



# Tiempon Hustisia

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## WELCOME TO THE PJC-ACTL TRIAL PRACTICE TRAINING

### *A Warm Hafa Adai and Tirowami!*

We welcome you to the Pacific Judicial Council's Trial Practice Training, hosted in association with the American College of Trial Lawyers. We are honored to host you on the beautiful island of Saipan.

Over the weekend, conference speakers and delegates arrived safely, marking the start of this year's PJC Conference. For some, the visit began with a quick day trip to our neighbor island of Tinian. The CNMI Bar Association and NMI Judiciary hosted the first social event of the week, a Meet and Greet at Chambre, Fiesta Resort and Spa. The social event was a success--new friendships were forged and old friendships were rekindled. We hope delegates and other attendees had the fine opportunity to discuss events from their respective homes and share well-wishes for the week ahead. We hope to continue this camaraderie into the week as we cover the many trial practice topics on our agenda.

Thank you for taking the time to attend this conference, and we hope you take away some helpful trial practice pointers.

CHIEF JUSTICE ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO  
NMI SUPREME COURT



## INSIDE ACTL

The American College of Trial Lawyers is composed of preeminent members of the Trial Bar from the United States and Canada and is recognized as the leading trial lawyers organization in both countries. The College is dedicated to maintaining and improving the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice and the ethics of the profession.

Planning for this PJC Training started in 2019, coordinated by ACTL Fellow Richard Glaser, Supreme Court of Guam Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido, and NMI Supreme Court Justice John A. Manglona. The committee contacted members of ACTL for various topics. Panel members from the NMI Judiciary and the NMI Bar Association were chosen to speak on various trial practice topics for this three day conference.

### ACTL Mission

The American College of Trial Lawyers is an invitation only fellowship of exceptional trial lawyers of diverse backgrounds from the United States and Canada. The College thoroughly investigates each nominee for admission and selects only those who have demonstrated the very highest standard of trial advocacy, ethical conduct, integrity, professionalism and collegiality. The College maintains and seeks to improve the standards of trial practice, professionalism, ethics, and the administration of justice through education and public statement on important legal issues relating to its mission. The College strongly supports the independence of the judiciary, trial by jury respect for the rule of law, access to justice, and fair and just representation of all parties to legal proceedings. <https://www.actl.com/about-actl>

**EARLY MORNING EXERCISERS** If you wish to exercise in the morning, please contact the NMI Judiciary marshals for assistance in your morning exercise routine. Otherwise, enjoy the many beautiful views of the island!

# Courtside Happenings

Updates from the Judiciary

## Language Access Program Training 2020

Debi S. Tulang-De Silva, Program Director of the Hawai'i State Judiciary's Office on Equality and Access to the Courts, provided technical guidance on language access from January 12 to 17, 2020 for the NMI Judiciary, CNMI Bar Association, CNMI-based interpreters, and other government agencies. Entities that attended include the U.S. District Court for the NMI, the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the Public Defender, the Office of Personnel Management, Micronesian Legal Services Corporation, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Lands, Department of Labor, Department of Corrections, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Commonwealth Ports Authority, and Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation. The training garnered over 200 participants, covering various topics, including but not limited to, language access laws and the impact of mandates, integration of language access for services, and working effectively with interpreters.



The Language Access Plan and Policy is consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin. It is the policy of the Judiciary to provide timely, meaningful, and equal access to programs, services, and information to Limited English Proficient and Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons. Covering standards for qualified interpreters and translators, trained court staff and judges, Language Access Program Training was made possible through the efforts of the NMI Judiciary, the CNMI Bar Association, the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the Public Defender, and other entities.



Justices, judges, and court staff received training from Director Debi S. Tulang-De Silva (bottom center) on language access. Pictured are: Back, from left: Associate Justice John A. Manglona; Clerk of the Superior Court Patrick V. Diaz; Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro; Associate Judge Wesley M. Bogdan; Associate Justice Perry B. Inos; and General Counsel for the NMI Judiciary Hyun Jae Lee. Front, from left: Clerk of the Supreme Court Gretchen A. Smith; Associate Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio; Director Tulang-De Silva; Chief Judge for the U.S. District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands Ramona V. Manglona; and U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands Magistrate Judge/Clerk of Court Heather L. Kennedy.



Judiciary members complete an interpreter exercise led by Director Debi S. Tulang-De Silva.



# MONDAY AGENDA

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m.

**Registration/General Assembly**  
**Master of Ceremony**

The Honorable F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Guam and Chairman of the PJC Education Committee

**Opening Remarks**

The Honorable Camillo Noket, Chief Justice of the Chuuk State Supreme Court and President of the Pacific Judicial Council

**Welcoming Remarks**

The Honorable Alexandro C. Castro, Chief Justice of the CNMI Supreme Court

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Writing Judicial Opinions**

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

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Best Practices for Pro Se Litigants**

Richard (Rick) S. Glaser, Jr., Parker Poe, Attorneys & Counselors At Law, Charlotte, North Carolina

3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

**Break**

3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**Human Trafficking**

Cathy Fleming, Partner, Fleming Ruvoldt PLLC, New York, NY

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

**International Crime Law**

Bruce Maloy, Partner, Maloy Jenkins Parker, Atlanta, Georgia

5:45 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

## TONIGHT'S SOCIAL EVENT **WELCOME DINNER**

PJC presenters, judicial officers, and spouses can enjoy the Saipan sunset and a delicious meal at Surf Club, hosted by the NMI Judiciary. Attendees should arrive at Surf Club around 7 p.m. Attire is island wear.

## CNMI BAR ASSOCIATION MEET AND GREET



CNMI Bar President Charity R. Hodson mingles with PJC presenters and guests.



From right: Judge Arthur R. Barcinas, Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio, and Chief Justice Camillo Noket wish Justice Elvis R. P. Patea (far left) a belated happy birthday.



# TINIAN TOUR

## Itinerary

- 11:00 a.m. Arrival on Tinian
- 11:15-1:30 p.m. Military Leased Area
  - Blowhole
  - Runway Able
  - Command Post
  - Atomic Bomb Pits
  - Chulu Beach (Invasion Beach)
- 1:30 p.m. Lunch at J.C. Cafe
- 2:30 p.m. Departure from Tinian
- 3:00 p.m. Arrival on Saipan



From left: Presenter Harold McElhinny, Patricia Gibbons, Judge Elyze M. Iriarte, and Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido visited the blowhole on Tinian on Sunday, January 26, 2020.



Tinian Mayor Edwin P. Aldan and Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido address Tinian Tour participants during lunch at J.C. Cafe. Mayor Aldan graciously provided participants with gift bags containing a book about Tinian and Tinian hot pepper sauce.



Tinian tour guide Debra Fleming (pointing) explains the details and history of the Atomic Bomb Pits to Presenter Harold McElhinny, Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido, and Chief Marshal Jason Tarkong.



Tinian Tour participants pose with Mayor Aldan and J.C. Cafe owner for a group photo.



Tinian tour guide Debra Fleming and Tinian Tour participants stand on Runway Able, where the planes carrying the atomic bombs took off for Japan during World War II.



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