



Judiciary of Guam

FY 2025 Travel Expenditures by Funding Source

3rd Quarter (April to June 2025)

Traveler	Purpose of Travel	Source of Funds	Cost of the Travel
Barcinas, Arthur R.	Administrative Law (Advanced) on June 23-26, 2025 in San Francisco, California.	Local Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00
Brown, Sean E.	The National Judicial College Course General Jurisdiction on March 31 - April 10, 2025 in Reno, Nevada.	Local Appropriation	1,322.10
Camacho, Leevin T.	The National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) Standard Setting Study (NextGen Exam) on May 12-15, 2025 in Chicago, Illinois.	Board of Law Examiners	3,275.40
Gudmalin, Ma. Dianne O.	The 119th Government Financial Officer Association (GFOA) Annual Conference on June 29 - July 2, 2025 in Washington, D.C.	Local Appropriation	3,242.07
Gutierrez, Dana A.	Enhancing Judicial Skills in Abuse in Later Life Cases Workshop on May 11-14, 2025 in Valencia, California.	Local Appropriation	1,646.10
Limtiaco, Alicia A.G.	The American Bar Association (ABA) National Conference on Professional Responsibility on May 28-30, 2025 in Pentagon City, Arlington, Virginia.	Local Appropriation	4,447.13
Maraman, Katherine A.	The National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) Annual Bar Admissions Conference on May 1-3, 2025 in Seattle, Washington.	Board of Law Examiners	1,755.62

Traveler	Purpose of Travel	Source of Funds	Cost of the Travel
Perez, Barbara Jean T.	The Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM) Annual Conference & Expo on June 29 to July 2, 2025 in San Diego, California.	Local Appropriation	5,000.00
Quenga, Andrew S.	The National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) Annual Bar Admissions Conference on May 1-3, 2025 in Seattle, Washington.	Board of Law Examiners	2,124.87
Quitugua, Aaron T.L.	The National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) Annual Bar Admissions Conference on May 1-3, 2025 in Seattle, Washington.	Board of Law Examiners	1,764.60
Respicio, Joleen F.	The National High School Mock Trial Championship on May 7-10, 2025 in Phoenix, Arizona.	Continuing Education, Morale, Recreation & Welfare Program	3,768.49
Spotanski, Christian F.	The National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) Standard Setting Study (NextGen Exam) on May 12-15, 2025 in Chicago, Illinois.	Board of Law Examiners	3,445.98
Torres Jr., Robert J.	The National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) Annual Bar Admissions Conference on May 1-3, 2025 in Seattle, Washington.	Board of Law Examiners	1,511.70
Grand Total			\$ 38,304.06



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Traveler's Name/Position Title	Arthur R. Barcinas	
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Advanced Administrative Law Course (JS 649)	
Division	CHAMBERS	Organization SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	June 23 to June 26, 2025	
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	San Francisco, California	

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.)

From June 23 to June 26, 2025, I attended the Advanced Administrative Law Course (JS 649) hosted by the National Judicial College in San Francisco, California. This course was specifically designed for experienced judges, administrative law judges, adjudicators, and hearing officers seeking to deepen their understanding of complex legal issues and emerging trends in administrative adjudication.

The curriculum provided a comprehensive exploration of advanced topics in administrative law, including recent constitutional developments, evidentiary standards, judicial ethics, and the integration of technology—particularly artificial intelligence—into adjudicative processes. One of the highlights of the course was a session led by Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, who provided an insightful analysis of recent Supreme Court decisions and their implications for administrative law, including discussions on the Chevron doctrine and the major questions doctrine.


Throughout the four-day training, participants engaged in interactive workshops and peer discussions that emphasized practical applications of legal principles. Topics such as decision writing, judicial review, and access to justice were explored in depth, with a strong focus on maintaining procedural fairness and ethical integrity in administrative hearings. The course also addressed the growing prevalence of virtual hearings, offering guidance on best practices and technological considerations to ensure equitable outcomes.

A particularly forward-looking component of the training involved the role of artificial intelligence in administrative law. The course examined both the opportunities and challenges posed by AI tools in legal filings, decision-making, and case management, with an emphasis on ethical boundaries and transparency.

The training provided valuable insights that are directly applicable to our work within the Judiciary of Guam. I gained a deeper understanding of how evolving legal standards and technological innovations can be integrated into our adjudicative practices to enhance fairness, efficiency, and public trust. The course also reinforced the importance of ongoing professional development and peer collaboration in maintaining high standards of judicial conduct.

I recommend that the Judiciary of Guam consider future participation in NJC programs, particularly those addressing emerging legal and technological issues. Additionally, it may be beneficial to explore the incorporation of AI literacy and virtual hearing protocols into our internal training initiatives.


In conclusion, the Advanced Administrative Law Course was a highly enriching experience that will contribute meaningfully to the continued excellence of our administrative adjudication processes.

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Traveler's Name/Position Title	Sean Brown	
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	General Jurisdiction: National Judicial College	
Division	Magistrate Judge	Organization Judiciary
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	3/31/25-4/10/25	
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Reno, Nevada	
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>The training was essential for me to carry out the oath I took when becoming a judge and to ensure that every litigant before me is treated fairly. I learned about specific rules that apply to judicial officers and I was able to compare our system with other jurisdictions. This comparison allows me to ensure I am fair and consistent when entertaining the issues before me.</p> <p>I was also given techniques to address parties when emotions become elevated so that respect and order is maintained in the courtroom, even when the cases may greatly impact the lives of the litigants. These techniques will also allow me to remain in a position of discernment without allowing the emotional weight of the case to impact my behavior or decision making.</p> <p>The training was critical to my development as a magistrate judge and the resources provided will give me something to refer back to when issues come up in my cases or hearings. The education I recieved will allow me to more intelligently consider and apply the Judiciary's mission so that the Court's services will continue to be transparent, inclusive and accessible to all patrons.</p>		
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Traveler's Name/Position Title	Leevin T. Camacho	
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	National Conference of Bar Examiners Standard-Setting Study	
Division		Organization
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	May 12 - May 15, 2025	
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Chicago, IL	

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 standard-setting study was critical to the development of the NextGen Bar Examination, which Guam is set to administer in July 2026. Based on a non-disclosure agreement that was required to be signed by all participants, I am not able to provide any additional details.

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Traveler's Name/Position Title	M. Dianne Gudmalin, Finance Administrator		
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	GFOA 2025 Annual Conference		
Division	Financial Management Div.	Organization	
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	June 29-July 2, 2025		
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Washington, D.C.		
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>This report summarizes the key takeaways and benefits of attending the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Annual Conference. The event gathered public finance professionals from across the country to share insights, trends, tools, and best practices that support efficient, transparent, and effective government financial management.</p> <p>The conference provided valuable resources and tools for the daily operations of court management. Courses attended included updates from the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), budgeting and reporting, asset management, internal controls, and the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and technology in today's finance offices. The GFOA Annual Conference was a valuable event for court management and public finance professionals. It provided useful knowledge and connections that will benefit our organizations in the long run.</p> <p>A diverse group of professionals engaged in various sessions that addressed significant topics relevant to public finance. Key discussions centered on multiple GASB topics, including GASB 76 and GASB 100 to 104, as well as proposed changes to GASB 34 and 33. These developments may have considerable implications for the reporting requirements within the Judiciary, underscoring the necessity for public finance professionals to be well-prepared to navigate this complex financial landscape.</p> <p>Moreover, sessions focused on budgeting and reporting offered attendees valuable strategies aimed at enhancing financial planning and accountability. There were sessions on effective asset management techniques that emphasized proper maintenance and utilization of government assets to optimize fiscal health. The discussions on integration of AI and other evolving technologies into finance offices were also particularly insightful. As technology advances, its application in public finance has the potential to foster improved efficiency, accuracy, and strategic decision-making.</p> <p>Overall, the conference was a great success, showing the dedication of public finance professionals to maintain high standards in government financial management. The insights and tools gained will continue to influence our strategies in the changing world of public finance.</p>			
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Traveler's Name/Position Title	Honorable Dana A. Gutierrez/ Judge	
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Enhancing Judicial Skills in Abuse in Later Life Cases Workshop	
Division	Judges & Chamber	Organization Superior Court of Guam
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	May 11-14, 2025	
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Valencia, California	
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 Enhancing Judicial Skills in Abuse in Later Life Cases Workshop (the "Workshop") sponsored by the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence through a partnership of Futures Without Violence and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.</p> <p>The Workshop was facilitated by judges and other professionals who work with victims of later life abuse cases. The attendees were all judicial officers as the focus was on the role and duties of a judge in elder abuse cases. The Workshop included daily plenary, or group workshop sessions, as well as smaller group sessions which allowed for role playing and more specific discussions. The topics covered focused on aging and the dynamics of abuse in later life; fact-findings in elder abuse in later life cases; increasing access to justice for victims of elder abuse; and decision-making skills for judges.</p> <p>As I currently hear cases involving abuse and our elderly population, the Workshop provided me with practical information on how to approach cases and what issues and questions to address when these matters arise in the courtroom. The ability to role-play was especially helpful as it provided the opportunity for judges to rule in hypothetical situations and play the roles, not only of judge, but of attorney and victim when addressing these complex issues.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to attend the Workshop. Hearing from and conferring with others who work in the areas of domestic violence and elder abuse helps to improve the skills needed to address these issues in the courtroom. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding my attendance at the Workshop.</p>		
Signature of Traveler		May 27, 2025
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Traveler's Name/Position Title	Alicia A.G. Limtiaco/Regulation Counsel	
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	ABA 50th National Conference on Professional Responsibility	
Division	Office of Regulation Counsel, Supreme Court of Guam	Organization Judiciary of Guam
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	05/28/2025 - 05/30/2025	
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Ritz Carlton, Pentagon City, Arlington, VA	

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.)

TRAVEL REPORT

Submitted by:
Alicia A.G. Limtiaco, Esq.
Regulation Counsel
Office of Regulation Counsel
Supreme Court of Guam
June 13, 2025

The Office of Regulation Counsel, Supreme Court of Guam, is responsible for the enforcement of rules governing disciplinary and disability proceedings of attorneys within the Supreme Court of Guam's jurisdiction and under the Comprehensive Lawyer Regulatory System. These rules include the Guam Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement and Disability Proceedings, as well as the Guam Rules of Professional Conduct.

The American Bar Association (ABA) has consistently advocated for and adopted the highest ethical standards within the legal community, promoting legal ethics, professional responsibility, and the rule of law. The 50th ABA National Conference on Professional Responsibility was held on May 28-30, 2025, in Arlington, VA. This Conference offered educational programming and provided opportunities for dialogue on cutting-edge issues in professional responsibility, as well as networking with colleagues in the legal and ethics fields. The Conference contributes to the professional development of legal ethics practitioners, including regulatory and disciplinary counsel from Guam and across the country, and supports the Judiciary of Guam's mission to serve our community more effectively, protect the public's interests, and deliver justice fairly and efficiently through transparent, inclusive, and accessible court services.

The National Conference on Professional Responsibility is the annual educational and networking event for lawyers who represent, prosecute, advise, and educate other lawyers on issues of ethics, discipline, professionalism, and related matters. The Conference explores and debates current issues facing the profession at this national gathering of lawyers, judges, and professors. The speakers are experts in their respective fields and provide the latest information and insights from their dynamic perspective.

At the 50th ABA National Conference on Professional Responsibility, I attended the following educational programming in legal ethics and professional responsibility: Through the Past, Darkly: Explorations Into the Provenance and Virtues of the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, and Auguries as to Their Future (review of the history of the law of lawyering, beginning with the genesis of uniform ethics rules, traversing the development and evolution of the Model Rules, and concluding with forecasts about the future of legal ethics and professional regulation); Is it Time to Reform America's Lawyer Regulatory System? (discussion of major trends requiring a fresh look at lawyer regulation and the need for lawyer regulatory reform); Promoting the Administration of Justice: A Lawyer's Duty? (using *Brown v. Board of Education* as a backdrop, a discussion of the role that the administration of justice should play in ethical decision making in the work of lawyers, judges, and bar regulators); Conflicts of Interest - A Potpourri (hypotheticals used to discuss a variety of conflict of interest issues under Model Rules of Professional Conduct 1.7 through 1.10); AI: The Next Level (exploring the next level of issues with AI, including (1) Regulation of AI in the U.S. and other countries and how it will impact the practice of law; (2) Deepfakes - how to recognize them; (3) Law firm training of staff on uses and risks of AI; and (4) How to vet an AI vendor and what provisions must be included in a vendor contract; and how to be a competent lawyer (Model Rule of Professional Conduct 1.1) who communicates properly (Rule 1.4) and protects client information and data (Rule 1.6)); Taking Nonlawyer Ownership National: How ABSs May Ethically Extend their Reach Beyond their Home Jurisdictions (review of nonlawyer law firms, or alternative business structures (ABSs), how (and if) they work ethically, what business models are built on them, and whether they are subject to attack as violating the rules and law of other jurisdictions' traditional bans on nonlawyer ownership); Upleveling the Practice Through AI (discussion of current uses and trends with AI in the legal field, the beneficial uses of AI in practice, how to integrate AI into the practice ethically, and what's ahead in this rapidly evolving landscape); Navigating Incivility and Bullying in the Legal Profession (review of data surrounding incivility and bullying in the profession and offer best practices for employers from an internal firm management perspective; and address when and how law enforcement, prosecutors, or disciplinary authorities can help with intimidation, strategies for countering online attacks on one's professional reputation, recognizing volatile situations, advocating for oneself and others when bullying occurs, and safeguarding one's mental health); Breaking Bad (Tech) Habits (learning how cyberattacks occur, how they can be avoided, and how an organization can mitigate its risk); and UPL, Rule 5.4 and the "Lawyer Monopoly": Historical Perspectives (review of the history leading up to and driving the adoption of the rules restricting nonlawyers' involvement in legal services, what these restrictions mean for access to justice today, and what it should mean for the future of legal services regulation).

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Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting		
Division		Organization
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting		
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting		


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Traveler's Name/Position Title	BARBARA JEAN T. PEREZ / HR ADMINISTRATOR		
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	SHRM 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE		
Division	HUMAN RESOURCES	Organization	JUDICIARY OF GUAM
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	6/29/25 - 7/2/25		
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, California		
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 had the opportunity to attend the 2025 Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Annual Conference & Expo, held from June 29 to July 2, 2025 at the San Diego Convention Center. This flagship HR conference brought together over 20,000 professionals across public and private sectors and offered more than 375 sessions focused on current and emerging issues in human resource management.</p> <p>The conference featured a wide array of sessions aligned with today's evolving workplace challenges. Topics most relevant to our work within the Judiciary of Guam included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. AI and HR Technology: Emphasis on ethical frameworks and transparency in using AI tools for decision-making.2. Workplace Compliance and Employment Law: Updated guidance on federal and state labor laws, including harassment prevention, pay transparency, and leave management.3. Workforce Wellness & Retention: Addressed burnout and the need for mental health programs tailored to public-sector employees.4. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging (DEIB): Offered frameworks to build inclusive workplace practices and reduce bias in hiring, promotions, and discipline. <p>The SHRM 2025 Annual Conference provided valuable, forward-thinking insights that directly support our strategic goals. The sessions reinforced the importance of staying adaptive and proactive in today's complex workforce environment; particularly in areas such as: improving talent acquisition and retention within a government labor market, enhancing our compliance and internal policy with current HR best practices, supporting staff wellness and mental health through informed program design, integrating AI tools (cautiously and ethically) in internal administrative processes, and strengthening our efforts around equity, access, and inclusive workplace culture.</p> <p>Thank you for this training opportunity, I am committed to applying what I learned to enhance our internal processes and contribute to broader HR initiatives that align with the Judiciary's mission and strategic priorities. Additionally, I will share the tools and resources with the HR Team and Court Management.</p>			
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Traveler's Name/Position Title	Andrew S. Quenga, CLRC Executive Director		
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	NCBE Annual Bar Admissions Conference		
Division	CLRC	Organization	Supreme Court
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	May 1-4-, 2025		
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Seattle, WA		
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>This conference relates to my service on the Supreme Court's Bar Exam Drafting and Grading Subcommittee. It is not related to my CLRC position and duties and was not funded by CLRC appropriations.</p> <p>The National Conference of Bar Examiners Annual Bar Admissions Conference covered key factors shaping the legal profession, the affects of artificial intelligence on legal education and practice, how law schools evaluate character and fitness in admissions, financial issues in attorney regulation, defining minimum competence, and information on the NextGen Bar Exam which the Supreme Court will begin administering in July 2026.</p> <p>The information obtained is intended to enhance and support my drafting and grading responsibilities. This is important in ensuring the fair evaluation of bar examinees and admission of competent attorneys to the practice of law in Guam.</p>			
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Traveler's Name/Position Title	Aaron Quitugua, Supreme Court ASO	
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	National Conference of Bar Examiners Annual Bar Admissions Conference	
Division	Supreme Court	Organization Judiciary of Guam
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	May 1-4, 2025	
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Seattle, Washington	
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>This is a report on the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) Annual Bar Admissions Conference, which I, along with others from Guam, attended in Seattle, Washington, from May 1-4, 2025. The conference provided jurisdictions from throughout the nation with critical updates regarding the NextGen Bar Exam and enabled state Supreme Court justices and bar administrators to network and compare how their respective jurisdictions are preparing to implement NextGen, which was especially valuable to Guam as we become one of the first in the nation to administer the NextGen exam in July 2026. I attended the following sessions: Plenary: Who Will Be Tomorrow's Lawyers? 2024 Pipeline Data; NextGen: Where We Are and What's Next; Plenary: Moving Minds: From Research Excellence to Jurisdictional Impact; Navigating Modern Test Accommodation Challenges; Ensuring Candidate Knowledge of Local Law; Mastering NextGen Grading: Item Types and Rubrics; Building an Ethical Profession Through Curriculum Reform; and Plenary: The AI Revolution in Law: Navigating Education, Practice, and Ethics.</p> <p>The conference provided a better understanding of what is to come with NextGen and what next steps NCBE is taking to gather, analyze, and distribute the data Guam needs to amend our admission rules and prepare for the NextGen exam. During the conference, I networked with several jurisdictions, including Hawaii, Ohio, Texas, Florida, and Saipan, which provided me with insight into how these jurisdictions are preparing for NextGen implementation, as well as what alternative pathways to admission they are exploring or preparing to approve that may work for Guam. Finally, the conference provided valuable insights into the ethical use of AI in legal work and how the employment landscape is shaping bar passage rates and career choices of recent law school graduates.</p> <p>I have attached the conference registration schedule and my boarding passes. Please contact me at aquitugua@guamcourts.gov if you have any questions.</p>		
Signature of Traveler	Aaron Quitugua	5/9/25
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Traveler's Name/Position Title	Joleen Flores Respicio	
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	National High School Mock Trial Championship (NHSMTC)	
Division	MIS	Organization Judiciary of Guam
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	May 7-10, 2025	
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Hyatt Regency Phoenix, Superior Court, and Maricopa County Courthouse	
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>On May 7th, the Guam mock trial team engaged in two scrimmages with New Mexico and Wyoming at the Hyatt Regency. Our team also scrimmaged with Arkansas on May 8th to fit in more practice. The courtroom artist (Angel) and courtroom journalist (Giada) were involved in all team activities and scrimmages. Later that day at 4:00 PM, the team met with Adam Bixby (former Supreme Court summer law clerk intern) and Shelby Respicio (former Superior Court summer intern and Phoenix attorney) for a mini boot camp (tips and preparation) and an extensive court tour with Her Honor, Judge Sanchez at the Phoenix Municipal Court.</p> <p>In the evening on May 8th, the whole team (students, coaches, and myself) all went to the Pin Exchange event where the kids enjoyed exchanging trinkets with other teams from the 47 other states/ territories/ South Korea. The Guam Visitors Bureau provided Guam lapel pins and pens for our kids to exchange with the other teams' kids. Later at the event, they went roller skating at the rink on-site.</p> <p>May 9th and 10th were tournament days with two rounds each day. The competition was fierce amongst the 48 teams. Guam played well against Texas in Round 1, New Hampshire in Round 2, Ohio in Round 3, and Virginia in Round 4.</p> <p>The gala awards ceremony took place around 6pm at the Hyatt on May 10th. The Guam team is extremely proud and honored to be this year's recipient of the NHSMTC Larry Bakko Professionalism and Civility Award. Each team must submit one nomination for another team for the Award. A team may not nominate themselves. Teams may not campaign for this award.</p> <p>Our team, despite playing very well, placed 45 out of 48 competing teams. Nonetheless, the team proudly represented our island and the Judiciary of Guam at the Championship.</p>		
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Traveler's Name/Position Title	Christian F. Spotanski (Attorney II--Public Defender Service Corp.)	
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	NCBE Standard Study Metting	
Division		Organization NCBE
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	May 12-15, 2025	
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Chicago, Illinois	

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.)

Purpose and Overview:

I attended the NCBE's Standard Setting Study for the NextGen Bar Exam, held from May 12-15, 2025, in Chicago. The study was convened to help define the performance expectations of a Minimally Qualified Candidate ("MQC") for the NextGen bar examination. Due to the Non-Disclosure Agreement in place, I am unable to disclose specific discussions or materials presented during the event.

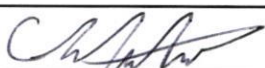
Key Outcomes:

While the substantive content of the sessions is subject to a NDA, I was able to network and engage with legal professionals from a broad array of jurisdictions. This opportunity allowed me to represent Guam's judiciary interests and perspectives in a national dialogue concerning future standards for legal licensure.

Impact on Role and Relevance to Judiciary Mission:

A well-structured and equitable licensing exam is critical to ensuring that future attorneys possess the minimum competencies required to competently serve the public and the justice system--especially ours here in Guam. My participation provided valuable insight into national efforts to modernize legal licensure while also reinforcing the importance of Guam's active representation in such efforts.


It was both a professional honor and a meaningful opportunity to contribute to a broader system that directly supports the Judiciary's core mission.

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Traveler's Name/Position Title	Robert J. Torres / Chief Justice		
Name of Conference, Event, or Meeting	NCBE Annual Bar Admissions Conference (ABAC 2025)		
Division	Supreme	Organization	Judiciary of Guam
Date(s) of Conference, Event, or Meeting	May 1-4, 2025		
Location of Conference, Event, or Meeting	Seattle, WA		
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 National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) Annual Bar Admissions Conference (ABAC 2025) in Seattle, Washington, from May 1 to 4. This national gathering brought together bar admissions professionals, examiners, educators, and members of the judiciary to discuss the evolving landscape of lawyer licensure and legal education. The sessions I attended were both timely and relevant to the work of the Judiciary of Guam.</p> <p>Some sessions focused on emerging trends in legal education, bar admissions, and the evolving profile of future lawyers. Discussions highlighted key data on law school enrollment, bar passage, and employment, as well as the increasing role of technology and distance learning in shaping the legal profession. Several sessions explored how courts and licensing bodies can responsibly adapt to innovations such as artificial intelligence and remote proceedings.</p> <p>These conversations provided useful insights into how technology can expand access to justice while preserving fairness and integrity in judicial processes. Other sessions emphasized the importance of research-based approaches to supporting law students and bar applicants, offering strategies to build motivation, resilience, and practical support systems across jurisdictions.</p> <p>Throughout the conference, I engaged in discussions with colleagues from across the country on how to apply these insights in a way that strengthens our bar admissions process and better prepares attorneys for the evolving demands of the profession.</p> <p>The conference provided jurisdictions from throughout the nation with critical updates regarding the NextGen Bar Exam and enabled state Supreme Court justices and bar administrators to network and compare how their respective jurisdictions are preparing to implement NextGen. Guam will become one of the first in the nation to administer the NextGen exam in July 2026. These insights will support our continued efforts to ensure a fair, modern, and accessible bar admissions process for Guam.</p> <p>I have attached my receipts. Please contact my chambers if you have any questions.</p>			
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