



Judiciary of Guam 50th Anniversary Celebration
Guam Law Library Legal Education Summit
July 5 and 6, 2024
Guam Museum Indoor Theater

AGENDA

Friday, July 5

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Registration and Light Breakfast

The morning CLE events will be held in the Guam Museum Indoor Theater; the venue for the afternoon CLE event is the Guam Judicial Center Atrium.

8:30 AM – 9:20 AM

The United States and Guam: Examining the Applicability of the U.S. Constitution and Exploring Administrative Law in Guam [1 CLE]

The Honorable J. Michelle Childs, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

The relationship between Guam and the United States is complex, beginning over a century ago. Today, the two governments are inextricably but intricately linked. This is especially evident in the judiciary, which is tasked with applying the relevant laws and constitutional provisions. But how exactly does the United States Constitution apply to Guam? How did Guam's judiciary evolve over time? How does administrative law apply in Guam? Discover the answers through a rich discussion of the history of U.S.-Guam relations, the Organic Act of Guam, and what lessons may be learned by other Pacific Island jurisdictions through the example of the U.S.-Guam relationship and its impact on island jurisprudence.

9:20 AM – 9:30 AM

Networking break

9:30 AM – 10:20 AM

Cybercrime and Our Laws [1 CLE]

The Honorable Alexander G. Gesmundo, Chief Justice of the Philippines

As we become more reliant on information and communications technology (ICT), the more we become submissive to digital shift resulting in an increased dependence on connectivity in our work and personal lives. Undoubtedly, the dramatic increase in the accessibility and use of computers triggered the rise of technology-based offenses, and the more cybercrime has become a common hazard on a global scale. In this

session, we shall discuss the relevant legislation and international instruments in combating cybercrime and cyber-related offenses.

10:20 AM – 10:30 AM

Networking break

10:30 AM – 11:55 PM

Judicial Branch Innovation – Our Legislative and Executive Function
[1.5 CLE]

The Honorable Steven C. González, Chief Justice, Washington State Supreme Court

The Washington Supreme Court is a national leader on issues including peremptory challenges and jury diversity, alternative pathways to licensure, and issues related to access to justice in general. This session will discuss the legislative and executive tools the high court uses to support the effective administration of justice.

12:00 PM

“Grab and Go” lunch pick-up

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

History of the Guam Courts [0.5 CLE]

Location: Guam Judicial Center Atrium

The Honorable Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr., Retired U.S. Magistrate Judge and Superior Court Judge

This presentation will give an understanding of the history of the courts of Guam, provide context for the 50th Anniversary Celebration, and precede the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Guam Historic Courthouse and Opening of the Guam Judicial Center Time Capsule.

Saturday, July 6

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Light breakfast

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Civility and Professionalism [1 Ethics CLE]

Benes Z. Aldana, Esq., President of the National Judicial College

As the cornerstone of a civil society, it is essential that America's justice system not only serve and be accountable to its citizens but demonstrate a high level of civility as well. Unfortunately, there has been an erosion of civility in the practice of law and across society. Each attorney and court should promote a civil legal process. This session will examine professional responsibility and judicial codes requiring civility, the impact of self-represented litigants on civility, and communication techniques to promote civility.

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

National Judicial College Opportunities for Judges and Lawyers

Benes Z. Aldana, Esq., President of the National Judicial College

The National Judicial College (NJC) is the only educational institution in the United States focused on teaching courtroom skills to judges throughout the nation and Indian Country, and from foreign judicial systems. This session will discuss the NJC's education programs and opportunities, which include in-person courses taught at state-of-the-art

facilities at its Reno, Nevada headquarters, online courses and webinars, and professional certificate and judicial graduate degree programs.

10:15 AM – 10:20 AM

Networking break

10:20 AM – 11:20 AM

Navigating AI Use in Legal Research [1 CLE]

Thomas Leighton, Vice President of Content Acquisition, Thomson Reuters

Generative AI has advanced by leaps and bounds in a very short time, showing great promise while raising significant concerns. What controls are needed to unlock the power of these tools while ensuring they don't wreak havoc? This session will address the reimagining of a better way to work using expertly applied generative AI.

11:20 AM – 11:30 AM

Networking break

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Common Ethical Issues and Practice Management [1 Ethics CLE]

Facilitator: Alicia Limtiaco, Regulation Counsel, Supreme Court of Guam

Panel Members:

John Morrison, Deputy Director, PDSC; Vice President, GBA; Chair, Commission on Lawyer Regulation, CLRS

Seth Forman, Esq., Roberts Fowler & Visosky LLP

Cynthia Ecube, Esq., Law Offices of Cynthia V. Ecube; Member, Investigative Committee, CLRS

Hon. Anita Sukola, Retired Judge, Superior Court of Guam

Panel members will discuss the practical application of the rules of professional conduct and rules for lawyer discipline and disability proceedings related to identifying and addressing attorney conflicts of interest, the death, incapacity, and resignation of a lawyer, and protecting clients' interests.