

# Fiscal Year 2014 A Citizen - Centric Report The Judiciary of Guam

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*[T]he people of Guam are better served when we come to the table and share ideas and concerns with as much information and as many perspectives as possible. We must recognize the need for the branches to work together to produce the well-functioning government that our people deserve.*

*The genius of our form of government is that individually none of us could begin to achieve what, together, we can and will accomplish. To that end, I pledge my cooperation to make sure that the Guam we leave to our children and grandchildren is safer, better, and fairer for all.*

Robert J. Torres  
Chief Justice of Guam



## MISSION

*The Judiciary's purpose is to administer justice by interpreting and upholding the laws, resolving disputes in a timely manner, and providing accessible, efficient, and effective court services.*



## VISION

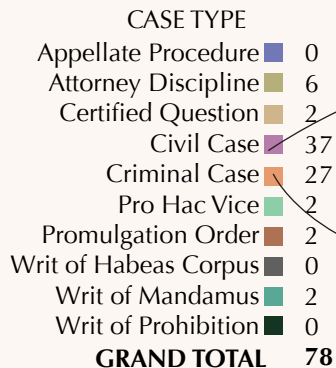
*The Judiciary will provide the highest quality of justice services, thus enhancing public trust and confidence in Guam's independent and co-equal branch of government and becoming a model of judicial excellence.*

*A*s the third branch of the government of Guam, the Judiciary of Guam is charged with interpreting the laws of the Territory of Guam and in this regard provides for the orderly settlement of disputes between parties, determines the guilt or innocence of those accused of crimes and other violations of the law and protects the rights of individuals.

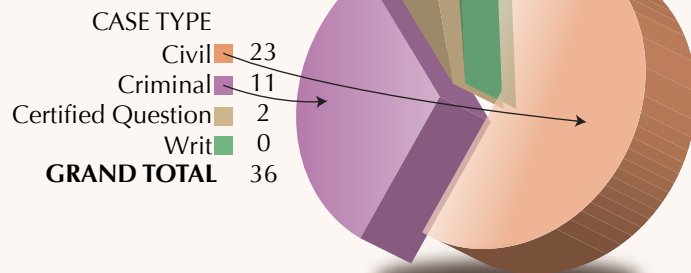
The head of the Judiciary of Guam is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam, currently Robert J. Torres. Associate Justices F. Philip Carbullido and Katherine A. Maraman are the other two members of the Supreme Court. Seven judges and three judicial officers comprise the Superior Court of Guam, which is led by Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III.

## SUPREME COURT

### TOTAL CASE FILINGS FY 2014

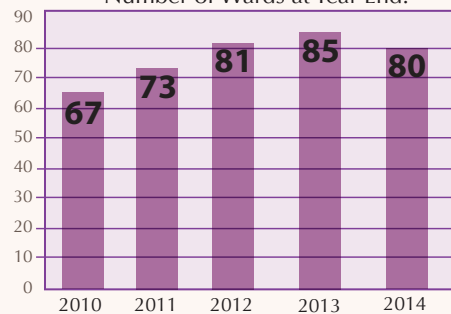


### TOTAL OPINIONS ISSUED FY 2014



### Office of Public Guardian

Number of Wards at Year End:

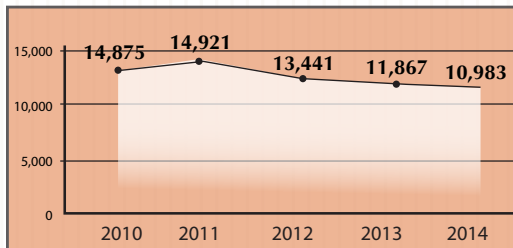


## SUPERIOR COURT

### COMPARATIVE CASES FILED

2014	Year
47	Adoption
288	Child Support
1,181	Civil
696	Criminal (Felony)
1,156	Criminal (Misdemeanor)
749	Domestic (Divorce)
217	Juvenile Delinquency
705	Juvenile Special Proceedings
146	Juvenile Drug Court
5	Land Registration
169	Probate
185	Special Proceedings
2,014	Small Claims
1	Foreign Orders
131	Protective Orders
67	Restitution and Fines
<b>7,757</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>

### Traffic Citations Filed



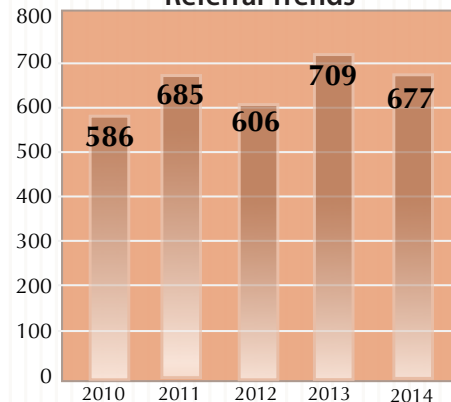
### JURY MANAGEMENT STATISTICS

2014	CATEGORY
30	Petit Jury Orientations
404	Petit Jury Trial Case Appearance (Days)
2	Grand Jury Selections
169	Grand Jury Appearance (Days)
701	Grand Jury Cases Heard
20,629	Jurors Present

2014	JURY-RELATED EXPENSES
\$541,350	Petit Jury
\$108,990	Grand Jury
\$650,340	TOTAL:

### Client Services and Family Counseling Referral Trends



### Family Violence Court filings in 2014

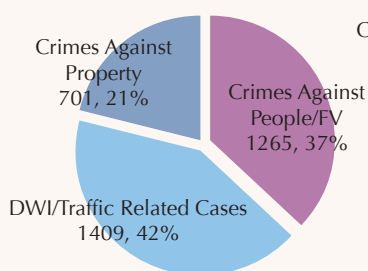
117	Criminal Felony
277	Criminal Misdemeanor
131	Protective Order
5	Domestic

### DWI Court filings in 2014:

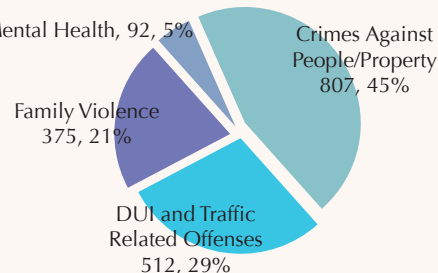
53	Criminal Felony
401	Criminal Misdemeanor

## Probation Services Division

### ADULT PROBATION CASELOAD DISTRIBUTION

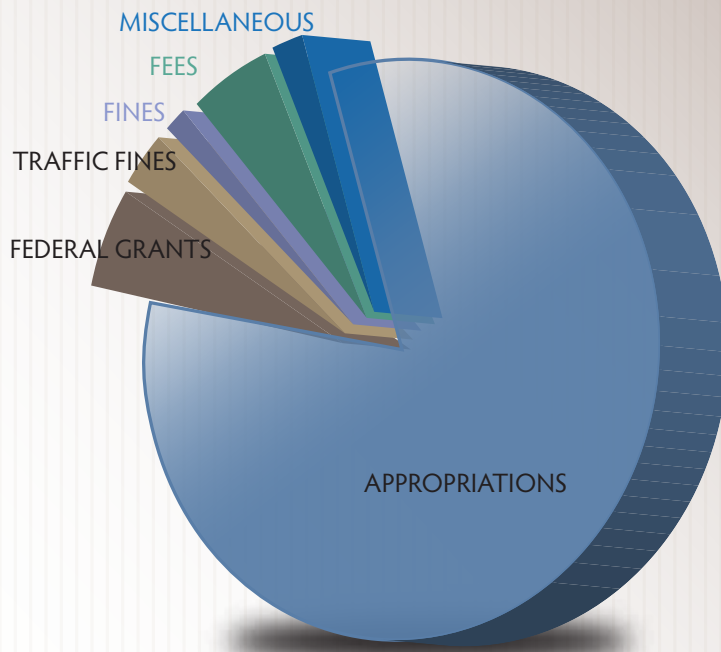


### PRETRIAL CASELOAD DISTRIBUTION





# FINANCIAL STATUS



## FUNDING SOURCES

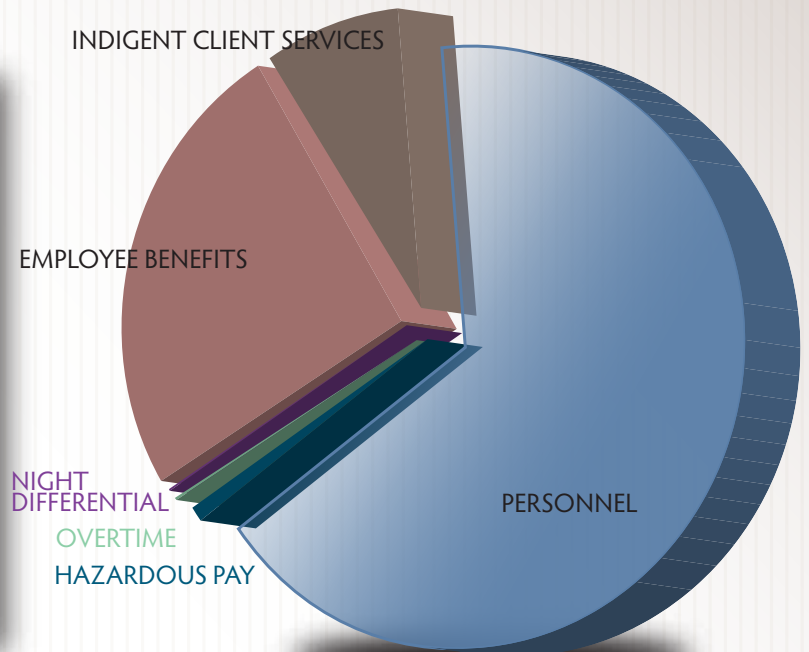
	FY2014
APPROPRIATIONS	28,204,377
FEDERAL GRANTS	1,913,307
TRAFFIC FINES	1,039,444
FINES	483,341
FEES	1,688,338
MISCELLANEOUS	595,277
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33,924,084</b>

## How the Judiciary's Budget compares to the Government of Guam in FY 2014

- Judicial Branch:	\$27,458,944	4.62%
- Alternate Public Defender:	\$745,433	.13%
	<b>\$28,204,377</b>	<b>4.75%</b>
- Other Government of Guam agencies:	<b>\$565,623,438</b>	<b>95.25%</b>

## MANDATORY EXPENSES

	FY 2014
PERSONNEL	18,785,922
OVERTIME	18,138
NIGHT DIFFERENTIAL	9,577
HAZARDOUS PAY	245,031
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	7,096,471
INDIGENT CLIENT SERVICES	
Interpreters	98,489
Alternate Public Defender	912,116
Private Attorney Panel	878,334
Other	252,412



## Independent Audit

Independent Audit was performed by Deloitte & Touche LLP. The Government of Guam received an unqualified (clean) opinion. The Office of the Public Auditor released the Government of Guam wide financial audited report on July 1, 2015. For more information of the independent audit, you may visit this web site address <http://www.guamopa.com>

“Our court shares in the national goal of developing successful, practical, and feasible models of system-wide reform – a reform effort that will strengthen the juvenile justice system by focusing on a variety of ways to reduce reliance on detention.”- **State of the Judiciary Address, Chief Justice Robert J. Torres**

### Judiciary of Guam Strategic Plan 2016 - 2019

- Program Launch January 2016

### 1st Criminal Justice Strategic Plan 2016 - 2019

- Office of the Attorney General
- Public Defender Services Corporation
- Alternate Public Defenders Office
- Judiciary of Guam

- Four strategic focus areas to improve the criminal justice system

- Program Launch January 2016

### Implementation of Juvenile Probation Review Recommendations

- Conducted by the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice

- Implement risk and needs assessment instrument

- Focus on improving client outcomes

- Establish diversion programs

- Refocus probation strategies

### Overhaul of Adult Probation

#### JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM FOCUS AREAS

##### Subcommittee 1: Evidence-Based Practices

**Mission: Acquire a validated risk and needs assessment instrument and introduce evidence-based practices.**

Chair: Chief Justice Robert J. Torres  
Co-Chair: Judge Anita A. Sukola  
Management Lead: Melanie W. Brennan, Deputy Chief Probation Officer

##### Goals:

- Acquire and implement a risk and needs assessment(RNA) tool
- Ensure that supervision strategies and interventions are aligned with RNA results
- Reduce reliance on detention for status offenders
- Reduce recidivism through use of evidence-based practices
- Enhance community safety

##### Subcommittee 2: Juvenile Court Referral Process

**Mission: Reduce unnecessary referrals to the juvenile court.**

Chair: Chief Justice Robert J. Torres  
Co-Chairs: Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III,  
Judge Maria T. Cenzon, Referee Linda L. Ingles  
Management Lead: Danielle Rosete, Clerk of Superior Court

##### Goals:

- Develop and implement strategies for safely and cost-effectively diverting youth from the juvenile justice system
- Review and revise existing laws and policies related to status offenses and other juvenile offenses to align with early intervention strategies
- Engage with stakeholders to develop and implement community-based and family-focused alternatives to court intervention

##### Subcommittee 3: Juvenile Defense and Prosecution Standards

**Mission: Implement juvenile defense and prosecution standards.**

Co-Chairs: Justice Katherine A. Maraman,  
Justice F. Philip Carbullido, Judge Arthur R. Barcinas  
Management Lead: Hannah Arroyo, Clerk of the Supreme Court

##### Goals:

- Explore and recommend standards for the prosecution of juvenile delinquency cases
- Explore and recommend standards for the defense of juvenile delinquency cases
- Explore and recommend standards for the representation of juveniles with PINS and other non-delinquency cases
- Training of attorneys working with juvenile case matters

##### Subcommittee 4: Court Language

**Mission: Use developmentally appropriate language in court proceedings.**

Co-Chairs: Judge Michael J. Bordallo, Judge Vernon P. Perez,  
Magistrate Judge Alberto E. Tolentino  
Management Lead: Geri Cepeda, Compiler of Laws

##### Goals:

- Review the current practice for Conditions of Release at First Appearance and Conditions of Supervision at Disposition
- Compare current practice to the model
- Develop colloquies that correspond to Guam law and local practice
- Create “Release Dos and Release Don’ts” form for juveniles to use during colloquies