

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

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RE: SUSPENSION OF CLEARANCE FORM REQUIREMENTS FOR SEPARATING EMPLOYEES Supreme Court of Guam Administrative Order No. ADM20-409

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency and the partial or complete shutdown of government agencies declared by Executive Orders of *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, it has become difficult, if not impossible, for employees who are separating from employment with the Judiciary of Guam ("Judiciary") to obtain clearance signatures from the various government agencies required by the separation and clearance form in Rule 12.10 of the Judiciary's Personnel Rules & Regulations.

Therefore, based on the powers vested in the Chief Justice by 48 U.S.C. § 1424-1(b)(2) and (3), it is hereby **ORDERED**:

Judiciary Personnel Rule 12.10(c) is suspended to the extent that it requires the approving signatures of government agencies outside of the Judicial Branch for the separation and clearance form. Internal clearances from Divisions within the Judicial Branch must still be obtained but may be obtained electronically. The Judiciary's Human Resources Division is authorized to provide official notice of employee separations to agencies outside the Judicial Branch.

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2. This Order shall automatically terminate when *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* issues an Executive Order returning Guam to Pandemic Condition of Readiness 3.

SO ORDERED this 14th day of September, 2020.

/s/ F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO Chief Justice