



BEFORE THE 2024 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM

RESOLUTION NO. JC24-009

RELATIVE TO JURISDICTIONAL LIMIT FOR SMALL CLAIMS COURT

WHEREAS, pursuant to 7 GCA § 4202, the Judiciary of Guam, Small Claims Court, is a court of limited jurisdiction and provides that “[a]ny person having a claim of \$10,000 or less may apply for relief through the Small Claim Division”;

WHEREAS, Title 7 GCA § 4208, entitled “Mandatory Annual Review of Jurisdictional Limits” provides that “[i]n April of each year commencing with 1990, the Judicial Council shall consider the adjustment of the jurisdictional limits for Small Claims Division, and may adjust upwards the jurisdiction limits of the amount of claims allowed in the Small Claims Division based upon increases in the cost of living indices prepared by the Guam Department of Commerce and the United States government, and based upon the availability of attorneys to take small claims cases”;

WHEREAS, as mandated by 7 GCA § 4208, the Superior Court of Guam Clerk of Court reviewed and examined the information and statistical data captured from small claims cases filed with the Small Claims Court in 2023 and jurisdictional amounts applicable to courts in other jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Superior Court of Guam Clerk of Court recommends that the small claims jurisdictional limit remain the same.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after a review of the small claims jurisdictional limit made pursuant to 7 GCA § 4208, the Judicial Council, at this time, agrees not to take action relative to the small claims jurisdictional limit.

DULY ADOPTED this 22nd day of April 2024 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.



ROBERT J. TORRES, Chairman

Dated: 4-22-24

ATTEST:



Jessica Perez-Jackson, Executive Secretary

Dated: 4/22/24