and features an innovative modular design that can be easily reconfigured based on court proceedings, and future social distancing requirements. It also features cutting-edge telecommunications, security, and audio/visual equipment. This expansion has enabled the Judiciary to appoint an 8th new judge, leading to greater efficiency and effectiveness in administering justice.

In line with the Judiciary's commitment to preserving its rich history, PFM procured an architect and contractor to start the rehabilitation of the 54-year-old Guam Historic Courthouse. Once completed, the GHC will have all new lighting, electrical, air conditioning, fire alarms, security cameras, furniture, and other features providing employees and patrons a much improved working environment. The rehabilitation project will also safeguard the building's historic architectural features, which will be made available for visitors to view and appreciate.

In addition to these projects, PFM initiated several other renovations in 2022, including the renovation of the second floor of the San Ramon Building, the exterior painting of the Guam Judicial Center, the replacement of old carpeting and office furniture, and the fit-out of a new judge's chamber and two new employee lounges in the Judicial Center. PFM also upgraded the Judiciary's telecommunications cables from CAT3 to CAT6 and procured new servers, resulting in a dramatic improvement in the performance of the Judiciary's computer and communication systems and enhancing employee productivity and public service.

Carl V. Dominguez,
Procurement and Facilities Management Administrator



Court Programs

The Court Programs Office (CPO) is responsible for the administration of grant funds, provides final approval of grant-related encumbrances, and ensures the timely submission of programmatic and financial reports.

The CPO secured a total of \$4,680,503 in new federal grant funding during the calendar year. In addition to new awards, CPO continued to manage the Judiciary's 30 projects from previous calendar years by ensuring program compliance with all federal regulations and requirements.

In collaboration with Judiciary stakeholders, CPO monitors the progress and ensures the goals and objectives of the programs are achieved. The CPO acts as the primary liaison between the Judiciary programs and grantors, ensuring compliance with all grant requirements. The CPO staff work diligently and collaboratively with Judiciary divisions and community stakeholders, including government, civil society, and private sector organizations, in the preparation and submission of grant applications. This requires communicating and meeting with stakeholders, extensive research, data gathering and analysis, creative and innovative thinking, and effective writing.

Through the work of the CPO, the Judiciary receives and maintains grant awards that are instrumental in paying for the costs of necessary and required resources to support the Judiciary courts and programs that include: personnel; housing and shelter; treatment and support services; trainings; technology equipment; internet services and telecommunications; PPE and sanitizing supplies; office equipment and supplies; technical assistance; drug testing kits; childcare; and transportation. The grant awards provide critical funding to support the Judiciary's therapeutic and specialty courts, and information and record keeping systems related to criminal history, protection orders, sex offender registry, and other law enforcement systems.

M. Grace Lapid Rosadino, Court Programs Administrator

NEW PROGRAMS/PROJECTS AWARDED IN 2022

- FY 2018 SAMHSA Family Drug Court (Guam Family Recovery Program – 5th year)
- FY 2020 SAMHSA Adult Drug Court Enhancement Project (3rd year)
- FY 2021 STOP VAW – Regular Project
- FY 2021 STOP VAW – Sexual Assault Project
- FY 2022 NCHIP
- FY 2022 Veterans Treatment Court Enhancement Project
- FY 2022 DWITC Enhancement Project
- FY 2022 BJA Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program Project
- FY 2022 Guam Sex Offender Registry Project
- FY 2023 DPW DWI Alcohol Education Program (pending authorization to proceed)



STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (VAW) PROGRAM:

In 2022, the Judiciary managed four sets (FY 2018, FY 2019, FY 2020, and FY2021) of STOP VAW subgrants funded by the Governor's Community Outreach – Federal Programs Office (GCOFPO). The goal of the STOP VAW subgrant projects is to support comprehensive training opportunities for judicial officers and staff as a means to increase understanding of current issues in violence against women and/or family violence and to effectively identify and respond to matters involving domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Court Programs Office collaborated with the Judicial Educator and the Client Services and Family Counseling Division to identify and develop training curricula to meet the goal of the STOP VAW projects and expand the training opportunities to all Judiciary employees.

Technology Grants

In 2022, the Judiciary implemented four federal grants and five local sub-grants to increase the capacity and manage its information technology infrastructure, upgrade equipment to support hybrid court hearings, provide end-user equipment and FBI systems training for law enforcement personnel, Court Programs Office 2022 Annual Report, Page 14 and improve access to complete and timely criminal history records.

COURTS AND MINISTERIAL DIVISION

The Courts and Ministerial Division (C&M), plays a fundamental role in the judicial process and is essential to court operations. The C&M staff provide quality, efficient, and effective service to all judicial officers, attorneys, and the public at two court locations – the Hagåtña Court and the Northern Court Satellite. Some essential duties of the Division include managing and processing all Superior Court case filings; maintaining the custody and control of all Superior Court records; assembling juries; providing court transcription services; preparing court clearances; and processing traffic citations.

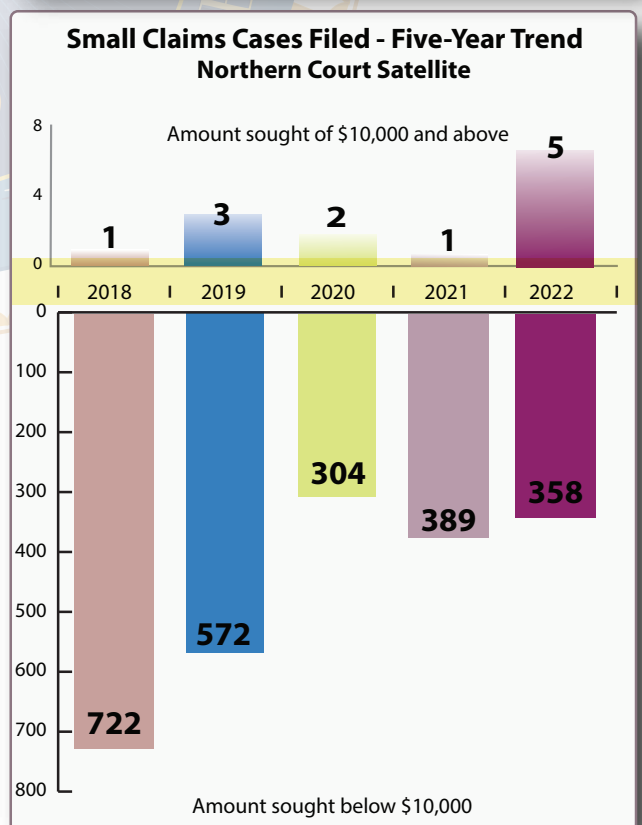
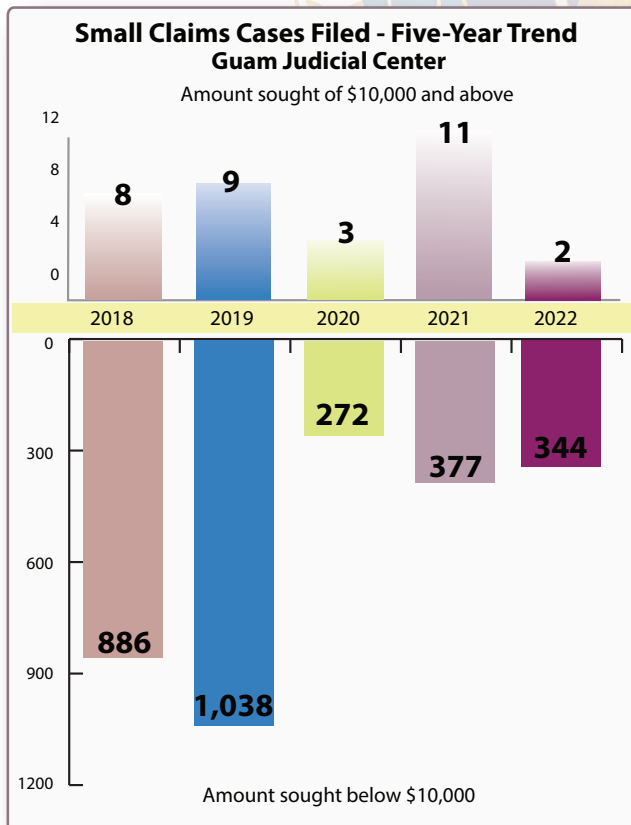
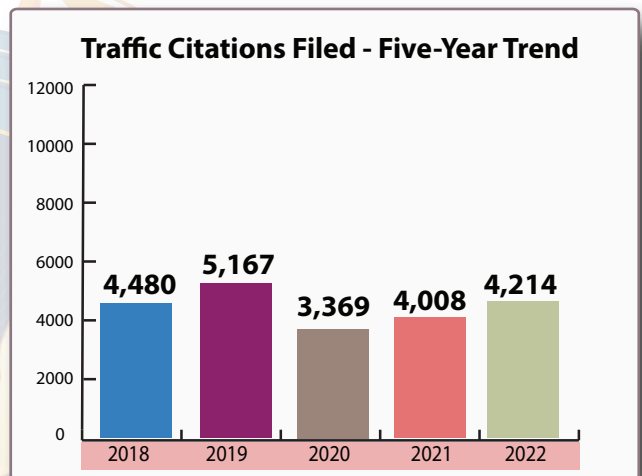
Other essential services include the fair and equitable assignment of cases to Superior Court judicial officers, providing support staff for judges' chambers, managing the Court Interpreter Registry Program, and facilitating the use of the Self-Represented Litigants Kiosk by persons representing themselves in court proceedings.

In 2022, the C&M staff stayed the course providing remote and in-person assistance to attorneys, patrons, and the public. With technology upgrades in the courtrooms, court clerks improved their skills in assisting with Zoom and hybrid hearings. Jury activities increased with more jury trials and juror orientations. Efforts to digitize thousands of court records were underway for most of 2022 and will continue through 2024.

C&M includes the following units:

- Intake, Mid-intake, and E-Filing
- Records
- Traffic Violations Bureau
- Small Claims Court
- Team Units
- Appeals
- Jury Unit
- Master Calendar Cases
- Court Reporters Unit
- Court Interpreter Registry Program

Sophia Santos Diaz, Clerk of Court



Jury Unit

The Jury Unit oversees the jury process for matters brought before the Superior Court and is primarily responsible for ensuring the availability of grand jurors and trial jurors. Each year, thousands of island residents, representing a fair cross-section of the community are summoned for jury duty. The Jury Unit conducts orientations for the summoned jurors to provide jurors the necessary information for jury service. In 2022, as pandemic restrictions eased, the Unit conducted more jury orientations and assisted with criminal and civil jury trials. With the decrease in the backlog of asserted trials from 2020 and 2021, there was a decrease in the number of jurors present for jury-related activities held in 2022.

JURY MANAGEMENT STATISTICS Five-Year Comparative January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022					
CATEGORY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Petit Jury Orientations	29	31	24	90	56
Petiti Jury Trial Case Appearance (Days)	193	242	64	191	152
Grand Jury Selections	2	2	3	2	2
Grand Jury Appearance (Days)	180	187	102	183	168
Grand Jury Cases Heard	712	712	498	759	746
	14,400	16,270	6,476	13,549	11,803

Court Interpreter Registry Program

The Court Interpreter Registry Program (CIRP) promotes the accuracy and integrity of judicial proceedings and preserves fundamental principles of fairness and access to justice by providing interpreter services to persons with limited English proficiency. Judiciary staff train interpreters and provide interpreter services in both court hearings and non-courtroom matters.

In 2022, the CIRP conducted two interpreter basic skills training sessions and recruited 11 new interpreters to the program. The CIRP also provided interpreter services for in-person and remote hearings. There are 176 registered interpreters, 37 active interpreters who provide interpreter services for more than 14 languages. The Program provided interpreter services in almost 5,000 court hearings and over 1,000 non-courtroom matters.



Client Services and Family Counseling

The Client Services and Family Counseling Division (CSFC) plays an important role in the judicial process by providing clinical and forensic evaluation services. The work of the division focuses on evaluating defendants, juveniles, and their families, and advising the court regarding their behavioral health care needs. CSFC provides court-involved individuals and their families with a variety of therapeutic, psychological, consultative, and educational services, which include:



- Forensic evaluations
- Psychological evaluations
- Psychosexual assessments
- Risk Assessments
- Individual, family, and couples counseling
- Group counseling

The division collaborates with the Probation Division, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, Department of Corrections, Department of Youth Affairs, Sanctuary Inc., Oasis Empowerment Center, Lighthouse Recovery Center, and other service providers. 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.

CSFC is comprised of an Administrator, a Clinical Psychologist, four judicial therapists, and two judicial therapist interns. Two additional staff members provide administrative support.

After over two years of limited in-person services because of the COVID-19 pandemic, CSFC resumed in-person group sessions in 2022. CSFC staff participated in several professional development trainings and conferences and presented at several conferences involving a wide range of community stakeholders.

Melissa C. Chargualaf, CSFC Administrator

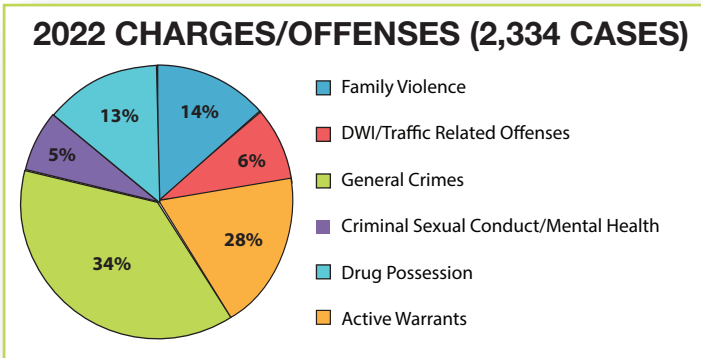
CY 2018 - 2022 Case Referrals by Case Type Comparison					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Criminal Felony	288	328	196	375	369
Criminal Misdemeanor	220	218	127	344	277
Domestic	10	6	2	10	6
Juvenile Delinquency	101	108	64	47	65
Juvenile Proceeding	83	75	62	74	66
Protective Order	3	1	0	0	3
TOTAL	710	738	454	855	454

This table shows the five-year trend of new case types received.

The number of services CSFC provided for 2022	
Service	Utilization
Individual Counseling	1,693
Intake/Assessments	582
MRT-DV Group	210
MRT - Anger Management Group	151
Forensic Evaluation	119
Family Counseling	113
Couples Counseling	66
Family Violence Men's Group	39
Supervised Visitation	22
Psychological Evaluation	13
Psychosexual Evaluation	10
Forensic Evaluation	112
Sex Offender Individual Counseling	10
Therapeutic Visit	10
Co-parenting	7
Grand Total	3157

Pretrial Services Office Case Breakdown:

- **Family Violence:** 440 active cases reflect 19% of the pretrial caseload.
- **DWI and Traffic Related Offenses:** 178 active cases reflect 8% of the pretrial caseload.
- **General Crimes Against Person/Property/Miscellaneous Offenses:** 1110 active cases reflect 48% of the pretrial caseload.
- **Sex Crimes/Mental Health Clients:** 171 active cases represent 7% of the pretrial total population.
- **Drug Possession:** 435 active cases represent 19% of the pretrial caseload.
- **Warrants of Arrests:** There are at least 895 cases of warrant of arrest or bench warrants that are currently active.

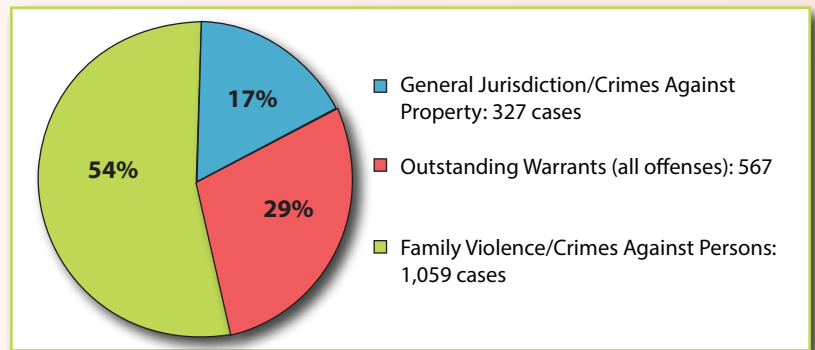


Pretrial Services Unit 2022 Statistics:

- Check-ins: 40,462
(in person (11,240), via phone (28,476), via email (746))
- Client Welfare Checks (House/ Curfew): 600(+)
- Defendants under supervision: 1452
- Pretrial detainee population: 359

Adult Probation Office Case Breakdown:

- 327 General Jurisdiction/Crimes Against Property cases
- 1,059 Family Violence/Crimes Against Persons cases
- 567 Outstanding Warrants (all offenses) cases



Adult Probation Office 2022 Statistics:

- Active Cases under Supervision 1,386
- New Felony Cases Received 287
- New Misdemeanor Cases Received 236
- Home Visits/House Arrest Checks Conducted 241

Drug and Alcohol Section 2022 Statistics:

- Post-Adjudicated Cases 951
- New Cases Received 290
- Cases Closed 179
- Violation Reports Filed 647
- Drug Tests (Urinalysis) Performed 1,843
- In Person Client Check-Ins 1,462
- Telephone Client Check-Ins 6,212

Sex Offender Registry 2022 Statistics:

- Physical Address Verified 111
- Registered Sex Offenders Deported to Country of Origin 2
- Registered Sex Offenders Successfully Relocated Off Island 13
- Convicted Sex Offenders Registered 20

Guam Family Recovery Program 2022 Statistics:

- Active Program Participants 25
- Referrals Received 32
- In-Person Check-ins 711
- Telephonic Check-ins 1,750
- Case Management Meetings Conducted 506

Electronic Monitoring (EM) Unit 2020 Statistics:

- EM Referral 102
- Released to EM Supervision 55
- Active EM Supervision 43
- Modified Release Conditions 13
- Warrants Executed 19
- Successful Completion/Entered Plea 21

PROBATION SERVICES DIVISION

The Probation Services Division's mission is to reduce the incidence and impact of criminal behavior of court-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 comprised of the Intake/Drug Testing Unit; Pretrial Services; Adult Probation Office: Crimes Against Persons and Property Section and Drugs and Alcohol Section; Juvenile Probation Office; Alternative Sentencing Office; Sex Offender Registry Office; the Electronic Monitoring Unit; and seven treatment courts: the Adult Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Veterans Treatment Court, Juvenile Drug Treatment Court, Guam Adult Reentry Court, Driving While Intoxicated Treatment Court, and the Guam Family Recovery Program.

In 2022, the division was responsible for managing and monitoring court orders for 4,744 court involved juveniles and adults placed on supervised release, both pre and post adjudicated, deferred, and regular probation. As the entity responsible for administrative maintenance of the Sex Offender Registry, the division managed 1,246 sex offenders who were required to register. In 2021, Probation had oversight over the cases of 5,990 individuals.

Although the year 2022 continued to be challenging with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Probation staff never wavered in their ability to adapt, continue operations, and meet client needs. COVID-19 testing continued in 2022 for judicially involved individuals who required detention or had to serve a term of imprisonment at the Department of Correction. Renovation of the Guam Historic Courthouse also required extensive relocation of the probation offices to the Judicial Center and the Route 4 Building. Despite these challenges, clients continued to check in to the Probation Office, court appearances were made, fieldwork never ceased, and drug, alcohol, and COVID testing were regularly conducted.

Maintaining an adequate number of staff was also challenging due to staff serving active duty in the Guam Army and Air National Guard and the Reserves, resignation for other opportunities, or retirement. The Division continued to strive to do its best in its service to the courts and the justice-involved clientele. The use of cell phones and personal wireless modems (MiFi) enabled Probation staff to maintain constant communication with clients and perform necessary duties remotely. The Division anticipates the implementation of the new e-Probation/e-Supervision Case Management System in 2023 as well as the Law Enforcement Records Management System (LERMS) within the Guam Police Department will promote easier access to police reports and other records that will assist probation officers in their duties.

Through the available of grant funding, the Division also received six (6) new vehicles. The new vehicles have been a tremendous asset as the state of the Division's vehicles were a safety concern for officers conducting fieldwork and transporting clients in custody.

Throughout the pandemic, the Probation Services Division never lost sight of its mandates and service obligations to the courts and the community.

Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon, Chief Probation Officer



MANAGEMENT INFORMATIONS SYSTEMS

Management Information Systems (MIS) is responsible for all aspects of the Judiciary's computer network and information systems at Judiciary facilities in Hagåtña, including the Guam Judicial Center, Historic Courthouse, San Ramon Building, Route 4 Building, and the Office of the Compiler of Laws. The office also has responsibility for court operations in the Northern Court Satellite (NCS) in Dededo. MIS provides technical support for JustWare, the Judiciary's case management system, and the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)/Logos software database application used to manage all human resource, purchasing, and accounting transactions of the Judiciary. MIS also maintains all security access servers for entrance throughout Judiciary facilities, video conferencing for appearances for court hearings, and facility management servers that control the air conditioning systems and elevators. The office is also responsible for preparing and deploying computer systems and peripherals, and other hardware necessary for judiciary operations. MIS holds a critical role in supporting law enforcement operations for the island by maintaining databases that provide information relating to criminal history, background checks, warrants, sex offender history, and other information vital to enforcement of all local and federal laws.

Throughout 2022, MIS continued to steer the Judiciary in the effective use of digital technology in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This important role placed MIS at the forefront in supporting the essential operations of the Judiciary and required the office to adopt an open approach to provide more reliable and adaptable support. The office responded to the pandemic by adapting to courtroom changes, embracing policies and rapid technological changes, and demonstrating the inevitability of technological advancements.

The work of MIS has enabled the Judiciary to safely and securely conduct courtroom operations by using remote and mobile technology to bridge physical distance and bring together judges, clients, attorneys, court staff and service providers both on-island and abroad.

Robert S. Rabago, Management Information Systems Administrator

2022 MILESTONES

- Upgraded and installed CAT6 infrastructure
- Installed file server datacenter
- Deployed new systems throughout JOG's workstations
- Created a CIRL (Cybersecurity Incident Response List)
- Installed Assistive Listening Devices (ALD)
- Conducted IT training
- Implemented TEXTCASTER, enabling jurors to receive updates on their cellphones
- Installed cameras, tripods, and speakers in all Supreme and Superior courtrooms
- Upgraded the DATAMAXX server

Members of the Remote Hearings Committee chaired by former Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido attended the 2022 CCJ/COSCA Western Region Summit in Reno, Nevada. The Summit focused on how courts select and implement remote and hybrid court services and operations.



Marshals Services Division

The Marshals Division is responsible for safeguarding the safety and security of the judicial branch; from the judicial officers and employees; to attorneys, witnesses, and jurors; and 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.

The Marshal Division consist of seven sections: Administrative Services; Security Services; Warrant and Intel Services; Civil and Small Claims Services; Criminal and Traffic Services; Training and Staff Development Services; and Northern Court Satellite Services. There are also three units: Supreme Court Security Unit; NCIC/Disposition Unit; and the Child Support Unit. The division consists of 82 full-time employees: 68 marshals (to include the Marshal of the Courts, Deputy Chief Marshal, and Deputy Marshals) and 14 administrative staff.

In 2022, the division lost 13 marshals, to include a Deputy Marshal Supervisor, Deputy Marshals, and Volunteer Deputy Marshal Reservists; as well as the loss of seven data entry clerks. The staffing shortfall is compounded by vacancies that have been unfilled since 2017. However, the Marshals Division continues to maintain its mission, from providing 24-hour security to the Hagåtña properties, to screening thousands of people who enter judicial branch facilities.

The Marshals Division's collaboration efforts in 2022 included a Joint Warrant Operation with the U.S. Marshals Service, and the assignment of a Deputy Marshal III from the Warrant and Intel Security Section to the District Fugitive Task Force of the U.S. Marshals Service. The Marshals Division also participated in another successful Operation Deviant Guard, focused on criminal offenders of sexual offenses. With personnel from the Judiciary's Probation Services Division, Department of Corrections Parole Office, the U.S. Marshals Service and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Operation Deviant Guard resulted in the apprehension of 29 fugitives.

Security Services Section and Northern Court Satellite Section	
Adult detainees managed	7,639
Visitors to the Judicial Center (Hagåtña)	64,381
Visitors to the Historic Courthouse (Hagåtña)	12,351
Visitors to the San Ramon Building (Hagåtña)	5,003
Visitors to the Route 4 Building (Hagåtña)	12,646
Visitors to Northern Court Satellite (Dededo)	22,200
NCIC Unit	
Dispositions were forwarded to the FBI CJIS Division	3,480
Criminal misdemeanor and felony cases reviewed, processed	2,290
Firearm ID applicants checks processed and submitted to the FBI	1,289
Background history checks for the courts and law enforcement agencies	1,123
Warrants entered	141
Warrants cleared	99
Warrants verified	6,691
Warrant and Intel Services Section	
Criminal and traffic documents handled	6,498
Temporary restraining orders and protection orders served	131
Weapons confiscated	22
Warrants handled (criminal, traffic, restitution, domestic, juvenile cases)	2,097
Civil and Small Claims section	
Documents handled	4,698
Levies handled	127
Warrants handled (civil and small claims)	514

In 2022, the Training and Staff Development Services Section conducted 26 different types of training courses, ranging from bomb awareness and prevention, to court security training and introduction to dignitary protection, to domestic violence/sexual assault training. A total of 58 classes were held, including:

- 14 classes in Occupant Emergency Plan/Active Shooter (Civilian), for a total of 343 persons trained.
- 7 classes in Firearms Qualification, for a total of 91 Judiciary law enforcement officers trained.
- 4 classes in Monadnock Expandable Baton certification and recertification, for a total of 48 Judiciary law enforcement officers trained.
- 2 classes in Ghost Gun Training, for a total of 54 Judiciary and other law enforcement personnel trained.
- 2 classes in Tactical Handcuffing, for a total of 23 Judiciary law enforcement officers and 17 other law enforcement personnel trained.

Further, training on the FBI's NCIC system and the virtual Computerized Criminal History (vCCH) was conducted, for a total of 71 law enforcement officers trained.

As court operations continue to encompass both in-person and virtual/hybrid proceedings, the Marshals Division continues to ensure the safety and security of all who seek justice in Guam's courts.

Troy M. Pangelinan, *Marshal of the Courts*

SUPREME COURT OFFICES

Office of the Public Guardian

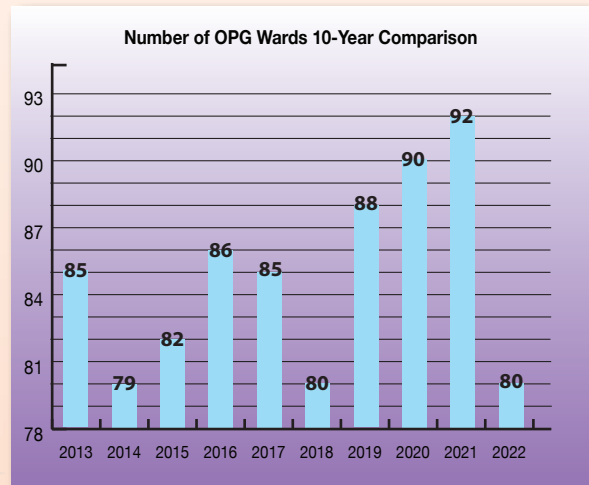
The Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) serves as the guardian of the person or estate of any adult who, by reason of age, disease, or disability is unable, without assistance, to properly manage and take care of him or herself or his or her property. These adults, who are often elderly or have disabilities, do not have family or friends willing and able to act as their guardian. Referrals to the OPG are made by judicial officers of the courts of Guam, family members, and government agencies such as the Guam Memorial Hospital and Skilled Nursing Unit, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, and Adult Protective Services of the Department of Public Health and Social Services. Referring entities include community organizations, such as Catholic Social Services and St. Dominic's Senior Care Home.

In 2022, OPG began the year with 92 wards but ended the year with 80 wards. The change is due to 11 existing wards passing away, the OPG being relieved as the guardian for seven existing wards, and the addition of six new wards. Of the wards, 74 reside in Guam; more than half in residential facilities, and the remainder live in the community at various levels of independence (with family, with caregivers, or are

The responsibility over wards' finances required that the OPG handle more than one thousand deposits, totaling more than \$900,000, into the wards' accounts, and more than 1,700 disbursements totaling over \$1,000,000 in 2022. The OPG takes an active role in protecting the rights of their wards, and ensuring their placement is appropriate and safe. In 2022, the Public Guardian visited all off-island wards. There are wards in Texas and Florida facilities, with placement funded from the Residential Treatment Fund (RTF), as Guam lacks appropriate placement and services. The Public Guardian also visited a ward residing in Manila nursing home, during which time she repatriated the cremated remains of wards who had passed away at that same nursing home, as they had funeral plans in place in Guam.

The Public Guardian has increasingly shifted her focus to fulfilling the duty of working with private guardians, by drafting and filing petitions for uncontested family guardianships, assisting them with filing accounting reports and making requests in court regarding their ward. Since 2018, the Public Guardian has conducted training programs for existing and potential guardians, and in 2022, 50 guardians completed the training.

Marcelene C. Santos, Public Guardian



Office of 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.

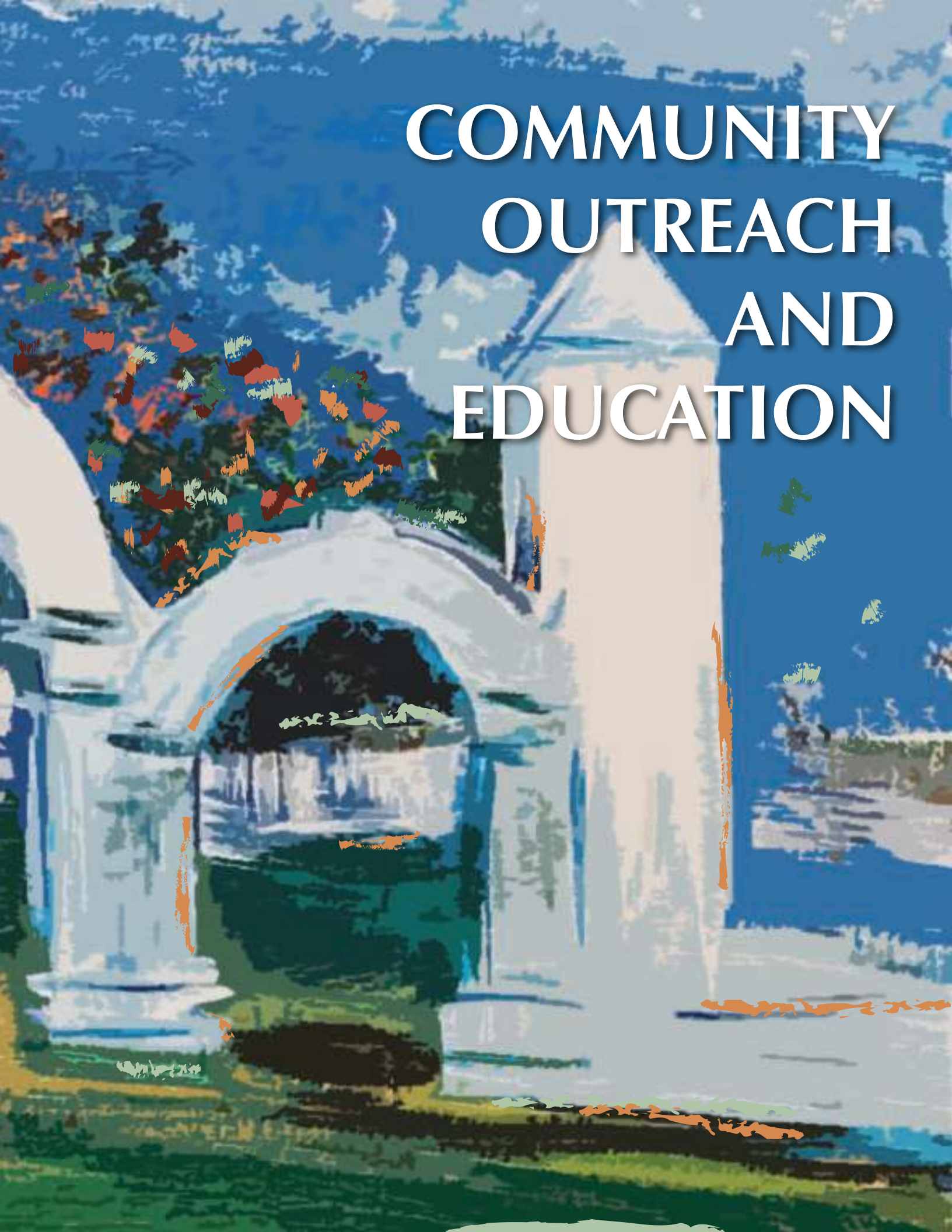
Alicia Limtiaco, Regulation Counsel

Office of the Compiler of Laws

The Office of the Compiler of Laws is responsible for publishing primary sources of Guam law, including the Guam Code Annotated or GCA, (Guam's statutory code), the Guam Administrative Rules and Regulations or GAR, Opinions of the Supreme Court of Guam, and decisions and orders of the Superior Court of Guam, as well as other primary legal materials. In 2022, the Compiler's Office uploaded six updates to the GCA in January, April, May, June, July, November, and continued to update the GAR as new rules were adopted. The Compiler's website also facilitates free access to legislative session laws, gubernatorial executive orders, and Attorney General Opinions.

The Compiler of Laws also serves as the Executive Director and Librarian of the Guam Law Library. In 2022, the Compiler's Office and Guam Law Library saw the departure of longtime staff and hiring new personnel, but continued to meet the statutory mandate, and provide legal research and information assistance to judicial officers, court staff, lawyers, and the public.

Geraldine Amparo Cepeda, Compiler of Laws and Guam Law Library Executive Director/Librarian



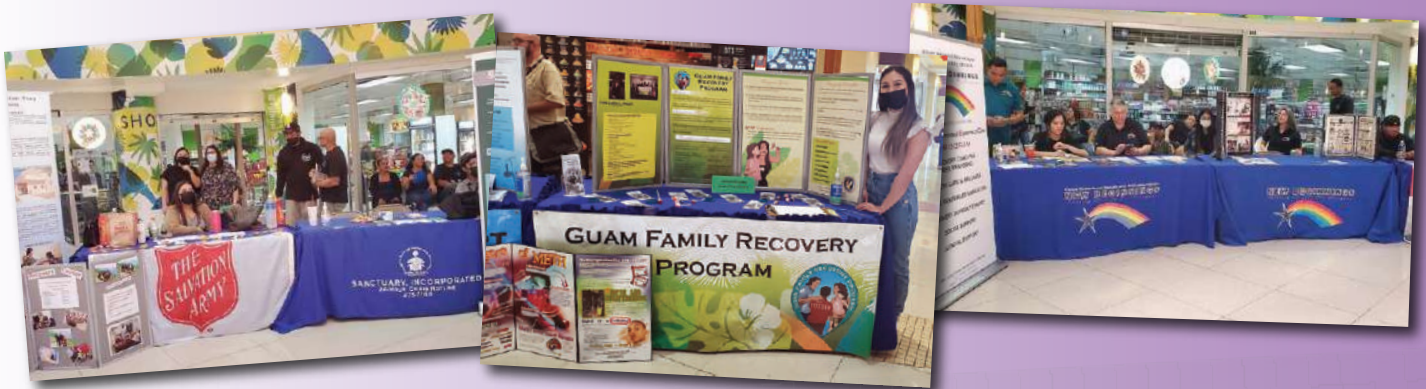
COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

Drug Prevention Outreach

During April 20 and May 20, 2022, the Probation and Marshals division conducted outreach presentations on Drug and Alcohol Prevention. The presentations took place at five elementary schools, two middle schools, and three high schools, totaling 1,489 students in attendance. During the presentations, students asked questions about drugs and alcohol and shared their knowledge and ideas about how to make the right choices. The presenters focused on the risks of early drug and alcohol use and provided tools to prevent and reduce youth drug involvement due to the pressures associated with experimentation, hardships, and negative peer pressure. The presenters were Alternative Sentencing Supervisor Paul Mafnas, Alternative Sentencing Officers Rose Aguon, Dolores Anglen, and Roseanne Torres, Probation Officer I Paul Vibar, Deputy Marshal Supervisor Leo Diaz, and Deputy Marshal II Cameron Mantanona.

National Recovery Month Observed

Every September, Guam observes National Recovery Month. National Recovery Month promotes and supports evidence-based practices in treatment and recovery, celebrates the invaluable work of the recovery community, and offers hope to those struggling with substance use. On September 10, the Judiciary participated in the Recovery Month outreach event at the Agana Shopping Center with the Lighthouse, New Beginnings, and other partners. The event was a way to provide information on substance use-related services to the public. The event had current drug court participants and former probationers in recovery. On September 2nd and 22nd, Guam's Third Annual Conference on Substance Use Disorders Among Pacific Islanders was held virtually. Court personnel, including Client Services and Family Counseling therapists, probation officers and case managers, and Court Programs staff attended. Staff were able to learn and understand substance use issues and the related challenges unique to the region. National Recovery Month further solidifies the importance of recovery courts and gives individuals a second chance at life.



Red Ribbon Month



"Celebrate Life, Live Drug-Free" was this year's Red Ribbon Month theme. The history of Red Ribbon Month dates back to 1985 when Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who was tortured and killed in 1985 by Mexican drug traffickers while attempting to stop illegal drugs from entering the United States. Now, we wear a red ribbon to represent being drug-free. The Judiciary, through the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court, has been a member of the Red Ribbon Campaign for many years, together with other community members, such as the Guam Police Department, federal and local law enforcement agencies, other Government of Guam agencies, the Guam Chamber of Commerce and several local businesses. During Red Ribbon Month, our youths learn about the harmful effects illegal drugs and alcohol have on our island. Schools are also able to participate in the Proclamation Signing and Resolution Presentation of Red Ribbon Month, the Gate/Wall Decorating Contest, and a Drawing Contest. Other community events were also held including an outreach at the Micronesia Mall, a Red Ribbon Wave, and the "Say Boo to Drugs." The island youths were also dressed in their favorite characters and heroes as they were able to fill their treat bags with candies.



LAW MONTH 2022

The Judiciary of Guam in collaboration with the District Court of Guam and the Guam Bar Association form the Guam Law Week Committee. Each year, the Guam Law Week Committee plans events to promote and educate the public about the national Law Day theme. The Law Day theme for 2022 was "Towards a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change." The theme served as a reminder that the U.S. Constitution is a dynamic document, outlining a blueprint for government, articulating rights, delegating power, and offering mechanisms for change.



Law Month Activities

A virtual joint proclamation and resolution presentation by all three branches of government officially commemorated the events of the month.

To celebrate Law Month, the Supreme Court held its annual appellate outreach argument at Simon Sanchez High School. Judiciary attorneys conducted presentations at various middle and high schools highlighting this year's theme. In-person fairy tale mock trials also returned, with students from Adacao Elementary School and Agueda Johnston Middle School performing the trials of popular stories. Additionally, the Guam Museum hosted a new event this year, a constitutional lecture featuring three distinguished guests: Retired Magistrate Joaquin V.E. Manibusan Jr., former Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez, and Victoria Leon Guerrero.

Other events included the Guam Girl Scouts Justice Patch event, which allowed Girl Scouts to meet a judge, attorney, probation officers, and a deputy marshal; Jump for Justice jump rope competition and fitness training; Race Judicata 5k dubbed "The Carabao Run"; and the Haggan Exhibition where probation officers teamed up with Special Olympics athletes.



Hustisia Award

Retired Judge Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson was named the 2022 recipient of the Hustisia Award, recognizing her for her outstanding contribution to strengthening the rule and role of law throughout the island. Modeled on the American Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award, the Judiciary of Guam Hustisia Award honors individuals and community partners who contribute to the betterment of the island. received the Hustisia Award at a ceremony held at the Route 4 building.

14TH ANNUAL RACE JUDICATA 5K



Probation Officers Amaze Ordot-Chalan Pago Elementary School Students

Career Day happens once a year and it's definitely a day students get excited for. For this career day visit, Probation Officers Vincent Reyes and Jim Rebujo took a trip to Ordot-Chalan Pago Elementary School and impressed the students with their stories and presentations. The students were able to learn about the law and what a Judge is. Although they didn't know court terminology, they were able to understand and make comparisons with the rules and the school principal. The students understood the importance of fairness. Career days can inspire children and for this visit, a few students were able to say that they wanted to become probation officers and help people. Great job to our Probation Officers for inspiring our kids and showing off the Judiciary pride!



Employee Frolic

Every month, different divisions are assigned to host the month's frolic activities. Every month was full of fun and creative activities and events for the court staff. Some notable monthly frolic events were held in July and October. July frolic hosted by the Office of the Public Guardian and Court Programs Office not only celebrated Independence Day but YOU as well. The theme was RED, WHITE, and YOU. What's a frolic without spirit week? On Monday, the Judiciary celebrated self-care, where employees received a bunch of self-care goodies to fight the start of the week. On Tuesday, the court was sporting red, white, and blue. On Wednesday, employees were given Bomb Pops to cool off in the summer heat. On Thursday, three of our employees took home a gas card for completing a quiz and on Friday, the week ended with food trucks on campus for lunch.

October Frolic was hosted by the Probation Services Division. Not only was it spooky and scary but the week was set for fun and yummy Halloween-themed activities. This frolic is a little different than others due to the pandemic, but that doesn't stop Familian Kotte from having fun. On Monday, employees brought a book and took a book from the Mayor of Halloween's Bookshelf located in the lobby. On Tuesday, employees got to answer Oogie Boogie Trivia. On Wednesday, employees were able to enjoy a treat from Sally the Corpse Bride and have their photo taken in Halloween Town. On Thursday, employees enjoyed a cool drink from Pumpkin King. Finally, on Friday, the Judiciary had Trunk or Treat and food trucks in the parking lot.



Donations

Through the culture of inafa'maolek, the Judiciary always finds a way to give back to the community. This year gave us many opportunities to give back. One donation in particular was the Client Services and Family Counseling division. They have made it a must to share kindness and the holiday spirit to everyone they meet. The team participated in Prison Ministry International's Angel Tree Program by purchasing and wrapping gifts in parents' names of inmates on the island. The team donated teddy bears and stuffed animals at Erica's House, baked cakes and distributed them to the homeless, held a donation drive for Catholic Social Services, donated to Toys for Tots, and the Salvation Army Bell-Ringing Holiday Campaign. We hope to spread kindness for all of next year and not just the holiday season!



The Judiciary partnered with the Be Heartfelt Inc. charity group to host a shoe drive which took place from the last week of July to early August. The shoes were donated to families all over the island.

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