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Judge Arthur Barcinas Appointed as Part-Time Associate Justice of the Palau Supreme Court

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(Hagåtña, Guam) – The President of Palau, Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., has tapped Judge Arthur Barcinas of the Superior Court of Guam to serve as part-time Associate Justice of the Palau Supreme Court, Trial Division.

“I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to work alongside my colleagues on the Palau Supreme Court and to contribute to the jurisprudence in the Pacific region,” stated Judge Barcinas.

According to the Palau Supreme Court’s official website, Palau’s Supreme Court was created in 1981, pursuant to Article X of the Constitution. The Judiciary of Palau’s purpose is to preserve and enhance the rule of law by providing a just, efficient, and accessible mechanism for resolving disputes. The Judiciary of Palau will interpret and apply the law, as modified by custom and tradition, consistently, impartially, and independently to protect the rights and liberties guaranteed by the laws and Constitution of the Republic of Palau.

“The part-time contributions of regional professionals like Judge Barcinas allow us to manage conflicts, while also providing fresh insight and helpful contributions to our developing legal system,” stated President Whipps, Jr.

Judge Barcinas has served as a Judge of the Superior Court of Guam since 2005 and currently presides over General Jurisdiction cases and Mental Health Court. He is also a member of the Judicial Council and co-chairs the Judiciary of Guam’s Strategic Plan Focus Area on Facilities and Security, the Juvenile Justice Reform Focus Area on Juvenile Defense and Prosecution Standards, and the subcommittee on Rules Governing the Admission to the Practice of Law and the Rules for the Discipline of Attorneys.

“Judge Barcinas is a respected judicial authority not only on Guam, but throughout Micronesia. His *Pro Tempore* service in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and in the Federated States of Micronesia shows his commitment to the rule of law, and to helping develop young court systems. It is my pleasure to hereby appoint him to the Trial Division of the Palau Supreme Court as a part-time Associate Justice,” stated President Whipps, Jr.



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Judge Barcinas received a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1986, and a Juris Doctor from Gonzaga University School of Law in 1989.

“I congratulate Judge Barcinas on his appointment to the Palau Supreme Court, Trial Division. Judge Barcinas will share his knowledge and experience with the Judiciary of Palau, and I am confident he will preside with the same integrity, upholding the laws of Palau, just as he maintains in his courtroom every day upholding the laws of Guam,” stated Superior Court of Guam Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III.

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