



Judiciary of Guam
FY2023 Travel Expenditures by Funding Source
1st Quarter (October to December 2022)

Traveler	Purpose of Travel	Source of Funds	Cost of the Travel
Blas, Dawn R. S.	Attended the National Convening of Court Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Professionals on November 10-11, 2022.	Local Special Funds	\$ 2,773.39
Diaz, Sophia S.	Attended the PJC Settlement Conference & Mediation Training on October 26-28, 2022.	Local Special Funds	1,575.59
Eschbach, Maria Erica R.	Attended the Appellate Judges Education Institute 2022 Summit on November 10-13, 2022.	Local Special Funds	3,500.00
Ludwig, Jeffry L.	Provided security to the Pacific Judicial Council members participating in the 2022 American College of Trial Lawyers Trial Practice Training on November 9-11, 2022 in Koror, Palau.	Local Special Funds	1,821.39
	Attended the State Funeral of Former Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong on Thursday, December 8, 2022 in Koror, Palau.	Local Appropriations	1,617.39
Maraman, Katherine A.	Attended the Appellate Judges Education Institute 2022 Summit on November 10-13, 2022.	Local Special Funds	3,851.65
	Attend the State Funeral of Former Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong on Thursday, December 8, 2022 in Koror, Palau.	Local Appropriations	1,798.59
Mensching, Daniel F.	Attended the 2022 Pacific Judicial Council (PJC) Advanced Trial Lawyers (ACTL) Training on November 9-11, 2022.	Local Appropriations	421.00
Perez, Vernon P.	Attended the Pacific Judicial Council 2022 American College of Trial Lawyers Trial Practice Training on November 9-11, 2022.	Local Special Funds	1,962.39

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Quenga, Andrew S.	Attended the PJC Settlement Conference & Mediation Training on October 26-28, 2022 in Saipan.	Local Special Funds	\$ 1,575.59
Santos, Marcelene C.	Attended the 2022 National Conference on Guardianship on October 22-25, 2022.	Local Special Funds	2,171.11
Torres, Robert J.	Attended the 2022 National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) Convention on November 3-5, 2022.	Local Special Funds	4,000.00
	Attended the 2022 eCourts (case management system) Conference on December 5-7, 2022.	Local Special Funds	2,235.44
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Grand Total			\$ 31,124.92



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Administrator of the Courts

Barbara Jean T. Perez
Human Resources Administrator

January 10, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: Administrator of the Courts

Via: Human Resources Administrator

From: Judicial Educator

Subject: Training Attendance Report
National Convening of Court Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Professionals –
Creating a Culture of Belonging, November 10-11, 2022, Atlanta, Georgia

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This report is submitted in accordance with Court policies and, further, to document the approved administrative leave to attend the national convening of DEI professionals.

The Georgia State University College of Law, in collaboration with the National Center for State Courts, hosted the inaugural convening of court diversity, equity, and inclusion professionals from across the country. Participants worked together toward one goal: to make equal justice under the law a reality for all. The event was presented by the Blueprint for Racial Justice, an endeavor of the Conference of Chief Justices, Conference of State Administrators, and National Center for State Courts with support from State Justice Institute.

Engaging in discussions with other court representatives provided me with the opportunity to learn and discuss current DEI issues and solutions. The dignified and timely administration of justice depends upon quality customer service at every point in the judicial process. I hope to assist with the development of a DEI program that will bring together diverse perspectives and opinions and improve experiences for all those employed at the Judiciary and serviced by our employees.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent the Judiciary of Guam at the inaugural convening. The experience has afforded me the chance to obtain ideas to help our organization further develop a culture of belonging, improving customer service at every point in the judicial process, and ultimately enhancing public trust and confidence in the Judiciary.

Dawn R. Blas
Judicial Educator

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HON. F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO
CHIEF JUSTICE

HON. ALBERTO C. LAMORENA III
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ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COURTS

MEMORANDUM

November 3, 2022

To: Kristina L. Baird, Administrator of the Courts

Cc: Ms. Ma. Dianne Gudmalin, Finance Administrator
Barbara Jean Perez, Human Resources Administrator

From: Sophia Santos Diaz
Director of Policy, Planning and Community Relations

Subject: Trip Report Pacific Judicial Council Settlement Conference and Mediation Training | Oct. 26-28, 2022 | Saipan, NMI

This memorandum is to report on my attendance at the above-mentioned conference. Departure from Guam for attendance at the training event was on Tuesday, October 25, 2022. Return to Guam was on Saturday, October 29, 2022.

While the three-day conference and training targeted judges, mediators and attorneys, participants included individuals without any legal training whatsoever. The training comprehensively explored the following topics through panel and group discussions, practical examples, sample orders, and most importantly, role play:

- The role of a settlement judge/mediator
- Mediation styles
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Certification of training was provided by the PJC at the conclusion of the conference.

Because of limited flights to Saipan, travel to the island was one day in advance of the start date. Together with the Deputy AOC and several judicial officers, I toured the new District Court for the NMI.



Sophia Santos Diaz

Approved

Kristina L. Baird
Administrator of the Courts

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MEMORANDUM

To: Kristina Baird, Administrator of the Courts

From: Erica Eschbach, Supreme Court Staff Attorney *ME*

Date: January 11, 2023

Subject: **Training Report: 2022 AJEI Summit for Judges & Lawyers, Scottsdale, AZ**

Håfa Adai! I attended the **Annual Appellate Judges Education Institute (AJEI) Summit for Judges and Lawyers** from November 10-13, 2022, in Scottsdale, AZ. The educational program featured a number of highly regarded speakers, including Dean Erwin Chemerinsky of the UC Berkeley School of Law and numerous judges and justices from federal and state appellate courts.

AJEI is the preeminent provider of education for appellate judges and lawyers in the United States. The 2022 Summit was attended by hundreds of judges, lawyers, and staff attorneys from across the country. I participated in numerous plenary and breakout sessions, including: "Law and Linguistics"; "Unsettling Settled Law?: The Doctrine of *Stare Decisis* After *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*"; and "Judicial Writing: Striving for Clarity." Our very own Justice Robert Torres moderated a session entitled "Safe and Secure? Are You Sure?", which featured the Hon. Esther Salas, who shared the heart-wrenching story of the tragic death of her son, who was shot at their front door by a man who had targeted the judge. Judge Salas also discussed her efforts to change federal law concerning public access to judges' personal information.

I am grateful for having had the opportunity to participate in the 2022 AJEI Summit and to expand my knowledge of the relevant issues and current trends affecting appellate courts today. Please find my boarding passes attached.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse.



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Hon. Katherine A. Maraman
Associate Justice

Telephone: (671) 475-3589
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido

CC: Administrator of the Courts Kristina L. Baird

FROM: Justice Katherine A. Maraman

DATE: January 12, 2023

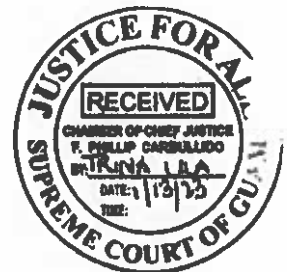
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Hon. Katherine A. Maraman
Associate Justice

January 04, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido

CC: Administrator of the Courts Kristina L. Baird

FROM: Justice Katherine A. Maraman

SUBJ: Travel Report for Palau Trip December 06-10, 2022 for State Memorial Service

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THE COURTS OFFICE

As requested by Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido, I travelled to Koror, Palau to attend the funeral of the late Chief Justice of the Palau Supreme Court, the Honorable Arthur Ngiraklsong, as a representative of the Judiciary of Guam and the Judicial Council of Guam.

I arrived on Koror with my assigned Deputy Marshal, Mr. Jeffrey L. Ludwig, on the morning of December 06, 2022. We assisted the family and staff of the late Chief Justice Ngiraklsong as they prepared for the upcoming State Memorial Service. I delivered two framed hard copies of the Judicial Council Resolution No.22-024 - *Relative to Memorializing the Passing of Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong*. I gave one hard copy each to the Palau Supreme Court and to the Ngiraklsong family, respectively.

On December 08, 2022, Mr. Ludwig and I attended the State Memorial Service of the late Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong. JC Resolution No.22-024 was read aloud by the Palau Presiding Justice Kathleen M. Sali'i during the service. It was well received by the Judicial Officers of Palau and the family of the late Chief Justice Ngiraklsong. Many expressed their appreciation to the Judiciary of Guam and the Judicial Council of Guam for the condolences and thoughts expressed in said resolution.

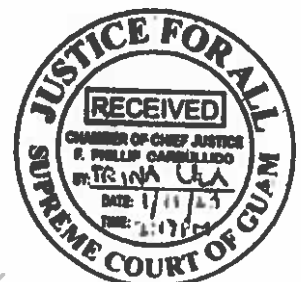
I thank Chief Justice Carbullido and the Judiciary for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

KATHERINE A. MARAMAN
Associate Justice

Attached Supporting Documents:

- Email showcasing Chief Justice's Request
- Leave Form Approved by the Chief Justice
- United Airlines Electronic Ticket and Boarding Pass



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Travel Report

From: Daniel Mensching, Staff Attorney

To: Financial Management Division

Date: January 6, 2023

I attended the Pacific Judicial Council's 2022 American College of Lawyers Workshop for Judicial Officers and Lawyers in Palau from November 9, 2022, to November 11, 2022. The three-day workshop covered numerous areas of law which are applicable to the work that I perform as general counsel for the Judiciary of Guam.

Several hours of the workshop were dedicated to the law of searches and seizures. As legal counsel to the Judiciary's Marshals and Probation divisions, I work regularly with law enforcement officers regarding their field duties. This includes conducting formal training for groups of officers regarding the Fourth and Fifth Amendments, as well as providing legal updates and answering questions as they arise during normal operations.

The workshop also covered several topics related to litigation generally, such as "Presentation of Expert Testimony & How to get a Document into Evidence" and "How to Try a Complicated Civil Case." As Staff Attorney, I currently represent the Judiciary as counsel of record in several civil litigation matters, some of which may proceed to trial. The skills learned during this workshop are the skills needed to adequately represent the Judiciary in these matters.

There was a presentation regarding juvenile justice reform, which is a topic which I have worked on at the Judiciary through providing guidance to the Juvenile Probation Section and also in working with a Superior Court Judge in amending certain court rules regarding juvenile justice in order to align Guam with certain trends which are developing in other jurisdictions.

One of the topics covered was "Encouraging Civility in the Practice of Law." Civility seems to be a growing problem in the practice of law on Guam, and this training is important for any member of the Bar, including myself.

There were other presentations which may not have applied directly to my day-to-day job duties at the court but included useful information which all attorneys should know, and which may at some time have significant relevance to my duties. These presentations included a summary of important cases which are currently pending before the United States Supreme Court, all of which could have an impact on the practice of law in all American jurisdictions. Other important topics included handling pro se litigants and high profile trials, both of which are issues that are seen regularly in the courts of Guam.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: ADMINISTRATOR OF COURTS (LH)
FR: JUDGE VERN PEREZ X
RE: REPORT FROM PJC TRAINING, PALAU NOV. 2022

This report follows the Pacific Judicial Training conducted in Palau during November of 2022.

I was inspired to attend after reviewing the agenda for the event. The topics included: Search and Seizure; Best Practices for Pro Se Litigants; Alternative Dispute Resolution; Supreme Court Review; Judges Handling High Profile Cases; Civility; Complex Civil Cases; Juvenile Justice Reform; Brady Obligations; Expert Testimony; and Criminal Jury Trials in Palau.

Each of the offered topics provided information of interest to me. Much of each presentation provided material I was familiar with, yet the review of concepts was confirmatory and quite satisfying. The instructors were all very qualified and effective. Below, I provide some of the highlights derived from the training. I am grateful for the opportunity to attend this training at such a wonderful venue.

Related to Search and Seizure: the fact that information (for a warrant) may be stale may depend on: the nature of the activity involved; if activity is continuing, information that might be stale if considered alone, when combined with recent information is no longer stale; and that it's not simply a function of the watch or calendar.

Challenges to Search Warrants:

1. Lack of probable cause
2. Lack of particularity
3. Not issued by a neutral magistrate
4. Scope violation
5. False information in the Affidavit

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Related to Civility, the CDCA (Central District of California) listed a **Judge's Duties To Others**, among them:

“We will be courteous, respectful, and civil to the attorney, parties, and witnesses who appear before us. Furthermore, we will use our authority to ensure that all of the attorneys, parties, and witnesses appearing in our courtrooms conduct themselves in a civil manner.”

Also: judges are to ensure court personnel act civilly; judges are not to “employ abusive, demeaning, or humiliating language ...”; judges will be punctual; judges will make reasonable efforts to decide promptly all matters presented for decision; judges to be aware of time constraints and pressures imposed on attorneys; and above all, judges are to remember the court is the servant of the people, and will approach duties in this fashion.

Related to Pro Se Litigants: Judges should be more active in promoting understanding, but stay impartial; Should advise on the law (more so on rules and procedure); protect witnesses; recommend retaining counsel on a particular issue/proceeding; and based on court decision, the court “has an obligation, especially in civil right actions, to construe prose pleading liberally and give the prose plaintiff the benefit of any doubt.” Bretz v. Kelman, 773 F2d 1026, 1027 n.1(9th Cir. 1985).

Related to Mediation: Notion that in the mediation process; all participants may “win”; Risk is reduced; Communication is improved; and hostility is reduced.

Related to High Profile and complex Litigation cases: I appreciated Mickey Pohl’s initial slides suggesting the approach of making the proceedings a **symphony, not a circus**. I further enjoyed his **practical tips for judges** in these types of cases and have put his lists below:

I. EARLY STEPS

1. USE AND REVIEW CIVIL COVER SHEETS
2. EXCEPT IN THE OBVIOUSLY SIMPLE CASES HAVE A SCHEDULING CONFERENCE EARLY • PRIVATELY “CATEGORIZE AND CLASSIFY” THE CASE: FOR YOUR OWN PLANNING PURPOSES • IS IT HIGH PROFILE, COMPLEX, OR BOTH? • IS THIS A CANDIDATE FOR EARLY MEDIATION OR A SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE? • HOW MUCH SUPERVISION THE LAWYERS WILL NEED • THE PARTIES? CALM OR EMOTIONAL?
3. USE CASE MANAGEMENT AND SCHEDULING ORDERS • GIVE COUNSEL A CHANCE TO AGREE • THEN TAILOR IT AS YOU SEE FIT • GO THROUGH CLOSE OF DISCOVERY • DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS • ENFORCE THE DEADLINES
4. HAVE SOME INTERMEDIATE CHECK OR REPORT • IS THE SCHEDULE BEING MET? • WOULD IT MAKE SENSE TO MEDIATE OR HAVE A SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE?
5. WATCH FOR DISCOVERY FIGHTS, MOTIONS TO COMPEL • MEET AND CONFER • SPECIAL MASTERS

II. LATER STEPS

1. AFTER CLOSE OF DISCOVERY AND DECISIONS ON POTENTIALLY DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS, HAVE A PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE AND SET A SCHEDULE 1. IS SETTLEMENT A POSSIBILITY? OFTEN, THE RULINGS ON DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS ARE A WAKE-UP CALL TO THE PARTIES
2. SET A SCHEDULE FOR:
 - a. MOTIONS IN LIMINE
 - b. AGREED ON CASE STATEMENT FOR JURY SELECTION
 - c. GROUND RULES FOR VOIR DIRE/JURY SELECTION • JURY QUESTIONNAIRES
 - d. STIPULATIONS OF FACTS (TO SHORTEN TRIAL)
 - e. EXCHANGE OF EXHIBITS (NOT INCLUDING CROSSEXAM EXHIBITS) • STIPULATIONS OF ADMISSIBILITY • IDENTIFICATION OF BASIS FOR OBJECTIONS
 - f. EDITING AND USE OF DEPOSITION TESTIMONY AND VIDEOS • IDENTIFY OBJECTIONS IN ADVANCE

III. EVE OF TRIAL

1. ARE WE READY?
2. OBJECTIONS DURING OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS
3. NO SPEAKING OBJECTIONS
4. RULES ON SIDE BAR CONFERENCES
5. MOVING MATERIALS INTO THE COURTROOM
6. COURT HOURS
7. USE OF AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT
8. AGREED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND INTERNET INSTRUCTIONS
9. DATES FOR PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTIONS AND VERDICT FORMS
10. CIVILITY AND EXTRA-JUDICIAL STATEMENT RULES. RULE 3.6

SUMMARY: ISSUES TO DEAL WITH IN ADVANCE

1. MULTIPLE PARTIES: DOES THE CASE HAVE TWO "SIDES" OR ARE THERE VARYING

INTERESTS:

- HOW TO TRY COUNTERCLAIMS AND CROSS-CLAIMS?
- IS ANYONE GOING TO MOVE FOR A SEPARATE TRIAL?

- IS BIFURCATION DESIRABLE?

2. HOW TO DIVIDE JURY CHALLENGES/STRIKES?

3. ALMOST ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA FOR THE PARTIES TO STIPULATE TO FACTS WHICH SHOULD NOT BE SERIOUSLY CONTESTED AT TRIAL.

4. ALMOST ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE THE PARTIES AGREE ON A BACKGROUND STATEMENT OF THE CASE FOR THE COURT TO USE BEFORE JURY SELECTION AND OPENING STATEMENTS.

5. TRY TO DEVELOP AN AGREED-TO STATEMENT TO JURORS RELATING TO INTERNET, SOCIAL MEDIA, MEDIA, AND INDEPENDENT RESEARCH BY JURORS.

6. HOW MANY ALTERNATE JURORS SHOULD THERE BE?

7. WILL JURORS BE ALLOWED TO TAKE NOTES?

ISSUES TO DEAL WITH IN ADVANCE

8. PROCEDURES NEED TO BE ESTABLISHED CONCERNING WHETHER, IN A MULTI-PARTY CASE, WHEN ONE COUNSEL SPEAKS OR MAKES AN OBJECTION, DOES HE OR SHE SPEAK FOR ALL PLAINTIFFS OR CO-DEFENDANTS?

9. IT SHOULD BE CLARIFIED AT THE START HOW THE COURT WILL HANDLE REQUESTS FOR SIDE BAR CONFERENCES.

10. ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL RULES THE COURT HAS REGARDING OBJECTIONS DURING OPENING STATEMENTS AND CLOSING ARGUMENTS?

11. HOW WILL PARTIES AND THE COURT HANDLE TESTIMONY TO BE INTRODUCED VIA DEPOSITION TRANSCRIPTS AND VIDEO DEPOSITIONS?

- DESIGNATIONS AND COUNTER-DESIGNATIONS.

- RULING ON OBJECTIONS.

12. EXPERTS: CLARIFY IN ADVANCE WHETHER PARTIES WISH TO VOIR DIRE ANY EXPERT ON HIS OR HER QUALIFICATIONS.

- THERE ARE WAYS TO EXPEDITE QUALIFYING THE EXPERT.

- ISSUES OFTEN ARISE WHEN EXPERTS TRY TO GO BEYOND WHAT IS IN THEIR REPORTS.

13. IT IS DESIRABLE TO HAVE AN AGREEMENT WHERE SOME ADVANCE NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN CONCERNING WHAT WITNESSES WILL TESTIFY NEXT. E.g., 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

IV. THE TRIAL

1. CONTROL COUNSEL AND YOUR COURTROOM BUT BE FAIR AND PATIENT.
2. AT THE END OF EACH DAY SPEND ABOUT 15 MINUTES ASKING COUNSEL WHAT IS COMING THE NEXT DAY.
 - WHAT WITNESSES; HAVE THEM READY
 - ANY LIKELY EVIDENTIARY ISSUES COMING
 - MAYBE ASK FOR SHORT MEMOS ON THE EVIDENCE ISSUES
3. WATCH FOR SIGNS THAT SOME PARTY MIGHT WANT TO SETTLE.



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CHIEF JUSTICE

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MEMORANDUM

November 1, 2022

To: Kristina L. Baird, Administrator of the Courts
Cc: Ms. Ma. Dianne Gudmalin, Finance Administrator
From: Deputy Administrator of the Courts
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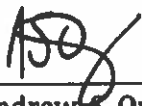
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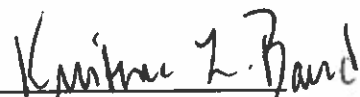
I have attached my boarding passes, airline ticket receipts, conference confirmation and hotel reservations. Also attached is a copy of the check stub for reimbursed airline expenses and per diem payment (\$1350.59 total). Hotel expenses totaled \$740.60 which has been paid with per diem. I was not provided a receipt for this by the hotel but I have my credit card statement showing this expense available upon request. Please take note that conference registration was paid prior to departure by Annaleah Sablan and that limited flight ability required departure one day prior to the conference and one day after the conference.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Andrew S. Quenga

Approved



Kristina L. Baird
Administrator of the Courts

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TRIP REPORT
NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GUARDIANSHIP
DALLAS, TX - OCTOBER 22-25, 2022

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1. Conference fees – receipt for \$625.00 is attached. Paid via Annaleah Sablan.
2. Westin Galleria Dallas – receipt for \$731.98 is attached.
3. Air Travel
 - a. United Airlines receipt for travel from LAX-DFW round trip is attached - \$416.20.
 - b. Boarding passes attached
 - i. LAX-IAH on 10/22/22
 - ii. IAH-DFW on 10/22/22
 - iii. DFW-DEN on 10/25/22
 - iv. DEN-LAX on 10/25/22

CONFERENCE

1. Email dated 10/27/22 acknowledging receipt of verification codes for the sessions and breakout groups I attended.
2. 10/23/22 – Sunday
 - a. Judge's Panel – 8:15-9:45
 - i. Sat with Audrey Ward (daughter-in-law of Florence Sgro) who lived on Guam around 2010 and worked for Sen. Judy Won Pat. She is now the Deputy Director of Avanti, Elder Care Resources in Eugene, OR.
 - ii. Judges are from Maryland, Michigan, Texas and Nevada. Some of their perspectives were relevant to what happens here on Guam, e.g. expedited hearings urged by hospitals – valid and invalid reasons; benefits of ZOOM hearings; skepticism about laws making it more difficult to be a guardian; dedicated judge for just guardianship hearings/matters.

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- b. Updates on the Standards of Practice – 10:15-11:30
 - i. Panel shared the process by which they updated the last iteration from 2013 as well as the specific updates. Guam/OPG needs to plan to move away from plenary guardianships to specifically limited guardianships and to shared decision making over substitute decision making. Will print out approve standards for the office reference and share with the judges.

- c. Innovations within the VA: A Program Dedicated to Legal Guardianship – 12:45-2:00
 - i. Misleading title since ONLY about one social worker at one Veterans Hospital in Colorado.

- d. Elder Justice Innovations Across the Nation – 2:30-3:45
 - i. Grantees of Elder Justice Innovation Grants from Alaska, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada and Oregon share information about their programs. Interestingly, the Guam Elder Justice Center does not do Guardianship but make referrals to OPG for those needing guardianship.

- e. Working with High Conflict Families: Multidisciplinary exploration of Effective Management Techniques – 4:15-5:30
 - i. The Judge who was supposed to be the co-presenter along with the Public Guardian from Washoe County Nevada was a no-show due to missing his flight.
 - ii. The Public Guardian was a dynamic and personable speaker who shared the events of a particular contested guardianship case between siblings over their parents (Hillygus case) and even covered the sections the judge was to present.

3. 10/24/22

- a. Knowing your place: How to talk about social identity – 9:15-10:30
 - i. This presentation was conducted by one of the instructors from The Center for Guardianship Excellence which will be a great resource for training the next Public Guardian.
(www.guardianshipcenter.org)

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- ii. The slides that were shared as part of the conference materials did not exactly match the presentation that introduced very relevant concepts to help a guardian be more introspective and empathetic.
- b. Case Presentation: When a client kills someone – 11:00-12:15
 - i. Other than the sensationalized title, OPG is often involved in ward's criminal cases, therefore it seemed relevant. While interesting, it was not generalizable to what happens on Guam.
- c. Supported Decision-Making in Guardianship: How Guardians can use supported decision-making principles to benefit individuals under guardianship – 2:00-3:15
 - i. Ideal in principle but unwieldy in my experience for major decisions.
- d. Guardianship Court Improvement: Effectuating Improved Processes and Outcomes in U.S. Guardianships – 3:45-5:00
 - i. The presenters had VERY low-key volume and personalities during the presentation which was fatal for a late afternoon/rainy day session. Some repetition of the Judges' Panel and the Standards of Practice presentations.

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- a. What Courts are (or are not) doing to improve data collection – 8:15-9:45
 - i. Just a reminder of what needs to be done. Will work with OPG's new management officer and C&M.
- b. Serious Mental Illness – 10:00-11:30
 - i. Good to know that Guam is doing much of what was discussed except for may the AOT that is still not implemented by AG
 - ii. The National Judicial Task Force report scheduled to be released during an afternoon press conference over ZOOM. Will obtain a copy of the report.





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MEMORANDUM

To: Danielle T. Rosete, Administrator of the Courts

Cc: Ma. Dianne Ollet, Finance Administrator

From: Chief Justice Robert J. Torres

Date: January 27, 2023

Subject: Trip Report for the 2022 the Judicial Council of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPAJC) Convention, November 3-5, 2022 | Las Vegas, NV

This memo is to report on the 2022 NAPABA Convention that I attended from November 3-5, 2022 in Las Vegas, NV.

NAPAJC membership consists of Asian Pacific American (APA) judges who are committed to increasing the number of APA judges in state and federal courts and agencies, encouraging the professional growth of members, and assisting the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) and other bar associations in efforts to serve Asian Pacific American lawyers, students, and community groups.

As the Membership Secretary, I attended the annual meeting as well as numerous educational courses. I have enclosed the meeting schedule and other receipts.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact my chambers.

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Every other year, the NCSC sponsors an eCourts conference, which is designed to improve court efficiencies and effectiveness by educating court professionals about the latest breakthroughs and best practices in court technology. As the Judiciary of Guam's Technology Committee chair, it is important that I attend these conferences because eCourts is dedicated to helping the justice system use technology to improve services, reduce costs, and increase accountability.

I have enclosed the meeting schedule and other receipts.

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