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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Judiciary Seeks Nominations for 2026 Hostisia Award**

(Hagåtña, Guam) — The Judiciary of Guam is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the 2026 Hostisia Award. The annual award recognizes a person or organization that has made a significant contribution to improving the administration of justice and good government.

*“Each year during Law Month, the Judiciary recognizes individuals whose services reflects a true dedication to justice and to serving our island community,”* said Chief Justice Katherine A. Maraman. *“Their service reminds us that the rule of law is strengthened not only by the institutions that uphold it, but also by the individuals who devote their time and compassion to advancing justice for others. The Judiciary is proud to honor these individuals and grateful for the positive impact they continue to have on our island community.”*

The selection committee will consider nominees under the following criteria:

- fostered building public support for the judiciary,
- promoted respect for the law and understanding of the judicial system,
- encouraged civic responsibility and service, and
- volunteered time and talents to the court in serving the people of Guam.

Past Hostisia Award recipients include the Retired Judge Anita A. Sukola (2025); Honorable Joaquin Cruz Perez (posthumous) (2024); Guam Behavioral Health & Wellness Center (2023); Retired Judge Elizabeth Barret-Anderson (2022); Retired Magistrate Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. (2021); Retired Chief Justice Peter C. Siguenza (posthumous) (2020); Guam Chamber of Commerce (2019); Erica’s House, Soroptimist International of Guam and Soroptimist International of the Marianas (2018); Inafa’Maolek (2017); Public Defender Service Corporation (2016); former Senator Pilar Cruz Lujan (2015); Attorney Joaquin C. Arriola, Sr. (2014); Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz (2013); Judge Richard H. Benson (2012); Alee Shelter Program Director Sister Bridget Perez, RSM (2011); Retired District Court of Guam Judge Cristobal C. Duenas (posthumous) (2010); Retired Supreme Court of Guam Justice Janet Healy Weeks (2009), and the Armed Forces of the United States (2008).

Nominations should include a statement about the nominee (limit 250 words). Please submit nominations by **Friday, April 10, 2026**, to **Suzane Santiago-Hinkle, Acting Director of Policy Planning & Community Relations**, via email at [sshinkle@guamcourts.gov](mailto:sshinkle@guamcourts.gov).

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