



Judiciary of Guam

FY 2025 Travel Expenditures by Funding Source


2nd Quarter (January to March 2025)

Traveler	Purpose of Travel	Source of Funds	Cost of the Travel
Blas-Ananich, Yvette T.	The National Convening on the State Court's Role in Effective Justice for Young People on March 24-26, 2025 in Omaha, Nebraska.	Local Appropriations	\$ 2,309.00
Camacho, Joseph N.	Judge Pro Tempore for Superior Court Case No. CM0145-21 People of Guam vs. Nakita Aguon on January 6-10, 2025 in Hagatna, Guam.	Local Appropriations	1,120.78
Carbullido, F. Philip	The President and Vice President Inauguration of the 12 th Constitutional Government of the Republic of Palau on January 16, 2025 in Ngerulmud Melekeok, Palau.	Local Appropriations	1,510.49
Eschbach, Maria Erica R.	The Appellate Judges Education Institute (AJEI) Planning Committee Meeting on January 24-25, 2025 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.	Local Appropriations	2,263.27
Quan, Jonathan R.	Drugged Driving Essentials on March 17-19, 2025 in Indianapolis, Indiana.	Local Appropriations	3,814.17
Grand Total			\$ 11,017.71



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Traveler's Name/Position Title		
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting		
Division		Organization
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting		
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting		
Traveler's Report (Highlight the information you gathered at the event and how it impacts your role/responsibilities at the Judiciary. Describe how it will be beneficial to achieving the Judiciary's mission of delivering justice fairly and efficiently through transparent, inclusive, and accessible court services.)		
Signature of Traveler		
	Signature	Date



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Traveler's Name/Position Title	F. Philip Carbullio, Associate Justice	
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Inauguration of the 12th Constitutional Government of the Republic of Palau	
Division	Supreme	Organization Judiciary of Guam
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	January 16, 2025	
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	National Capitol Grounds, Ngerulmud, Melekeok, Palau	

Traveler's Report (Highlight the information you gathered at the event and how it impacts your role/responsibilities at the Judiciary. Describe how it will be beneficial to achieving the Judiciary's mission of delivering justice fairly and efficiently through transparent, inclusive, and accessible court services.)

This memo reports on the Inauguration of the 12th Constitutional Government of the Republic of Palau. I received an invitation from President Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, to attend the event, which marks his second term as President and the installation of Vice President-elect Raynold "Arnold" Oilouch. A copy of the program is attached.

The inauguration of the 12th Constitutional Government of Palau on January 16, 2025, signified the beginning of President Surangel Whipps Jr.'s second term. This event was pivotal on both national and international fronts, with representatives from 31 countries attending, underscoring Palau's growing global significance.

Palau's 2023-2026 Development Plan, which highlights key areas such as economic growth, education, environmental sustainability, social support, and cultural preservation, aligns with the themes emphasized during the inauguration. The presence of international officials from India, Japan, and Taiwan at the ceremony further stresses Palau's commitment to fostering international collaboration and addressing global challenges.

The Palau Judiciary plays a central role in promoting investor confidence in an independent judiciary. Chief Justice Oldiais Ngiraikelau administered the oath of office to President Whipps Jr. and Senior Judge Rose Mary Skebong administered the oath to the Vice President. I was seated at the platform with members of the Palau Judiciary and joined the President and Vice President at the head table of the Inaugural Ball.

Chief Justice Ngiraikelau emphasized the importance of continuing the dialogue and sharing resources with the Pacific Judicial Council organization and its individual member jurisdictions.

I have enclosed my boarding passes, United Itinerary, and receipt from the Cove Resort Palau, where I lodged. I request Ms. Annaleah Sablan in HR work with my judicial assistant, Petrina Ula, to process my travel expenses.

If you have any questions, I am available to respond.

Signature of Traveler

Signature

Date

Jan. 21, 2025



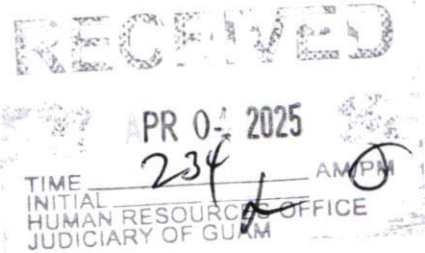
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Traveler's Name/Position Title	Maria Erica Eschbach, Staff Attorney	
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	2025 AJEI Summit Planning Committee Meeting	
Division	Supreme Court	Organization Judiciary of Guam
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	January 24-25, 2025	
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel, The Depot, Minneapolis, MN	
Traveler's Report (Highlight the information you gathered at the event and how it impacts your role/responsibilities at the Judiciary. Describe how it will be beneficial to achieving the Judiciary's mission of delivering justice fairly and efficiently through transparent, inclusive, and accessible court services.)		
<p>I attended the 2025 AJEI Summit Planning Committee Meeting in Minneapolis, MN to plan the Appellate Judges Education Institute (AJEI) Summit scheduled for November 2025. AJEI is the preeminent provider of education for appellate judges and lawyers in the United States. Organized by the National Judicial College, the AJEI Summit presents programming in collaboration with the American Bar Association Judicial Division's Appellate Judges Conference, the Council of Appellate Lawyers, and the Council of Appellate Staff Attorneys. The annual Summit brings together state and federal appellate judges, lawyers, and staff attorneys from across the country for a four-day continuing legal education program focused specifically on appellate courts and appellate practice.</p> <p>As a member of this year's Summit planning committee, I proposed and voted on topics during the planning meeting. One of my topic proposals, which explores the evolving standards of appellate review in the digital age, was selected to be part of the program for this year's Summit. I will serve as docent for that topic and am tasked with putting together a panel of speakers and leading the preparation for the panel discussion.</p>		
Signature of Traveler	Maria Erica Eschbach	April 10, 2025
	Signature	Date



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Traveler's Name/Position Title	Jonathan R. Quan / Magistrate Judge		
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Drugged Driving Essentials		
Division	C&M / Judge's Chambers	Organization	Judiciary of Guam
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	March 17 - 19, 2025		
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Indianapolis, Indiana		

Traveler's Report (Highlight the information you gathered at the event and how it impacts your role/responsibilities at the Judiciary. Describe how it will be beneficial to achieving the Judiciary's mission of delivering justice fairly and efficiently through transparent, inclusive, and accessible court services.)

The Drugged Driving Essentials course offered by the National Judicial College consisted of approximately 18 hours of in-class instruction, commencing at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 3:50 p.m. for three days. The students were all judicial officers from various jurisdictions across the United States. The instructors were retired Judges, former police officers, professors and scientists. The course covered Drugged Driving topics ranging from the impact of marijuana legalization, search & seizure, pre-trial considerations, due process rights, investigations, pharmacological / toxicological aspects, sentencing and treatment. Each afternoon, there were small-group breakout sessions which provided the opportunity to privately discuss issues that emerged in that day's lectures.

The training broadened my perspective and exposed me to emerging issues in relation to drugged and drunk driving. After attending the course and then (self) analyzing the cases that have come before me, it seems clear that there are many drugged (as opposed to drunk) driving cases that come before the Court. From the lectures and discussions, it is apparent that Guam does not currently have the expertise (nor the procedures - other than blood screening evidence) to scientifically detect, categorize and process drugged driving cases. What appears to be happening, in order to compensate, is that local law enforcement is choosing not to proceed on the drugged driving aspect and, instead, proceeding on the "possession" charge (that is usually present) or other criminal conduct that occurred.

What was eye opening was the mainland prevalence of alcohol and drug driving instances. This causes difficulty for law enforcement because the combination of alcohol and various drugs results in aberrant field test or breath test results. A key component utilized by jurisdictions that successfully process drunk and drugged driving cases is the presence and testimony of Drugged Recognition Experts ("DRE's") in the police force. These DRE's are available to run the suspects through various standardized tests that allow them to determine what drug or drug combination the suspect may have ingested. The DRE's testimony at various hearings and at trial is essential. Guam has had a few officers successfully go through the Drug Recognition Expert course, however, Guam does not have the necessary statutes, procedures and sufficient number of DRE's to effectively implement a drug driving arrest and prosecutions.

The course was informative and extremely useful in relation to my current duties.

Signature of Traveler

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Date

April 3, 2024