

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

May 19, 2018

An emergency meeting of the Guam Bar Association (GBA) Board of Governors was held on May 18, 2018, to discuss the appointment of a new ethics prosecutor and address public concern regarding the discipline and investigation of Guam lawyers.

According to Title 7 Guam Code Annotated §9A202 of Title 7; GBA Bylaws Article III and X, the GBA is tasked to appoint members of its Ethics Committee, a Standing Committee of the GBA, subject to the control and administration of the Board of Governors.

The GBA is committed to ensuring its members abide by the rules of professional responsibility. We are also committed to maintaining public trust and confidence in the judicial system. In consideration of the numerous, recent inquiries received, the GBA Board has established a Confidential Hotline and email address for the public to contact in the event they have questions about filing a complaint concerning a Guam lawyer. The phone number is (671) 588-7836 and the email address is [justice@guambar.org](mailto:justice@guambar.org). Any information received will be kept confidential and referred to the appropriate person or entity for further investigation and review.

The GBA Board is actively working to assist the Judiciary of Guam with the appointment of a new ethics prosecutor, and will be engaging the Judiciary and GBA members in addressing broader issues affecting the administration of justice presented by recent events.

GBA Board of Governors Member-at-Large Jay Arriola, Esq. was appointed to serve as spokesperson for the GBA Board regarding these issues. He may be contacted at [jay.arriola@arriolacowan.com](mailto:jay.arriola@arriolacowan.com).

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