



Tiempon Hustisia

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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TUESDAY AGENDA

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast (In-House Guests Only)

9:00 a.m.

Master of Ceremony

The Honorable John A. Manglona, Associate Justice of the CNMI Supreme Court

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Supreme Court Review

Harold McElhinny, Former Partner, Morrison & Foerster (Retired), Sole Practitioner, San Francisco, CA

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Mediation Ethics

The Honorable Keith Strong, United States Magistrate Judge, District of Montana (Retired)

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Group Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Search and Seizure

The Honorable Karen S. Townsend, Judge, 4th District Court of Montana

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

The Justice -- Injustice Dialectic: The Carrot & Stick of Trial Advocacy

Michael D. Schwartz, Founder, The Michael D. Schwartz Law Firm, Los Angeles, CA

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Encouraging Civility in the Practice of Law

Richard S. (Rick) Glaser, Jr., Founder, Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP, Charlotte, NC

4:45 p.m.

ADJOURN

TALKING TRIAL PRACTICE WITH **RICHARD GLASER**

Richard "Rick" Glaser, Jr. is an attorney at Parker Poe Attorneys & Counselors at Law, an ACTL Fellow, and the PJC ACTL Trial Practice Training Coordinator. He was also a federal prosecutor for over twenty years and started the white collar criminal defense and internal investigations practice at his law firm.



"I am never giving this up" was Glaser's response when asked about his election to, and involvement in, ACTL. This sentiment no doubt led to his service on the College's Criminal and Civil Procedure Committees and now as coordinator of this Trial Practice training. Glaser was pressed into service for the Saipan conference when Brian O'Neill, the person who initially spearheaded this conference and was the moving force for prior conferences in Palau and Guam for the College, was unable to make this trip. Although Glaser admits this training takes a lot of work, making sure people are where they need to be, have what they need, and communicating those needs with others, he still has fun doing it. His attendance at prior ACTL and PJC conferences in Palau and Guam and his experience as a Department of Justice evaluator also provided an excellent foundation to orchestrate this training.

Glaser's advice for an aspiring trial attorney, or any type of attorney, is simple: "Find a passion... If you are passionate about something and enjoy it, then do it." He is adamant that passion for what you do remains the key element for anyone in this field.

His fondest memory from PJC ACTL trainings is the special experience of being in the Pacific and with this community. "It's just a tremendous group of people, of men and women who are at the top of the field. It's an honor to be with them . . . and participate in these types of conferences." We are equally honored to have Glaser among us, bringing great trial practice minds from ACTL to the Pacific so that they may share their wisdom.

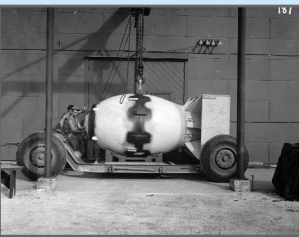
NMI FAST FACTS:

MARIANA TRENCH

The Mariana Trench is the deepest part of the Ocean, and Saipan is only about 278 miles away from it. The Marianas Trench is 7 feet deep, 1,554 miles long and 44 miles wide.

LITTLE BOY AND FAT MAN

Little Boy, the nuclear bomb that devastated Hiroshima, and Fat Man, the nuclear bomb that hit Nagasaki, were launched from Tinian. Little boy was launched on August 6, 1945, while Fat Man was launched on August 9, 1945, ending World War II in the Pacific.



Courtside Happenings

Updates from the Judiciary

Drug Court

Problem-solving courts, such as drug courts, are new to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Efforts to start the CNMI's first evidence-based treatment court have been ongoing since 2008. Originally spearheaded by now-retired Associate Judge David A. Wiseman, the NMI Drug Court was finally established in 2016 after years of planning and research. Drug Court, now managed by Associate Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio, provides appropriate and effective mechanism for offenders with substance use disorders. The program was implemented with guidelines from the National Association of Drug Court Professionals best practice standards and evidence-based strategies.

In 2019, eighteen graduates completed the treatment program, meeting all supervision requirements, and being gainfully employed or enrolled in an educational program. Since its inception three years ago, there have been seven total graduations with forty participants completing the Drug Court program. The NMI Judiciary has taken significant steps toward serving the CNMI population through the Drug Court and looks forward to developing more problem s courts in the future.

Drug Court Team Members at the 2019 NADCP Conference. From left: Drug Court Manager Edward Diaz; DPS Assigned Officer Fred Sato; Compliance Officer Frankie Camacho; Associate Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio; Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig; Assistant Attorney General Chester Hinds; Caseworker Dolores Sablan; Hope Center Director Dorene Kintol; and Community Supervision Officer Luis Iguel, Jr.



CNMI LAW WEEK 2020



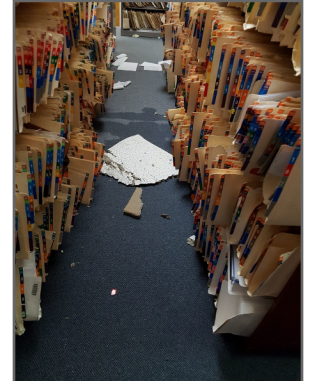
Every year, the American Bar Association Division for Public Education hosts Law Day, a program that dates back to 1958. Law Day is held on May 1 every year "to celebrate the role of law in our society and to cultivate a deeper understanding of the legal profession." This year's theme is "Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100," centered around the centennial anniversary of the amendment, the right to vote regardless of sex, and the women's suffrage movement. Law Day 2020 will celebrate this milestone of democracy. State and local bar associations will have the opportunity to educate the public about these topics and promote awareness of law that ensure "women's full and equal exercise of their right to vote and to participate in our democracy."

In the CNMI, the Judiciary sponsors a proclamation in honor of law day, and a law week where students participate in activities focused on law and justice. For law week, students from third to fifth grade can participate in a poster contest, and sixth, seventh, and eighth graders can participate in an essay contest. Posters and essays must convey the students' interpretation of the law day theme. Justices, judges, and staff of the Commonwealth Judiciary judge the entries and will select first, second, and third place winners. Winners receive cash prizes, along with a history book and certificate of recognition. Law week also culminates in a high school speech competition, known as the Attorney General's Cup, and is made possible through the coordination efforts of the Office of the Attorney General, the NMI Judiciary, and the CNMI Bar Association.



SUPER TYPHOON YUTU

In October of 2018, Super Typhoon Yutu, a Category 5 storm, hit the Northern Mariana Islands, taking more than 24 hours to pass over the islands. The islands' residents endured storm surges of up to twenty feet, up to ten inches of rainfall, and winds of 180 miles per hour. One person lost her life, hundreds were injured, and homes and infrastructure severely damaged, leaving many homeless. The storm destroyed much of the infrastructure, causing residents to be without power and water for days, if not weeks. Neighbors, and both local and federal organizations, emerged to help clean up and provide much needed supplies. Super Typhoon Yutu ended up being the most powerful tropical storm worldwide in 2018. The Northern Mariana people are resilient, however, and have been slowly rebuilding what was lost.



GUMA' HUSTISIA RENOVATION

The Guma' Hustisia sustained substantial damage from Super Typhoon Yutu and renovations have since been underway. Over the past several months, carpet has been removed and new flooring has been installed. We have removed damaged materials, ensured court documents are retained, and repaired atrium skylights. Judiciary vehicles, furniture, and fixtures have been replaced. Repair of the air conditioning system is in process and the Supreme Court courtroom will soon be open for proceedings. While the courthouse has been out of commission, the Judiciary has been working hard to restore it to its former glory.



TINIAN & ROTA COURTHOUSES

The NMI Judiciary has three courthouses on Rota, Saipan, and Tinian. The Kotten Tinian opened in 1999, allowing residents to file cases on their home island rather than traveling to Saipan to do so. It received further technological improvements in 2017 and 2018. Rota's Centron Hustisia was completed in 2005, allowing the same filing and adjudication conveniences for residents. It is located in Sinapalo and houses the Superior Court, the Office of Adult Probation, the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the Public Defenders, and the Department of Public Safety. Superior Court hearings are held on Tinian and Rota twice a month and the Supreme Court holds oral arguments at these courthouses. These courthouses ensure everyone in the CNMI has access to judicial services.



Clockwise: The Kotten Tinian courtroom; the Centron Hustisia on Rota; the Kotten Tinian.

CONFERENCE RECAP



Judge Anita Sukola, local attorney Michael A. White, Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio, and Judge Wesley M. Bogdan answer questions during the Best Practices for Pro Se Litigants session.



Judges enjoyed each other's company at last night's sunset dinner.

From left : Guam Supreme Court law clerk Laura Nishimura, Judge Elyze M. Iriarte, Judge Maria Teresa Bonifacio Cenzone, Judge Anita A. Sukola, and Guam Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III.



Chief Justice Camillo Noket, President of the Pacific Judicial Council, chatting with Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro and other PJC members before enjoying dinner at the Surf Club.



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