

UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES

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1. **Name**: State full name (include any former names used).

Ramona Villagomez Manglona (also known as “Mona V. Manglona”)
(Formerly: Ramona Emma Pangelinan Villagomez)

2. **Position**: State the position for which you have been nominated.

Territorial District Judge for the United States
District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands

3. **Address**: List current office address. If city and state of residence differs from your place of employment, please list the city and state where you currently reside.

United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands
United States Courthouse
1671 Gualo Rai Road
P.O. Box 500687
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950

4. **Birthplace**: State year and place of birth.

1967; Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands

5. **Education**: List in reverse chronological order each college, law school, or any other institution of higher education attended and indicate for each the dates of attendance, whether a degree was received, and the date each degree was received.

1994 – 1996, University of New Mexico School of Law; J.D., 1996

1985 – 1990, University of California at Berkeley; B.A., 1990

6. **Employment Record**: List in reverse chronological order all governmental agencies, business or professional corporations, companies, firms, or other enterprises, partnerships, institutions or organizations, non-profit or otherwise, with which you have been affiliated as an officer, director, partner, proprietor, or employee since graduation from college, whether or not you received payment for your services. Include the name and address of the employer and job title or description.

2011 – present

United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands
United States Courthouse
1671 Gualo Rai Road
P.O. Box 500687
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Chief District Judge

2003 – 2011
Superior Court, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe
P.O. Box 500307
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Associate Judge

2004 – 2008
Guam Supreme Court and Guam Superior Court
Guam Judicial Center
120 West O'Brien Drive
Hagatna, Guam 96910
Justice Pro Tempore & Judge Pro Tempore

1998 – 2003
CNMI Office of the Attorney General
Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill
P.O. Box 10007
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Attorney General (2002 – 2003)
Deputy Attorney General (2002)
Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division (2001 – 2002)
Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division (1998 – 2001)

1997 – 1998
Superior Court, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe
P.O. Box 500307
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Law Clerk

Fall 1996
United States District Court
District of New Mexico
500 Gold Avenue, Southwest
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102
Judicial Extern to the Honorable C. Leroy Hansen

Summer 1996

University of New Mexico School of Law
1117 Stanford Drive Northeast
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131
Research Assistant to Professor Sherri Burr

Summer 1995
CNMI Third Constitutional Convention
CNMI Legislative Building
Capitol Hill
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Law Intern

1993 – 1994
Law Office of John A. Manglona (dissolved)
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Office Manager (part-time)

1993 – 1994
M.S. Villagomez, Inc.
P.O. Box 500007
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
President

1990 – 1993
M.S. Villagomez Enterprises
P.O. Box 500007
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
President

Other Affiliations (uncompensated except as noted)

2018 – present
Mansvilla Properties, LLC
P.O. Box 500007
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Member (2020 – present)
Managing Member (2018 – 2020)

2008 – 2019
Manuel S. and Luise P. Villagomez Family Trust (dissolved)
P.O. Box 500007
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Co-trustee (received nominal stipend)

1993 – 2001
Pacific Sky Travel Services, Inc.

P.O. Box 500774
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Vice-President (1993 – 2001)
Board Member (1993 – 1994)

1991 – 1997
Saipan Cattle Company
(Dissolved in 1998)
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Director

1991 – 1994
CNMI Library Council
Joeten-Kiyu Public Library
P.O. Box 501092
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Chairperson (1994)
Secretary (1991)

1990 – 1994
San Roque Beach Development Corporation
P.O. Box 500007
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Director

1990 – 1991
Friends of the Public Library
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Member

7. **Military Service and Draft Status:** Identify any service in the U.S. Military, including dates of service, branch of service, rank or rate, serial number (if different from social security number) and type of discharge received, and whether you have registered for selective service.

I have not served in the military. I have not registered for selective service, as I was not eligible to do so.

8. **Honors and Awards:** List any scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, academic or professional honors, honorary society memberships, military awards, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement.

Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, House Resolution No. 22-8, HS1 (2021)

Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, Senate Resolution No. 22-08 (2021)

USA Today Women of the Century, U.S. Territories (2020)

2019 Director's Award for Extraordinary Actions, Administrative Office of the United States Courts (2019)

Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, Senate Joint Resolution No. 17-08 (2011)

Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, House Resolution No. 17-64 (2011)

Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, House Resolution No. 17-39 (2011)

University of New Mexico School of Law – Dean's List (1996), Honor Roll (1995)

9. **Bar Associations:** List all bar associations or legal or judicial-related committees, selection panels or conferences of which you are or have been a member, and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups.

American Bar Association (2002 – 2006)

Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Center (2006 – 2011)

Conference of Chief Bankruptcy Judges (2011 – present)

Conference of Chief District Judges (2011 – present)

Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Network, CNMI Judiciary
Chairperson (2006 – 2011)

Federal Judges Association (2011 – present)

International Association of Women Judges (2014 – present)

Judiciary of Guam Committee on Judicial Disciplinary Enforcement (2007 – 2011)

National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (2020 – present)

National Association of Women Judges (2020 – present)

National Resource Judge Program
Fellow (2009 – 2011)

New Mexico Bar Association (1997, presently on inactive status)

Ninth Circuit Judicial Council

Observer Member as Chair of the Conference of Chief District Judges (2016 – 2017)

Ninth Circuit Pacific Islands Committee (2011 – present)

Northern Marianas Bar Examination
Grader (2003 – 2011)

Northern Mariana Islands Bar Association
President (2001 – 2003)
Treasurer (2000 – 2001)
Director (1999 – 2000)

Northern Mariana Islands Court Rules Committee on the Commonwealth Rules of
Juvenile Delinquency Procedures and Juvenile Practice
Chairperson (2002 – 2003)

Northern Mariana Islands Criminal Justice Information System Network
Chairperson (2006 – 2011)

Northern Mariana Islands Superior Court Judiciary Case Management System Selection
Committee
Chairperson (2006 – 2007)

Northern Mariana Islands Traffic Records Coordinating Committee
Chairperson (2008 – 2011)

Pacific Judicial Council (2011 – present)
Member, Executive Board (2011 – present)

10. **Bar and Court Admission:**

- a. List the date(s) you were admitted to the bar of any state and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership.

New Mexico, 1997
Northern Mariana Islands, 1997

There have been no lapses in membership. My membership in the Northern Mariana Islands has been inactive since 2003 when I became a Superior Court judge. I am currently in inactive status in both jurisdictions based on my position as a judge.

- b. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, including dates of admission and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require

special admission to practice.

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2002
United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, 2001

There have been no lapses in membership.

11. **Memberships:**

- a. List all professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed in response to Questions 9 or 10 to which you belong, or to which you have belonged, since graduation from law school. Provide dates of membership or participation, and indicate any office you held. Include clubs, working groups, advisory or editorial boards, panels, committees, conferences, or publications.

Center for Civic Education “We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution”
Program in the Northern Mariana Islands
Volunteer coach (2009 – 2012)

CNMI Library Council
Chairwoman (1994)
Member (1991 – 1994)

Friends of the Public Library, Saipan (1990 – 1991)

Manuel S. and Luise P. Villagomez Family Trust
Co-Trustee (2008 – 2019) (dissolved)

Northern Mariana Islands High School Mock Trial Program
Volunteer attorney coach, juror, presiding judge (2000 – 2009, 2017,
2021, 2023)

Saipan Cattle Company
Board member (1991 – 1997)

Saipan Chamber of Commerce, Education & Economic Development Committee
Member (1990 – 1994)

Saipan Community School Parents Association
President (1997 – 1998)

Western Pacific Region National Forensic League
Volunteer judge, coach (2005 – 2009)

- b. The American Bar Association’s Commentary to its Code of Judicial Conduct

states that it is inappropriate for a judge to hold membership in any organization that invidiously discriminates based on race, sex, or religion, or national origin. Indicate whether any of these organizations listed in response to 11a above currently discriminate or formerly discriminated based on race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. If so, describe any action you have taken to change these policies and practices.

To the best of my knowledge, none of the organizations listed above currently discriminates or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin, either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies.

12. Published Writings and Public Statements:

- a. List the titles, publishers, and dates of books, articles, reports, letters to the editor, editorial pieces, or other published material you have written or edited, including material published only on the Internet. Supply four (4) copies of all published material to the Committee.

As the Chief Judge of the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, my responsibilities include approving press releases, letters, memoranda, and announcements issued by the court. Copies of all available relevant materials are supplied.

Winter 2021: Pacific Islands Committee Newsletter, article on Acting Associate Justice Elvis R. Pila Patea, High Court of American Samoa, Pago Pago, Tutuil. Copy supplied.

- b. Supply four (4) copies of any reports, memoranda or policy statements you prepared or contributed to the preparation of on behalf of any bar association, committee, conference, or organization of which you were or are a member. If you do not have a copy of a report, memorandum or policy statement, give the name and address of the organization that issued it, the date of the document, and a summary of its subject matter.

As the Chief Judge of the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, I contribute to the preparation of the court's annual reports. Copies of the reports for years 2013 to 2022 are supplied.

September 22, 2009: CNMI Judiciary proclamation reaffirming support for CNMI and Guam soldiers under ESGR. Copy supplied.

April 2003: worked with House legal counsel to revise HB 13-252, a financing plan for the Prison Project, which ultimately passed the legislature as Public Law 13-56. Copy of the legislation supplied.

- c. Supply four (4) copies of any testimony, official statements or other communications relating, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation, that you have issued or provided or that others presented on your behalf to public bodies or public officials.

February 22, 2021: Final Resolution 10C, ABA House of Delegates. Copy supplied.

February 25, 2020: Letter from James C. Duff, Director, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts to Honorable Michael F. Q. San Nicolas, U.S. Representative for Guam. Copy supplied.

August 13, 2013: Letter from Loretta A. Preska, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, and 86 Chief Judges, U.S. District Courts, to Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President, U.S. Senate. Copy supplied.

July 31, 2012: Letter from Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief Judge, District Court of Guam, and 14 Chief Judges, U.S. District Courts, to Ronald B. Leighton, Judge, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. Copy supplied.

March 16, 2011: Confirmation Hearing on Federal Appointments before the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, 112th Congress. I testified as a nominee to be a judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands. Transcript supplied.

May 30, 2003: CNMI Senate Public Hearing. Made statement at hearing for my appointment to the position of Associate Judge of the Commonwealth Superior Court. Copy supplied.

April 29, 2003: Signatory to letter from members of National Association of Attorneys General to Senators John McCain and Fritz Hollings and to Representatives W.J. Tauzin and John Dingell re: S. 877, CAN-SPAM Act of 2003. Copy supplied.

April 9, 2003: Northern Mariana Islands Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs, testimony as CNMI Attorney General in support of legislation regarding CNMI's settlement agreement with Marine Revitalization Corporation regarding a submerged lands lease agreement. I am unable to obtain a transcript or recording.

November 8, 2002: CNMI Senate Public Hearing. Made statement at hearing for my appointment to the position of attorney general of the CNMI. Copy supplied.

November 5, 2002: Northern Mariana Islands Attorney General Legal Opinion No. 02-014 to Governor re: authority to borrow funds for the limited purpose of paying rebates and refunds. Copy supplied.

October 29, 2002: CNMI Bar Association, letter written as CNMI Bar President to the Chief Justice of the CNMI Supreme Court, regarding a Guam public law and the NMI Bar Association's opposition to the adoption of a reciprocity rule to effectuate the Guam statute. Copy supplied.

September 24, 2002: Northern Mariana Islands Attorney General Legal Opinion No. 02-013 to Director of Personnel, Office of Personnel Management re: rehiring of individuals who have retired and received a 30% bonus under Commonwealth law. Copy supplied.

September 10, 2002: Northern Mariana Islands Attorney General Legal Opinion No. 02-12 to Commonwealth Utilities Corporation legal counsel re: CUC Board members' entitlement to compensation for attendance at committee meetings. Copy supplied.

August 7, 2002: Northern Mariana Islands Attorney General Legal Opinion No. 02-09 to Secretary of Department of Commerce re: propriety of insurance companies denying third party claims. Copy supplied.

July 2, 2002: Northern Mariana Islands Attorney General Legal Opinion No. 02-08 to Director of Personnel, Office of Personnel Management re: employees of 8th Rota Municipal Council. Copy supplied.

- d. Supply four (4) copies, transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered by you including commencement speeches, remarks, lectures, panel discussions, conferences, political speeches, and question-and-answer sessions. Include the date and place where they were delivered, and readily available press reports about the speech or talk. If you do not have a copy of the speech or a transcript or recording of your remarks, give the name and address of the group before whom the speech was given, the date of the speech, and a summary of its subject matter. If you did not speak from a prepared text, furnish a copy of any outline or notes from which you spoke.

In addition to the list below, I frequently meet with tour groups during their visits to the court and I typically answer a few general questions about my work and career. I have not kept records of the dates of such events. I have no notes, transcript, or recordings. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

2023: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremonies, U.S. District Court for the NMI. I presided over ceremonies and administered the oath of allegiance, and gave welcome remarks at naturalization ceremonies held on February 2, 2023,

March 27, 2023, May 1, 2023, June 5, 2023, February 22, 2022, March 21, 2022, April 18, 2022, May 23, 2022, August 22, 2022, September 26, 2022, October 17, 2022, November 07, 2022, May 24, 2021, August 20, 2021, September 29, 2021, October 12, 2021, December 22, 2021, January 22, 2020, February 20, 2020, July 28, 2020, January 22, 2019, February 21, 2019, March 21, 2019, May 1, 2019, June 12, 2019, July 3, 2019, August 1, 2019, September 17, 2019, October 24, 2019, November 13, 2019, January 12, 2018, February 14, 2018, June 1, 2018, July 3, 2018, September 14, 2018, November 9, 2018, March 20, 2017, March 22, 2017, July 3, 2017, September 18, 2017, November 9, 2017, July 1, 2016, September 19, 2016, May 26, 2015, July 2, 2015, September 17, 2015, December 9, 2015, January 21, 2014, March 21, 2014, November 14, 2014, February 19, 2013, April 22, 2013, June 14, 2013, September 3, 2013, November 15, 2013, March 23, 2012, May 7, 2012, July 5, 2012, September 17, 2012, November 13, 2012, September 2, 2011, October 28, 2011, and December 16, 2011. Remarks supplied where available, and representative press coverage supplied. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

June 9, 2023: Speaker, 2023 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest and Law Day Photo Contest Award Ceremony, U.S. District Court for the NMI, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

May 20, 2023: Celebrity Reader, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Read Aloud program, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I read a book to elementary school students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the library is 2745 Insatto Street, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

April 21, 2023: Speaker, Law Week Proclamation Ceremony, U.S. District Court for the NMI, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

March 31, 2023: Panelist, Women's History Month Meet & Mingle, Learning from the Ladies in the Law, U.S. District Court for the NMI, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Video supplied.

February 17, 2023: Mock Trial Judge, 2023 CNMI High School Mock Trial, House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Video available at <https://www.facebook.com/100016887306713/videos/1450944972311963>.

January 6, 2023: Presenter, The Law and the Freshman Legislator Program, House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

November 9, 2022: Speaker, 2022 Red Ribbon Gate/Wall Contest award ceremony, U.S. District Court, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

October 2022: Presenter, Red Ribbon Outreach. Presentation at Koblerville Elementary School; Da'ok Academy (October 27, 2022); and Dandan Middle School (October 28, 2022), all on the island of Saipan. I spoke to students about the National Red Ribbon campaign to raise awareness of the negative effects of drugs, as well as educating the community about how and where to obtain help to recover from drug addiction. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

September 17, 2022: Speaker and Presenter, 2022 Annual NMI District Conference "Keeping You Safe Since 1978," Kensington Hotel, As Matuis, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave welcome remarks and introductions, and recognized the attendance of various jurists from the Oceania Region, who were previously recognized at the prior day's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

September 16, 2022: Speaker, Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the United States Courthouse, U.S. District Court for the NMI, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

June 10, 2022: Speaker, 2022 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest and Law Day Photo Contest Award Ceremony, U.S. District Court for the NMI, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave welcome remarks. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

May 14, 2022 and May 21, 2022: Celebrity Reader, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Read Aloud program, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I read to elementary school students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the library is 2745 Insatto Street, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

September 30, 2021: Speaker, 2021 POWER Act video, "The Power of Pro Bono Services in the CNMI." Remarks supplied.

September 17, 2021: Speaker, Welcome Remarks, "Marijuana Hits the Shores of Guam and the CNMI," (virtual). Video available at <https://fb.watch/myHXhqOvD9>.

July 2, 2021: Speaker, Employment, COVID-19, and Cannabis Conference, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave welcome remarks and introductions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

June 1, 2021: Speaker, 2021 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest Award Ceremony, U.S. District Court for the NMI, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave welcome remarks. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

January 7, 2021: Presenter, The Ninth Law and the Freshman Legislator Program, House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

November 19, 2020, October 30, 2020, and September 24, 2020: Speaker, First Annual Virtual Bankruptcy Seminar Series (three part), virtual. I gave welcome remarks and introductions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

September 23, 2020: Speaker, 2020 POWER Act Virtual Seminar, “Justice and the Challenges of COVID-19,” U.S. District Court, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

July 27, 2020: Speaker, Soft Opening of United States Courthouse, U.S. District Court for the NMI, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

October 26, 2019: Speaker, NMI Girl Scouts Justice Badge program, U.S. District Court for the NMI, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

October 2019: Presenter, Red Ribbon Outreach, Presentations at Da’ok Academy (October 11, 2019); Kagman High School (October 16, 2019); Dandan Middle School (October 17, 2019); Kagman High School (October 25, 2019); and Hopwood Middle School (October 28, 2019), all located on the island of Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I spoke to students about the National Red Ribbon campaign to raise awareness of the negative effects of drugs, as well as educating the community about how and where to obtain help to recover from drug addiction. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

June 21, 2019: Speaker, The POWER Act and Pro Bono Activities in the CNMI, U.S. District Court for the NMI, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

June 13, 2019: Keynote Speaker, Da’ok Academy Commencement Ceremony, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave the keynote address. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Da’ok Academy is NMTI Building, Tanapag, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

May 13, 2019: Speaker, 2019 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest Award Ceremony, U.S. District Court for the NMI, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave welcome remarks. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

May 11, 2019: Speaker, Intellectual Property CLE presentation by U.S. Patent Trade Officer Peter Fowler, U.S. District Court for the NMI, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave welcome remarks and introductions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

March 8, 2019: Mock Trial Judge, 2019 CNMI High School Mock Trial, House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I presided over the championship round. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. Mock Trial is sponsored by the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Judiciary. The address for the CNMI Judiciary is 765 Tekken Street, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

January 3, 2019: Presenter, The Eighth Law and the Freshman Legislator Program, House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

October 2018: Presenter, Red Ribbon Outreach, Presentations at Department of Corrections (October 10, 2018); Tanapag Middle School (October 12, 2018); Dandan Middle School (October 19, 2018); Francisco M. Sablan Middle School (October 22, 2018); Hopwood Middle School (October 23, 2018); Kagman High School (October 26, 2019); and Saipan Community School (October 30, 2018), all located on the island of Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I spoke to students about the National Red Ribbon campaign to raise awareness of the negative effects of drugs, as well as educating the community about what steps to take to recover from drug addiction. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. Proclamation signed on October 4, 2018, Saipan Southern High School, Koblerville, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

September 27, 2018: Speaker, Youth Takeover Day, U.S. District Court for the NMI, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave welcome remarks and an introduction to the federal judiciary. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

July 13, 2018: Keynote Speaker, 18th Annual Proclamation Signing to Recognize Probation & Parole Supervision Week 2018, U.S. District Court for the NMI, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

July 6, 2018: Speaker, U.S. Constitutional Rights in the Territories and the CNMI with Honorable Gustavo A. Gelpi, American Memorial Park, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave welcome remarks and an introduction. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

March 10, 2018: Speaker, 2018 Annual NMI District Conference “Doing Business in Today’s CNMI,” Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave welcome remarks. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

December 7, 2017: Speaker, United States Courthouse Ground-Breaking Ceremony, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

December 2, 2017: Presenter, CNMI Mock Trial Academy, House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

November 16, 2017: Guest Speaker, Introduction to Criminal Justice class, Northern Marianas College, Fina Sisu, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

November 11, 2017: Keynote Speaker, Commemoration of Veterans Day at American Memorial Park, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

June 29, 2017: Presenter, Totto Club Summer Camp “Meet the Feds” presentation and meet and greet, Dandan Middle School, Dandan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

May 15, 2017: Speaker, 2017 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest Award Ceremony, U.S. District Court for the NMI, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave welcome remarks. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

March 1 – 3, 2017: Presenter, USPTO Global IP Academy with the Center for Technical Judiciary Education and Training, Supreme Court of the Republic of Indonesia, and U.S. Embassy Jakarta, Jakarta, Indonesia. Presentation supplied.

February 11, 2017: Speaker, 2017 Annual NMI District Conference “Law: Buoy or Anchor? Cultural and Ethical Currents,” Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave welcome remarks. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

January 6, 2017: Presenter, The Seventh Law and the Freshman Legislator Program, House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

October 2016: Presenter, Red Ribbon Outreach. Presentations at ChaCha Oceanview Middle School (October 18, 2016); Alternative Education High School (October 18, 2016); Saipan Southern High School (October 28, 2016); and Francisco M. Sablan Middle School (October 31, 2016), all located on the island of Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I spoke to students about the National Red Ribbon campaign to raise awareness of the negative effects of drugs, as well as educating the community about what steps to take to recover from drug addiction. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

October 4, 2016: Presenter, 2016 CNMI Drug Court Stakeholders Presentation, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

August 23 – 25, 2016: Presenter, ASEAN and USPTO Global IP Academy, “Colloquium for Public Prosecutors and the Judiciary on the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights” program, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Presentation supplied.

August 13 – 15, 2016: Speaker, National Institute for Trial Advocacy program “Anatomy of a Civil/Criminal Trial Training,” U.S. District Court for the NMI, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave welcome remarks and introductions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

May 25, 2016: Presenter, Judges in the Classroom Program, Marianas High School, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I spoke on the significance of Law Day. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Marianas High School address is Bwaay Lane, P.O. Box 500207, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

May 13, 2016: Panelist, Professionalism Symposium hosted by the CNMI Bar Association, House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I discussed professionalism and ethics with newly sworn attorneys. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the CNMI Bar Association is Courtney’s Plaza, Route 30 Chalan Kanoa, P.O. Box 504539, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

May 12, 2016: Speaker, 2016 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest Award Ceremony, U.S. District Court for the NMI, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave welcome remarks. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press

coverage is supplied. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

March 18, 2016: Presenter, Judges in the Classroom program at Tanapag Middle School, Tanapag, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

February 6, 2016: Speaker, 2016 Annual NMI District Conference “Anti-Money Laundering: Follow the Money,” Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave welcome remarks. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

September 26 – 28, 2015: Presenter, ASEAN and USPTO Global IP Academy, “Advanced Judicial Seminar on Criminal Adjudication and Enforcement of Intellectual Property,” Hua Hin, Thailand. Presentation supplied.

June 19, 2015: Panelist, Workforce Development Training, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Panel presentation on “Reentry Efforts in the NMI Federal Court.” Presentation supplied.

April 27, 2015: Presenter, Judges in the Classroom program, AP Civics, Dr. Algier, Marianas High School, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

February 20, 2015: Speaker, Annual District Conference “Warriors or Lawyers? Ethics and Professionalism,” Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave welcome remarks. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

January 8, 2015: Presenter, The Sixth Law and the Freshman Legislator Program, House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

November 3 – 7, 2014: Presenter, 16th FSM Judicial Conference, Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia. Presentation supplied.

October 21 – 22, 2014: Presenter, ASEAN Secretariat and USPTO Global IP Academy, “Roundtable for the Judiciary on Intellectual and Property Rights Issues and Enforcement,” Manila, Philippines. Presentation supplied.

August 30, 2014: Speaker, Annual NMI District Conference “Big Data, Privacy, and Information Security,” Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave welcome remarks. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

July 21 – 23, 2014: Presenter, ASEAN Secretariat and USPTO Global IP Academy, with support from the U.S. Department of State International Office, “Workshop for Judges and Public Prosecutors on Intellectual Property Enforcement,” Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Presentation supplied.

April 11, 2014: Presenter, Judges in the Classroom program at Saipan Southern High School, Koblerville, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

August 17, 2013: Speaker, 2013 Annual NMI District Conference “Taking on the Feds and Privacy, Technology and the Law,” Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave welcome remarks. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

June 11, 2013: Speaker and Oath of Office, Judicial Investiture Ceremony for Honorable Heather L. Kennedy, U.S. District Court for the NMI, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

May 23, 2013: Presenter, Judges in the Classroom program, William S. Reyes Elementary School, Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I presented about the basics of the legal system to fifth grade students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of William S. Reyes Elementary School is Juan Tagabuel Street, Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

April 22, 2013: Presenter, Current Issues course, Northern Marianas College, Fina Sisu, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

April 16, 2013: Celebrity Reader, Young Author’s Book Fair, Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, San Roque, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I read a children’s book to the students in attendance. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School is Mamate Loop, San Roque, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

March 25 – 27, 2013: Presenter, ASEAN Secretariat and USPTO Global IP Academy, “Roundtable for the Judiciary on Intellectual Property Rights Issues and Enforcement / Advanced Judicial Seminar on Criminal Adjudication and Enforcement of Intellectual Property,” Bangkok, Thailand. Presentation supplied.

February 13, 2013: Presenter, iPad training for Judges and Justices, House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

January 30, 2013: Oath of Office, Investiture of Gregorio Kili Camacho Sablan, Member of the 113th Congress, United States House of Representatives, Marianas

High School, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I administered the oath of office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for Congressman Sablan's Office is 2745 Insatto Street, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

January 10, 2013: Presenter, The Fifth Law and the Freshman Legislator Program, House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

November 14, 2012: Presenter, District Court of Guam, Hagatna, Guam. I conducted iPad training and presentation for court staff. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the U.S. District Court of Guam is Fourth Floor, U.S. Courthouse, 520 West Soledad Avenue, Hagatna, Guam 96910.

October 31, 2012: Speaker, Portrait Unveiling Ceremony, U.S. District Court for the NMI, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Transcript supplied.

October 5, 2012: Keynote Speaker, Attorney Admissions Ceremony, House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

September 24 – 28, 2012: Presenter, Pacific Judicial Council, "Going Paperless, New Ways to Work Using Technology." Presentation supplied.

July 20, 2012: Presenter, Upward Bound Program, Northern Marianas College, Fina Sisu, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Gave welcome remarks and presented on "Understanding the Federal Courts." I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the college is Fina Sisu Lane, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

July 16, 2012: Speaker, District of Guam and District of the NMI Conference, "A Conversation with U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr.," District Court of Guam, Hagatna, Guam. I gave welcome remarks. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the U.S. District Court of Guam is Fourth Floor, U.S. Courthouse, 520 West Soledad Avenue, Hagatna, Guam 96910.

May 24, 2012: Commencement Speaker, Saipan Community School, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave the keynote address. Remarks supplied.

May 11, 2012: Panelist, Public School System Close Up Program, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

May 7, 2012: Speaker, Law Day Activities, Take Our Daughters, and Sons to Work Day, U.S. District Court for the NMI, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Gave welcome remarks and meet and greet with daughters and sons of court staff and other federal agencies. I have no notes, transcript, or recording.

The address for the Court is 1671 Gualo Rai Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

April 26, 2012: Speaker, Attorney Admission and Law Day Proclamation Signing Ceremony “No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom,” House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

January 28 – 29, 2012: Speaker, 2012 Annual NMI District Conference, Hafadai Beach Hotel and U.S. District Court for the NMI, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

October 3, 2011: Speaker and Oath of Office, 2011 STUCO Inauguration at Oleai Elementary School, Oleai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave the keynote address and swore-in new officers. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the school is Route 313, Oleai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

August 27, 2011: Speaker, Investiture of Ramona V. Manglona, U.S. District Court for the NMI, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks and press coverage supplied.

January 7, 2010: Presenter, The Fourth Law and the Freshman Legislator Program, House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

October 27 – 29, 2009: Presenter and Panelist, Pacific Judicial Council Conference, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Panelist on Handling Pro Se Litigants in Domestic Violence Cases, panelist on Courts as Cultural Mediators in Domestic Violence, and presenter on Island Judiciary Presentation: Northern Mariana Islands Superior Court. Presentation supplied for the Island Judiciary, and press coverage supplied on the mediation.

May 30, 2009: Commencement Speaker, Mount Carmel High School, Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

November 24, 2008: Presenter, Criminal Justice Planning Agency Supervisory Council Meeting, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

November 7, 2008: Presenter, Marianas Baptist Academy civics class, San Vicente, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

October 16, 2008: Presenter, Saipan Society for Human Resources Management Meeting, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

June 3, 2008: Commencement Speaker, Kagman High School, Kagman, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

May 30, 2008: Commencement Speaker, Marianas Baptist Academy, Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

January 10, 2008: Presenter, The Third Law and the Freshman Legislator Program, House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

November 4, 2007: San Vicente Elementary School, informal campaigning for retention as judge at polling location. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The school address is Isa Drive, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

October 20, 2007: Oath of Office, 10th Youth Congress, Saipan. Administered the Oath of Office, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The Youth Congress address is Capitol Hill, P.O. Box 500586, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

January 12, 2006: Oath of Office, Saipan Chamber of Commerce, Fiesta Resort, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Administered Oath of Office to new officers. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The Saipan Chamber of Commerce address is Marianas Business Plaza, Suite 201-A, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

January 5, 2006: Presenter, The Second Law and the Freshman Legislator Program, House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

February 17, 2005: Guest Speaker, CNMI Bar Association, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Guest speaker on the statistics of Superior Court and E-Filing. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the CNMI Bar Association is Courtney's Plaza, Route 30 Chalan Kanoa, P.O. Box 504539, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

December 3, 2004: Presenter, Domestic Violence Conference, Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presentation supplied.

November 5, 2004: Presenter, Tinian High School, San Jose, Tinian. Made community outreach presentation, I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the school is Canal Street, P.O. Box 400, Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands 96952.

July 2004: Guest Lecturer, Justice Teaching Institute, Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Guest lecturer on CNMI juvenile laws and procedures. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The Institute is sponsored by the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands whose address is 765 Tekken Street, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

June 4, 2004: Commencement Speaker, Saipan Southern High School, Koblerville, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

March 29, 2004: Speaker, Kagman Elementary School, Kagman, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

March 18, 2004: Speaker, CNMI Women's Affairs Office, Pacific Islands Club Resort, San Antonio, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Inspirational speaker at 2004 Women's History Month meeting; spoke on "Women Inspiring Hope & Possibility." I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The WAO is part of the Governor's Office whose address is Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

March 6, 2004: Speaker, CNMI International Women's Day Celebration, Mina Chum Atdao Pavilion, Oleai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

January 8, 2004: Speaker, Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Kagman Juvenile Detention and Correctional Facility, Kagman, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

November 21, 2003: Speaker, Mount Carmel High School, Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

June 20, 2003: Speaker, Judicial Investiture Ceremony as Associate Judge of the Commonwealth Superior Court, Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks and press coverage supplied.

June 13, 2003: Keynote Speaker, Hopwood Junior High School Promotion Ceremony, Afetna, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

May 2, 2003: Speaker, 20th Annual Attorney General's Cup Speech Competition, Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan, NMI. Gave opening remarks as Attorney General. I have no notes, transcript or recording.

April 17, 2003: Panelist, CNMI Juvenile Justice Task Force's Juvenile Justice Training Conference, Saipan Diamond Hotel, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I addressed youth issues, domestic violence, and juvenile offenses. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The Task Force is part of the Criminal Justice Planning Agency whose address is 1315 Anatahan Drive, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

October 7, 2002: Speaker, CNMI Attorney Admission Ceremony, Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Remarks supplied.

July 30, 2002: Presenter, Justice Teaching Institute Conference, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Presented on Juvenile Justice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The Institute is sponsored by the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands whose address is 765 Tekken Street, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

March 16, 2002: Mock Trial Judge, CNMI High School Mock Trial Championship, Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. Mock Trial is sponsored by the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Judiciary. The address for the CNMI Judiciary is 765 Tekken Street, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

2002: Speaker, "History of CNMI's Women: Herstory," sponsored by the CNMI Women's Affairs Office, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I discussed how I became the fourth NMI descent woman to be licensed as an attorney in the CNMI. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The Women's Affairs Office is part of the Governor's Office whose address is Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

May 25, 2001: Commencement Speaker, Marianas Baptist Academy, Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I gave the keynote address. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Academy is Chala Monsignor Guerrero, Route 31, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

May 2001 (specific date unknown): Presenter, Hopwood Junior High School, Afetna, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. This was a community outreach presentation for Law Day. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the school is Beach Road, Afetna, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

March 31, 2001: Mock Trial Judge, CNMI High School Mock Trial Championship, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. Mock Trial is sponsored by the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Judiciary. The address for the CNMI Judiciary is 765 Tekken Street, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

1999 (specific date unknown): Guest Lecturer, Northern Mariana Islands Police Academy, Northern Marianas College, Fina Sisu, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I was a guest lecturer on criminal laws covering traffic laws and juvenile delinquency. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the police academy is Caller Box 10007, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

February 3 – 4, 1998: Speaker, Family Court Symposium, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The Family Court Division of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands sponsored the event, and its address is 765 Tekken Street, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

- e. List all interviews you have given to newspapers, magazines or other publications, or radio or television stations, providing the dates of these interviews and four (4) copies of the clips or transcripts of these interviews where they are available to you.

Press Releases

November 21, 2020: Press release regarding the passing of Honorable Alfred Laureta, first District Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands. Copy supplied.

2020 (specific date unknown): Press release announcing District Courts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands Bankruptcy Seminar Series. Copy supplied (reprinted in multiple outlets).

January 18, 2019: Press release regarding the continuity of operations during partial government shutdown. Copy supplied.

Television & Radio Interviews

United States Courts, *Chief Judge Manglona: A Trailblazer for Women in the Law*, March 10, 2022. Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfzruP9xul4>.

Television station, KSPN2, July 28, 2011 – interviewed regarding my background, values, and work ethic. I am providing copies of the recording of the portion of this interview that was televised on the news.

Television station, KSPN2, July 27, 2011 – interviewed regarding future responsibilities as a district judge. I am providing copies of the recording of the portion of this interview that was televised on the news.

Television station KSPN2, March 14, 2007 – interviewed during International Women’s Month regarding my role as the only sitting female jurist in the Northern Mariana Islands. I am providing copies of the recording of the portion of this interview that was televised on the news.

Television station KSPN2, May 30, 2003 – interviewed after the CNMI Senate confirmed my judicial appointment to the Superior Court of the Northern Mariana Islands. I am providing copies of the recording of the portion of this interview that was televised on the news.

Television station KSPN2, May 20, 2003 – brief statement made to press after the Governor’s announcement of his two judicial nominations to the Superior Court. I am providing copies of the recording of the portion of this interview that was televised on the news.

Television station KMCV (now KSPN2) (approximately 2003) – interview regarding the issue of an elected attorney general for the Northern Mariana Islands. I have no recording or transcript of this interview, an excerpt of which was televised on the news.

Television station KMVC (now KSPN2), November 5, 2002 – brief statement made to press after I was selected by the Governor to be the next Attorney General of the Northern Mariana Islands. I am providing copies of the recording of the portion of this interview that was televised on the news.

Television station KMVC (now KSPN2) (on or about 1998) – interviewed by talk show host regarding traffic laws in the CNMI. I have no recording or transcript of this interview, excerpts of which were televised on the news.

Newspaper Interviews

There are two main local print newspapers published on the island of Saipan, the Saipan Tribune and the Marianas Variety. The following articles are mainly from the Saipan Tribune because it has online archives, whereas Marianas Variety lost its archives during a transfer of their website. Past articles in the Marianas Variety are available only through a manual search with precise dates. The following contains a list of articles that were found by using the Saipan Tribune dates. Despite my search, there may be other interviews I have been unable to identify, find, or remember.

Migueld, *New Federal Courthouse Holds “Soft Opening,”* MARIANAS VARIETY, July 27, 2020. Copy supplied.

Ferdie De La Torre, *Give free legal service to domestic violence survivors,* SAIPAN TRIB., June 25, 2019. Copy supplied.

Bea Cabrera, *A Black Robe for an Armor*, SAIPAN TRIB., Mar. 26, 2019. Copy supplied.

MIL-OSI USA: Courts Endure Rough Storm Season, Dec. 20, 2018. Copy supplied.

Quoted in article on New Dawn Tech web site, Oct. 28, 2009. Copy supplied.

Ferdie de la Torre, *Justice Manglona Given Top Marks*, SAIPAN TRIB., Oct. 26, 2007. Copy supplied.

Marconi Calindas, *Manglona, Chavez Shine in Int'l Debate*, SAIPAN TRIB., May 1, 2007. Copy supplied.

Ulysses Torres Sabuco, *NMI Judiciary Prepares for 2004*, MARIANAS VARIETY, June 4, 2003. Copy supplied.

Marian A. Maraya, *Will the Next AG Be Pam Brown*, SAIPAN TRIB., June 1, 2003. Copy supplied.

Marian A. Maraya, *Manglona, Govendo Confirmed as Judge*, SAIPAN TRIB., May 31, 2003. Copy supplied.

Ulysses Torres Sabuco, *Immigration Now Under AGO*, MARIANAS VARIETY, May 14, 2003. Copy supplied.

Jayvee L. Vallejera, *Registrar of Corporations to Be Transferred*, SAIPAN TRIB., May 13, 2003. Copy supplied.

Jayvee L. Vallejera, *Labor, Immigration Now Fully Separate*, SAIPAN TRIB., May 13, 2003. Copy supplied.

John Ravelo, *NMI Gets \$435k from Tobacco Firms*, SAIPAN TRIB., Apr. 21, 2003. Copy supplied.

Marian A. Maraya, *AG Touts Need to Protect Consumers*, SAIPAN TRIB., Apr. 18, 2003. Copy supplied.

Ulysses Torres Sabuco, *NMI Bans Entry of Visitors from SARS Hotspots*, MARIANAS VARIETY, Apr. 18, 2003. Copy supplied.

John Ravelo, *NMI States File Position on Tobacco Bond Appeal*, SAIPAN TRIB., Apr. 10, 2003. Copy supplied.

Marian A. Maraya, *House Initiative Calls for Elected AG*, SAIPAN TRIB., Mar. 20, 2003. Copy supplied.

Jojo Dass, *Manglona: Gov't Lawsuit vs. Verizon "Activated,"* MARIANAS VARIETY, Mar. 20, 2003. Copy supplied.

Jojo Dass, *Torres Says NMI Should Have Elected AG,* MARIANAS VARIETY, Mar. 20, 2003. Copy supplied.

Staff, *Suspects in CNMI's First Ever Bank Robber Nabbed,* UNITED NEWS OF BANGLADESH, Feb. 13, 2003. Copy supplied.

Staff, *Manglona May Opt to Be Judge,* SAIPAN TRIB., Jan. 22, 2003. Copy supplied.

Ulysses Torres Sabuco, *Manibusan to Retire; Manglona Considered as Replacement,* MARIANAS VARIETY, Jan. 21, 2003. Copy supplied.

Marian A. Maraya, *AG Designate Introduced to Cabinet,* SAIPAN TRIB., Nov. 6, 2002. Copy supplied.

Ulysses Torres Sabuco, *Sachs Named Deputy AG; Lynch Chief Prosecutor Again,* MARIANAS VARIETY, Nov. 6, 2002. Copy supplied.

Ulysses Torres Sabuco, *Manglona Is Next AG,* MARIANAS VARIETY, Nov. 1, 2002. Copy supplied.

Jayvee L. Vallejera, *When There's Nobody Else to Blame, Media's Always There,* SAIPAN TRIB., Sept. 13, 2002. Copy supplied.

Ulysses Torres Sabuco, *Manglona: Lemons Resigned Over Media Comments,* MARIANAS VARIETY, Sept. 13, 2002. Copy supplied.

Jayvee L. Vallejera, *No Shortlist Yet on New AG,* SAIPAN TRIB., Aug. 28, 2002. Copy supplied.

Jayvee L. Vallejera, *Deputy AG Supports Elected AG Proposal,* SAIPAN TRIB., Aug. 28, 2002. Copy supplied.

Ulysses Torres Sabuco, *Lemons Threatens to Resign,* MARIANAS VARIETY, Aug. 28, 2002. Copy supplied.

Ulysses Torres Sabuco, *Peterson Resigns From AGO,* MARIANAS VARIETY, Aug. 27, 2002. Copy supplied.

Jayvee L. Vallejera, *Attorney General Quits,* SAIPAN TRIB., Aug. 24, 2002. Copy supplied.

Marian A. Maraya, *Bar Association Swears in New Officers*, SAIPAN TRIB., Mar.16, 2001. Copy supplied.

Staff, *Autopsy Shows Infant 'Harmed' by Babysitter*, SAIPAN TRIB., Nov. 17, 2000. Copy supplied.

13. **Judicial Office:** State (chronologically) any judicial offices you have held, including positions as an administrative law judge, whether such position was elected or appointed, and a description of the jurisdiction of each such court.

From May 2003 to July 2011, I served as an Associate Judge of the Northern Mariana Islands Superior Court. I passed a retention election in November 2007 to serve another six-year term beginning May 2009. The Superior Court has general jurisdiction over all civil cases (including small claims and probate actions) and criminal cases (including traffic and juvenile).

From 2004 to 2008, after beginning my service with the Superior Court, I was a Justice *Pro Tem* of the Guam Supreme Court. In this capacity, I was appointed on a case by case basis by the Chief Justice of the Guam Supreme Court to sit on a panel. Cases argued before and decided by me included criminal, probate, and divorce cases.

Similarly, from 2004 to 2008, I also served as a Judge *Pro Tem* of the Guam Superior Court. I was appointed on a case by case basis by the Chief Justice of the Guam Supreme Court and presided over three cases pertaining to the issue of judicial disqualification.

I currently serve as a district judge of the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, to which I was nominated by President Barack Obama on January 26, 2011, and was confirmed by the Senate. I took the oath of office on July 30, 2011, to serve a term of ten years and until a successor is chosen and qualified. As the sole active district judge for the district, I perform the work of a district judge, magistrate judge, and bankruptcy judge.

Since 2011, shortly after I began my term as a district judge, the Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit annually designates me as a designated judge to preside over cases in the District Court of Guam. I perform the duties of a district judge, magistrate judge, and bankruptcy judge in that district when needed due to a scheduling or substantive conflict of the Chief Judge and/or the magistrate judge of the District of Guam.

- a. Approximately how many cases have you presided over that have gone to verdict or judgment?

I have presided over 185 cases to verdict. One hundred fifty cases were criminal, civil, traffic, and small claims cases that went to trial as a Superior Court Judge. The other 35 cases were bench and jury trials that I presided over as a district judge for the districts of the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam.

i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

jury trials:	21%
bench trials:	79%

ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

civil proceedings:	63%
criminal proceedings:	37%

b. Provide citations for all opinions you have written, including concurrences and dissents.

See attached list of opinions.

c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature of the case; (2) the outcome of the case; (3) the name and contact information for counsel who had a significant role in the trial of the case; and (4) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).

1. *United States v. Smith*, No. 1:17-CR-00020, 2022 WL 2103063 (D. Guam June 3, 2022), 2022 WL 3699527 (D. Guam Aug. 26, 2022).

I presided by designation in this Guam criminal case involving Mr. Smith, a former legal counsel for Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (“GHURA”), a public housing authority, and his friend, Mr. Wong. GHURA administered the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) rental assistance program under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937. The two defendants were charged with multiple counts of wire fraud, money laundering, and related charges based on a scheme in which Mr. Smith would receive housing assistance payments (“HAP”) as a Section 8 Program landlord while serving as GHURA legal counsel despite the conflict of interest prohibition under the HUD regulations. The HAP payments were deposited in different bank accounts held by Mr. Smith, and/or Mr. Wong, with all proceeds going to Mr. Smith. The indictment was filed when Mr. Smith’s brother-in-law was the sitting Governor of Guam. The first jury trial against the two defendants took weeks to empanel a jury due to the widely known attorneys involved and the over 100 potential named witnesses. After the presentation of evidence began, I declared a mistrial based on a conflict of interest between Mr. Smith and his criminal defense attorney, Mr. Lujan, GHURA’s former legal counsel who preceded Mr. Smith and was also a Section 8 landlord. The parties appealed my decision to declare a mistrial, among other issues, to the Ninth Circuit, which delayed the resumption of a new trial. The Ninth Circuit affirmed my decisions, and remanded the case. The indictment was subsequently amended with a dismissal of the charges against Mr. Wong due to his death. After a seven-week

jury trial conducted in 2021, the jury found Mr. Smith guilty of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money laundering, theft of government property, and multiple counts of wire fraud, money laundering, and laundering of monetary instruments. I later granted Mr. Smith's motion for judgment of acquittal on all counts based upon Ninth Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court caselaw. The government's appeal is currently pending.

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In May 1995, Mr. Hillbroom's father, Mr. Larry Hillblom, the co-founder and former co-owner of DHL Worldwide Express, died in an airplane crash north of Saipan, leaving behind pretermitted children and an estate valued at approximately \$550 million. Plaintiff Mr. Hillbroom, a pretermitted heir, initiated these two consolidated civil actions in 2010 against his lawyers, Defendants Mr. Israel and Mr. Lujan, as well as the trustee for his estate, Defendant Mr. Waibel. Mr. Hillbroom alleged that Defendants fraudulently increased the attorneys' contingency fee in Mr. Hillbroom's recovery of approximately \$100 million from his father's estate—from 38% to 56%. There were numerous motions filed, an unsuccessful appeal to the Ninth Circuit, voluminous discovery filings in support of motions for summary judgment and motions in limine, and a lengthy, but unsuccessful, private mediation attempt. During the pendency of the case, Mr. Hillbroom was convicted and sentenced in a Republic of Palau court for drug charges. While seeking drug counseling in the United States as a part of his suspended sentence, Mr. Hillbroom was charged, convicted, and sentenced for federal drug charges in the U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho. After over a decade of contentious litigation, all the parties settled their claims.

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3. *Tianming Wang v. Gold Mantis Constr. Decoration, LLC*, No. 1:18-CV-00030, 2021 WL 2065398 (D. N. Mar. I. May 24, 2021).

Seven Chinese nationals brought an action against their employer, the general contractor, and the owner of a casino resort project for a claim of forced labor under the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (“TVPRA”), forced labor under the CNMI Anti-Trafficking Act, negligence, and liability for employees of subcontractor. Plaintiffs complained of horrendous working conditions, including wage rates below the minimum wage, 24-hour work shifts, severe burns, and death threats. Plaintiffs alleged Defendants arranged for Plaintiffs to enter the Northern Marianas as tourists, circumventing lawful temporary work visa requirements. Defendants also threatened to repatriate Plaintiffs to China whenever they complained of work conditions. Plaintiffs settled and dismissed the claims against the employer and general contractor. I entered default judgment against the casino owner as a sanction pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37 for repeated violations of discovery orders, and awarded Plaintiffs \$5,430,596, plus post-judgment interest and attorneys’ fees. The casino owner appealed my decisions to the Ninth Circuit, and, during the appeal, the parties reached a settlement. When the casino owner breached the settlement agreement, I entered orders enforcing it, including dismissal of the appeal and forfeiture of the bond posted. Plaintiffs then pursued writs of execution and asserted claims in a limited receivership. The casino owner subsequently paid the remaining balance of the judgment.

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4. *Tinian Women Assoc. v. U.S. Dep't of the Navy*, No. 1:16-CV-00022, 2017 WL 4564188 (D. N. Mar. I. Oct. 13, 2017), *aff'd*, 976 F.3d 832 (9th Cir. 2020), 2018 WL 4189632 (D. N. Mar. I. Aug. 31, 2018).

Environmental groups brought a civil action alleging environmental reviews conducted by the Department of the Navy did not comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”). The reviews involved the Navy’s plans to relocate troops from Okinawa, Japan to Guam and construct training facilities in the Northern Mariana Islands. I granted the Navy’s motion to dismiss the claim that it failed to consider relocation alternatives, and entered summary judgment on the Navy’s procedural NEPA claim. On appeal, the Ninth Circuit affirmed my decision.

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5. *United States v. H.K. Entm't (Overseas) Invs., Ltd. d/b/a Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino*, No. 1:13-CR-00002, 2015 WL 3463012 (D. N. Mar. I. June 1, 2015).

Defendant Hong Kong Entertainment d/b/a Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino ("Casino") was charged with 158 counts of willful and egregious violations of the Bank Secrecy Act. I denied the Casino's multiple pretrial motions, including motions to compel, to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction, to suppress evidence, and in limine. On the eve of trial, the parties reached a plea agreement. As part of the First Amended Non Prosecution Agreement, the Casino agreed to forfeit over \$3 million. In addition, pursuant to this Agreement, the U.S. Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN") was able to obtain a \$75 million civil money penalty against the Casino.

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6. *Jung Ja Kim v. Quichocho*, No. 1:09-CV-00046, ECF No. 203 (D. N. Mar. I. Apr. 3, 2014), 2014 WL 12709684 (D. N. Mar. I. Dec. 15, 2014), 2015 WL 13357617 (D. N. Mar. I. Mar. 23, 2015).

Ms. Kim sued her former attorney Mr. Quichocho, his wife, his wife's company Karissa, LLC, and the law firm claiming multiple allegations of federal wire fraud and money laundering, which served as the predicate acts of Ms. Kim's three Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act ("RICO") counts, as well as state law claims for professional negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of lease agreements, conversion, fraud, and constructive trust. Mr. and Mrs. Quichocho and the law firm counterclaimed for unpaid attorneys' fees, fraud, interference with marriage, and conversion. After a four-week jury trial, the jury returned a special verdict. I granted judgment in favor of Ms. Kim in an amount over \$2.5 million on all claims and judgment in favor of Mr. Quichocho and his law firm for the unpaid attorneys' fees claim only in the amount of \$48,221. Defendants filed an appeal but subsequently moved to dismiss the appeal.

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In the first criminal case, Mr. Ayuyu, a sitting CNMI senator, and his subordinate were charged with conspiracy to violate the Endangered Species Act (“ESA”) and Lacey Act, violation of the ESA, and violation of the Lacey Act based on the importation of Mariana fruit bats to the island of Saipan. The subordinate Defendant pleaded guilty to conspiracy to violate the ESA and Lacey Act for which I sentenced him to 30 days imprisonment. During the grand jury’s investigation of this first criminal case, the senator engaged in a series of acts to obstruct the investigation, which resulted in the second criminal case in which he was charged with several counts of attempting to prevent testimony of a witness, obstructing the due administration of justice, and attempting to remove or destroy seized property. In a Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1)(C) plea agreement, which I accepted, the senator pleaded guilty to conspiracy to violate the ESA and Lacey Act in the first criminal case and conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding in the second case. I sentenced him to 41 months imprisonment for conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding to run concurrently with six months imprisonment for the first conspiracy.

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8. *Commonwealth v. Castillo*, Crim. No. 07-0148D (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Nov. 5, 2008). Opinion supplied.

Mr. Castillo was found guilty after a bench trial for domestic violence charges. I was assigned the case after the trial judge resigned from the bench before sentencing occurred. Prior to sentencing, Mr. Castillo moved to vacate his conviction on the grounds of double jeopardy. He claimed that about eight months prior to the criminal trial, he was tried in the family court before another judge in an order to show cause hearing for the same acts that were alleged by the prosecution as constituting the crimes he was charged and ultimately convicted. At the time I rendered a decision, the family court judge had taken the order to show cause matter under submission and had not made any findings nor imposed any sanctions. I ultimately denied the motion to vacate the conviction and concluded that the most serious charge of Stalking in the First Degree was not barred. Mr. Castillo alternatively argued the criminal case was improperly initiated by a sitting Superior Court judge. Although I agreed with Mr. Castillo that the family court judge's statements to him at the hearing violated the principles of decorum and temperance that the Judicial Canons seek to promote,

and that the judge's vitriol cast an appearance of impropriety upon the entire Superior Court and brought the judiciary into disrepute, I concluded that there was no evidence that Mr. Castillo was prosecuted as a result of the judge's "personal journey" to make sure Mr. Castillo leaves the CNMI. Because of the information I received in this case, I submitted a letter to the CNMI Chief Justice reporting what I believed were violations of the Judicial Canons. As a result of my letter, an investigation was conducted, and a disciplinary case was filed against the family court judge. After a trial, the CNMI Supreme Court found the judge violated the judicial canons and sanctioned him.

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9. *In re Extradition of Miura*, Crim. No. 08-0030C (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Sept. 15, 2008), *aff'd*, 2010 MP 12. Opinion supplied.

Dubbed "the OJ Simpson case of Japan," this was an extradition case of a Japanese citizen detained on the island of Saipan pursuant to a California arrest warrant for the 1985 murder of his wife while vacationing in Los Angeles, California. Mr. Miura filed a writ of habeas corpus to release him from the arrest warrant and concurrently fought the validity of the arrest warrant in a California Superior Court. I denied the writ, and authorized Mr. Miura's extradition to California. My decision was affirmed on appeal by the CNMI Supreme Court. Mr. Miura filed a writ of habeas corpus in the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, which was later withdrawn. Mr. Miura was subsequently extradited to California.

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10. *Tan v. Younis Art Studio, Inc.*, Civ. No. 01-0624, and *Fitial v. Younis Art Studio, Inc.*, Civ. No. 03-0116, consolidated cases (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Feb. 2, 2004), *aff d*, 2007 MP 11. Opinion supplied.

Mr. Tan, a prominent businessman in the community, and Mr. Fitial, a local politician, filed separate suits against a local newspaper company for defamation. The newspaper company filed a third-party complaint for indemnification, contribution, and negligence against Mr. Torres, another local politician, who placed the newspaper ads containing his statements about Mr. Tan and Mr. Fitial. The case was significant because Mr. Fitial was running for governor. I granted summary judgment in favor of the newspaper company and against Mr. Tan and Mr. Fitial. The CNMI Supreme Court affirmed my decision.

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1. *Gray v. Imperial Pac. Int'l (CNMI), LLC*, No. 1:19-CV-00008, 2023 WL 3714156 (D. N. Mar. I. May 30, 2023), *appeal docketed*, No. 23-15956 (9th Cir.).

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4. *Nicholas v. Guam Healthcare Dev. Inc.*, No. 1:20-CV-00004, and *Dela Rosa v. Arafiles*, No. 1:20-cv-00015 (ECF Nos. 45, 33, respectively) (D. Guam Nov. 13, 2020). Opinions supplied.

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5. *Pangelinan v. United States*, No. 1:19-CV-00015, 2020 WL 1858403 (D. N. Mar. I. Apr. 10, 2020), *vacated and remanded*, 2022 WL 2793592 (9th Cir. 2022).

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6. *Radich v. Guerrero*, No. 1:14-CV-00020, 2016 WL 1212437 (D. N. Mar. I. Mar. 28, 2016).

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9. *Commonwealth v. Macabalo*, Crim. No. 06-0110 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Dec. 27, 2007), *appeal dismissed per stipulation*, No. 2008-SCC-004-CRM (N.M.I. S. Ct. Aug. 31, 2010). Opinion supplied.

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10. *Judicial Council of Guam v. Dep't of Law, Gov't of Guam*, Civ. No. CV0766-04 (Guam Super. Ct. Oct. 14, 2004). Opinion supplied.

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United States v. Tang, No. 1:13-CR-00014, 2014 WL 12697321 (D. N. Mar. I. Mar. 25, 2014), *aff'd*, 839 F.3d 877 (9th Cir. 2016), *cert. denied*, 138 S. Ct. 58 (2017).

Atalig v. United States, No. 1:11-CV-00023, 2012 WL 2953049 (D. N. Mar. I. July 20, 2012), *aff'd*, 554 F. App'x 662 (9th Cir. 2014), *as amended on denial of reh'g and reh'g en banc* (May 16, 2014), *cert. denied*, 574 U.S. 934 (2014).

United States v. Ye, No. 1:12-CR-00009-2, 2012 WL 4506879 (D. N. Mar. I. Oct. 1, 2012), *aff'd*, 606 F. App'x 416 (9th Cir. 2015), *cert. denied*, 579 U.S. 903 (2016).

- f. Provide a brief summary of and citations for all of your opinions where your decisions were reversed by a reviewing court or where your judgment was affirmed with significant criticism of your substantive or procedural rulings. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

Best Sunshine Int'l, Ltd. (BVI) v. Commonwealth Casino Comm'n, No. 1:22-CV-00007, 2022 WL 4448918 (D. N. Mar. I. Sept. 26, 2022) *rev'd and remanded*, 2023 WL 4234249 (9th Cir. June 28, 2023). Best Sunshine, a casino owner, sought a preliminary injunction against the Commonwealth Casino Commission enjoining the Commission from proceeding with license revocation proceedings against it and an order compelling the Commission to arbitrate. I granted the injunction and mandated the arbitration. The Ninth Circuit concluded that license revocation proceedings are not arbitrable disputes under the agreement. The matter was remanded for proceedings consistent with the Ninth Circuit's disposition.

United States v. Tydingco, No. 1:15-CR-00018-1, ECF Nos. 132, 133 (D. N. Mar. I. Dec. 16, 2016) *rev'd and remanded*, 909 F.3d 297 (9th Cir. 2018); ECF No. 241 (D. N. Mar. I. June 17, 2020), *rev'd and remanded*, 2022 WL 445527 (9th Cir. 2022). Mr. and Mrs. Tydingco were convicted of harboring an illegal alien and of aiding and abetting the harboring. I sentenced Mrs. Tydingco to 10 months imprisonment and Mr. Tydingco to 21 months imprisonment. They appealed claiming that there was insufficient evidence to support the convictions and that the jury instructions were erroneous. The Ninth Circuit found that (1) the instruction defining "harbor" was erroneous because it did not require the jury to find the Tydingcos intended to violate the law, and the error was not harmless; and (2) the instruction defining "reckless disregard" was plainly erroneous because it did not require the jury to find Mrs. Tydingco subjectively drew an inference that the alien was, in fact, an alien and was in the United States unlawfully. The Ninth Circuit reversed and remanded for a new trial. In her second trial, Mrs. Tydingco was convicted for harboring an illegal alien. I sentenced her to 90 days imprisonment. Mrs. Tydingco appealed again. The Ninth Circuit found I abused my discretion in admitting sham-marriage and witness-

tampering testimony from a witness because there was no evidence Mrs. Tydingco received, or expected to receive, any financial benefit for her role in the sham-marriage proposal or that Mrs. Tydingco knew that the alien she was charged with harboring was in the United States illegally. The Ninth Circuit held there was an abuse of discretion in admitting the witness's testimony that Mrs. Tydingco encouraged the witness to leave the jurisdiction so she would be unable to testify. The testimony suggests consciousness of guilt which depends on the underlying sham-marriage testimony that should not have been admitted anyway. The Ninth Circuit concluded the admission of the witness's testimony was not harmless and my limiting instruction permitting the jury to weigh the witness's testimony was erroneous because the jury should not have been able to give it any weight. The Ninth Circuit reversed and remanded. At her third jury trial, she was convicted for harboring an illegal alien. I sentenced her again to 90 days imprisonment. Mrs. Tydingco filed a third appeal regarding the third judgment, which is pending.

United States v. Macabalo, No. 1:16-CR-00003-1, ECF No. 17 (D. N. Mar. I. July 25, 2016), *aff'd in part and remanded*, 702 F. App'x 628 (9th Cir. 2017). Ms. Macabalo appealed her guilty plea conviction and sentence of 21 months for perjury. The Ninth Circuit dismissed the appeal because she waived her right to appeal. The Ninth Circuit's independent review found that there were no arguable grounds for relief on the appeal on the sentence except that the written judgment reflecting a 21-month custodial sentence was inconsistent with my oral pronouncement of a 20-month sentence. The sentence was affirmed but remanded with instructions to make the judgment consistent with the oral pronouncement.

United States v. Ada, No. 1:12-CR-00030-1, ECF No. 211 (D. N. Mar. I. Mar. 14, 2016), *aff'd in part, rev'd in part, and remanded*, 700 F. App'x 689 (9th Cir. 2017). Mr. Ada pleaded guilty to 46 counts of embezzlement, health care fraud, and money laundering. I sentenced him to three terms of imprisonment to run concurrently with the highest sentence of 151 months. Mr. Ada appealed my application of sentencing enhancements and departures, as well as the restitution award of \$699,484. The government conceded that the restitution award was excessive, so the Ninth Circuit remanded for recalculation, but otherwise affirmed the enhancements and departures. On remand, I ordered restitution of \$627,869.

United States v. Lin, No. 1:12-CR-000012-1, ECF No. 235 (D. N. Mar. I. Mar. 23, 2015), *rev'd, vacated, and remanded*, 841 F.3d 823 (9th Cir. 2016). Mr. Lin plead guilty of conspiracy to commit sex trafficking, and I imposed a sentence of 235 months. He appealed his sentence on several bases, including the calculation of his base offense level. The Ninth Circuit agreed with Mr. Lin and held that the mandatory minimum sentence, and thus the corresponding U.S. Sentencing Guideline provision, did not apply to conspiracy to commit sex trafficking. On remand, another judge imposed a sentence of 120 months.

United States v. Pangelinan, No. 1:13-CR-00013-1, ECF No. 75 (D. N. Mar. I. Oct. 15, 2014), *aff'd in part, rev'd in part, and remanded*, 656 F. App'x 382 (9th Cir. 2016). Mr. Pangelinan pleaded guilty to the offense of conspiracy to commit visa fraud and to defraud the United States. I sentenced him to six months imprisonment and ordered restitution of \$81,399. Mr. Pangelinan appealed, claiming that I erred in ordering him to pay restitution to 99 work visa applicants, the victims of his fraudulent acts. The Ninth Circuit affirmed that 99 aliens were victims of fraud and affirmed my reliance on circumstantial evidence to estimate the loss by the 99 aliens. The Ninth Circuit found that of the 99 victims, two suffered actual losses less than my estimate. The restitution order was vacated and remanded for the limited purpose of modifying the order to reflect the smaller losses suffered by the two victims. On remand, I ordered restitution in the amount of \$81,053.

Flores v. First Hawaiian Bank, No. 1:11-CV-0022, 2013 WL 12188155 (D. N. Mar. I. Nov. 8, 2013), *aff'd in part, rev'd in part, and remanded*, 642 F. App'x 696 (9th Cir. 2016). Mr. Flores, the administrator of Decedent's estate, appealed my grant of summary judgment in favor of Defendant Union Bank on the ground that the statute of limitations barred Mr. Flores' claims, as well as Defendant's award of attorney's fees. The Ninth Circuit affirmed my award of attorney's fees, but concluded that it was disputed whether Decedent made a demand that started the clock for the statute of limitations. The Ninth Circuit accordingly remanded for trial on the contract claims, which were not barred by the statute of limitations. At trial, a jury found in favor of the bank that there was no breach of contract.

In re Estate of Roberto, Civ. No. 98-983D (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Jan. 25, 2007), *aff'd in part, rev'd in part*, 2010 MP 7 (Torres, J., dissenting). In this probate action, another judge's decision was appealed to the CNMI Supreme Court. The appellate court (*Roberto I*) remanded the matter to the trial court for action on various estate assets. The decision was appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court denied the writ of certiorari. On remand, I issued the removal order to implement the mandate. On appeal, the *Roberto II* CNMI Supreme Court affirmed in part my removal order as to certain assets, and reversed in part as to two assets. It concluded that one asset requires a specific finding of fact, and the other a specific distribution of the asset that was commingled with other funds in an account. Opinion supplied.

APLUS Co., Ltd. v. Niizeki Int'l Saipan, Co., Ltd., Civ. No. 99-0532 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. May 25, 2004), *rev'd*, 2006 MP 13. Plaintiff APLUS Co. filed suit for unpaid loan of one billion yen secured by lease mortgages. A concurrent lawsuit was filed in Tokyo, Japan. I granted APLUS Co.'s motion for summary judgment based on an interpretation of the written agreement. The CNMI Supreme Court reversed my grant of summary judgment because of the dispute on the issue of third-party beneficiary in the agreement between APLUS Co. and Defendant Niizeki. After the remand, the parties settled, and the case was dismissed with prejudice. Opinion supplied.

Waibel v. Farber, Civ. No. 01-0236 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Nov. 28, 2003), *aff'd on different grounds*, 2006 MP 15. Insurance company, St. Paul, moved for dismissal for lack of personal jurisdiction and, in the alternative, because the statute of limitations barred Mr. Lujan's claim. I concluded that personal jurisdiction was proper but found that Mr. Lujan's claim was indeed barred by the statute of limitations. On appeal, the CNMI Supreme Court concluded that there was no personal jurisdiction and, on this ground, affirmed the dismissal. Opinion supplied.

Stephanson v. Teregeyo, Civ. No. 01-0497 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Mar. 16, 2004), *aff'd in part, rev'd in part*, 2008 MP 13. This was a contract dispute concerning the unique land alienation provision under the CNMI's Constitution, which restricts long term leasehold interests held by persons of non-NMI descent. Mr. Stephanson was the last assignee of a land interest from an initial lessee; Mr. Stephanson also had a separate and direct assignment agreement with lessor, in violation of the NMI's Constitution. I concluded that Mr. Stephanson validly held the first assigned leasehold interest but ruled that the separate assignment agreement violated the NMI's land alienation provisions. I also addressed the issue of attorney's fees under the lease agreement. The CNMI Supreme Court affirmed my decision on the assignments but reversed the award of attorney's fees to require inclusion of fees incurred in the appeal process. Opinion supplied.

- g. Provide a description of the number and percentage of your decisions in which you issued an unpublished opinion and the way those unpublished opinions are filed and/or stored.

None of my Commonwealth Superior Court opinions are published in print form in any official reporter, including the Commonwealth Reporter, Westlaw, or LEXIS. The last print form publication predates my joining the Superior Court in 2003. My published opinions, however, are available online at the Commonwealth Law Revision Commission's website.

Commonwealth law provides when an opinion must be published. 1 CMC § 3404. When a decision determines a substantial question of procedure or substantive law, it must be set forth in written opinions with reasons for the decision stated. The issuance of a published opinion for other reasons is discretionary. I estimate that I issued about 400 unpublished decisions, or 90% of all my decisions while a Superior Court judge. The decisions are frequently announced on the record from the bench, and the taped recordings of these rulings are stored. Parties obtain a transcript for appeals. A short-written order memorializing a given decision is also maintained. There were occasions when a decision was delivered from the bench, but was followed by a written decision with detailed analysis.

My unpublished opinions issued as a district judge are docketed in the court's electronic case management system files only. The opinions I issued as a district

judge are available on Westlaw and LEXIS as well as the court's electronic case management system.

- h. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues, together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

Yarofalchuw v. Cabrera, No. 1:22-CV-00001, 2023 WL 5204490 (D. N. Mar. I. Aug. 14, 2023).

Mafnas v. Castro, No. 1:22-CV-00009, 2023 WL 2330691 (D. N. Mar. I. Mar. 3, 2023).

Salas v. United States, No. 1:22-CV-00008, 2022 WL 16964141 (D. N. Mar. I. Nov. 17, 2022), *appeal docketed*, No. 22-16936 (9th Cir. Dec. 19, 2022).

Manila v. Guerrero, No. 1:18-CV-00003, 2022 WL 4588848 (D. N. Mar. I. Sept. 29, 2022).

United States v. Morta, No. 1:21-CR-00024, 2022 WL 1447021 (D. Guam May 9, 2022).

TakeCare Ins. Co., Inc. v. Birn, No. 1:19-CV-00126, 2021 WL 2327051 (D. Guam Feb. 17, 2021).

Double A Corp. v. Babauta, No. 1:19-CV-00005, 2019 WL 6499216 (D. N. Mar. I. Dec. 3, 2019).

Imperial Pac. Int'l (CNMI), LLC v. Commonwealth Casino Comm'n, No. 1:19-CV-00014, 2019 WL 3557896 (D. N. Mar. I. Aug. 6, 2019).

Norita v. N. Mar. I. Dep't of Pub. Safety, No. 1:18-CV-00022, 2019 WL 150875 (D. N. Mar. I. Jan. 10, 2019).

Joseph v. Abrams, No. 1:14-CV-00005, 2018 WL 3545317 (D. Guam July 24, 2018).

WSTCO Quality Feed & Supply, LLC v. Ada, No. 17-CV-00127, 2018 WL 3244403 (D. Guam July 3, 2018).

Guerrero v. CNMI State Bd. of Educ., No. 1:18-CV-00006, 2018 WL 2437582 (D. N. Mar. I. May 30, 2018).

Sin Ho Nam v. Northern Mariana Islands, No. 17-CV-00021, 2017 WL 5998824 (D. N. Mar. I. Dec. 4, 2017).

Nosek v. Saipan Sea Ventures, Inc., No. 1:17-CV-00003, 2017 WL 7789272 (D. N. Mar. I. Nov. 3, 2017).

Tinian Women Ass'n v. U.S. Dep't of the Navy, No. 1:16-CV-00022, 2017 WL 4564188 (D. N. Mar. I. Oct. 13, 2017).

Lizama v. ANZ Guam, Inc., No. 1:16-CV-00010, 2017 WL 3446493 (D. N. Mar. I. Jan. 23, 2017).

Murphy v. Guerrero, No. 1:14-CV-00026, 2016 WL 5508998 (D. N. Mar. I. Sept. 28, 2016).

Christian v. Northern Mariana Islands, No. 1:14-CV-00010, 2016 WL 4004574 (D. N. Mar. I. July 7, 2016).

Guam Fed'n of Teachers v. Cruz, No. CV 1:15-CV-00003, 2016 WL 1383477 (D. Guam Apr. 7, 2016).

Radich v. Guerrero, No. 1:14-CV-00020, 2016 WL 1212437 (D. N. Mar. I. Mar. 28, 2016).

United States v. H.K. Ent. (Overseas) Invs., Ltd., No. 1:13-CR-00002, 2015 WL 3463012 (D. N. Mar. I. June 1, 2015).

Dean v. Pac. Bellwether, LLC, 996 F. Supp. 2d 1044 (D. N. Mar. I. 2014).

United States v. Tang, 1:13-CR-00014, 2014 WL 12697321 (D. N. Mar. I. Mar. 25, 2014), *aff'd*, 839 F.3d 877 (9th Cir. 2016).

Ai v. United States, No. 1:11-CV-00014, 2013 WL 11319828 (D. N. Mar. I. Aug. 20, 2013), *aff'd*, 809 F.3d 503 (9th Cir. 2015).

Rojo v. Kapileo-Igisaiar, No. 1:12-CV-00024, 2013 WL 3155803 (D. N. Mar. I. June 24, 2013).

Am. Pac. Textile, Inc. v. United States, No. 1:10-CV-00018, 2013 WL 1147540 (D. N. Mar. I. Mar. 19, 2013), *aff'd*, 627 F. App'x 648 (9th Cir. 2015).

August Healthcare Grp., LLC v. Manglona, No. 1:12-CV-00008, 2012 WL 5877582 (D. N. Mar. I. Nov. 21, 2012).

Atalig v. United States, No. 1-11-CV-00023, 2012 WL 2953049 (D. N. Mar. I. July 20, 2012), *aff'd*, 554 F. App'x 662 (9th Cir. 2014), *as amended on denial of reh'g and reh'g en banc* (May 16, 2014).

United States v. Weindl, 990 F. Supp. 2d 1099 (D. N. Mar. I. 2012).

Davis v. Commonwealth Election Comm'n, 990 F. Supp. 2d 1089 (D. N. Mar. I. 2012).

United States v. Funkgub, No. 1:12-CR-00001, 2012 WL 2117873 (D. N. Mar. I. June 4, 2012).

The following opinions were issued during my tenure as an Associate Judge at the Superior Court:

Commonwealth v. Aguon, Crim. No. 01-0063 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Dec. 31, 2010). Opinion supplied.

Commonwealth v. Macabalo, Crim. No. 06-0110 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Dec. 27, 2007), *appeal dismissed per stipulation*, No. 2008-SCC-004-CRM (N.M.I. S. Ct. Aug. 31, 2010). Opinion supplied in response to 13(d).

Pangelinan v. NMI Ret. Fund, Civ. No. 04-0578 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Mar. 1, 2006), *aff'd*, 2009 MP 12 (Due process). Opinion supplied.

Commonwealth v. Faisao, Crim. No. 07-0107 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Nov. 10, 2008). Opinion supplied.

Commonwealth v. Castillo, Crim. No. 07-0148 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Nov. 5, 2008). Opinion supplied in response to 13(c).

Commonwealth v. Vaughn, Crim. No. 06-0222 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. June 11, 2007). Opinion supplied.

Tan v. Younis Art Studio, Inc., Civ. No. 01-0624 and *Fitial v. Younis Art Studio, Inc.*, Civ. No. 03-0116, consolidated cases (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Feb. 2, 2004), *aff'd*, 2007 MP 11. Opinion supplied in response to 13(c).

- i. Provide citations to all cases in which you sat by designation on a federal court of appeals, including a brief summary of any opinions you authored, whether majority, dissenting, or concurring, and any dissenting opinions you joined.

I have not sat by designation on any federal court of appeals.

14. **Recusal:** If you are or have been a judge, identify the basis by which you have assessed the necessity or propriety of recusal (If your court employs an "automatic" recusal system by which you may be recused without your knowledge, please include a general description of that system.) Provide a list of any cases, motions or matters that have come before you in which a litigant or party has requested that you recuse yourself due to an asserted conflict of interest or in which you have recused yourself *sua sponte*. Identify each such case, and for each provide the following information:

- a. whether your recusal was requested by a motion or other suggestion by a litigant or a party to the proceeding or by any other person or interested party; or if you recused yourself sua sponte.
- b. a brief description of the asserted conflict of interest or other ground for recusal.
- c. the procedure you followed in determining whether or not to recuse yourself;
- d. your reason for recusing or declining to recuse yourself, including any action taken to remove the real, apparent or asserted conflict of interest or to cure any other ground for recusal.

Recusals in the District Court of the NMI are governed by 28 U.S.C. § 455 and the Code of Conduct for United States Judges. I recused myself in cases that involved close family members or where I have a close relationship with any of the parties, a litigant, or a potential witness. After recusal, the case is either reassigned to a district judge sitting by designation pursuant to 48 U.S.C. § 1821(b)(2), or if the parties in a civil action consent, is assigned to the magistrate judge. To the best of my knowledge, the following is the list of District Court of the NMI cases in which I either recused myself sua sponte or upon motion by a party.

As a district judge, a party requested my recusal in the following cases:

Zajradhara v. Atalig, No. 1:22-CV-00014 (D. N. Mar. I). Mr. Zajradhara, proceeding pro se, moved for recusal arguing that I permit non-U.S. citizens access to the courts and that my sentencing dispositions do not deter immigration offenders. This motion is still pending as his complaint has not passed screening.

The Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic v. Baldwin, No. 1:22-CV-00011, No. 19 (D. N. Mar. I. Apr. 26, 2023). Petitioner moved for recusal under 28 U.S.C. § 455 relying on my self-recusal in a prior proceeding, 1:15-mc-00018. I granted the motion for recusal because the dispute spans the past years including the period of my prior self-recusal. Additionally, the two cases are related.

Zajradhara v. P.C. Bargain Corp., No. 1:21-CV-00021 (D. N. Mar. I. Mar. 31, 2023). Mr. Zajradhara (“Zaj”), proceeding pro se, moved for recusal arguing that I permit non-U.S. citizens access to the courts, that my sentencing dispositions do not deter immigration offenders, and that I was delaying disposition of his case because he had filed a new grievance against me, my spouse, and family friends. I denied recusal because (1) I do not have a third-degree relationship with the identified family friends and there is no indication they have any involvement in Mr. Zaj’s case; (2) filing separate actions against me does not necessitate my recusal; (3) there are no laws or constitutional provisions against giving judicial access to non-U.S. citizens; (4) I have no authority to prosecute immigration offenses; and (5) I have discretion to sentence immigration offenders and Mr. Zaj’s allegation of bias was unsubstantiated.

Zajradhara v. Cabrera, No. 1:21-CV-00022 (D. N. Mar. I.). Mr. Zajradhara (“Zaj”), proceeding pro se, moved for recusal arguing I permit non-U.S. citizens access to the courts and that my sentencing dispositions do not deter immigration offenders. I declined to recuse because his complaint failed screening and I subsequently dismissed the case as Mr. Zaj failed to diligently prosecute his case, namely, he failed to timely file an amended complaint.

United States v. Smith, No. 1:17-CR-00020 (D. Guam Nov. 10, 2021). Mr. Smith moved for recusal on the grounds that I concurrently preside over a related qui tam matter and Mr. Smith filed a motion challenging my authority to sit as a designated judge in the District Court of Guam. I denied recusal because I found the mere reference to me presiding over another proceeding in a judicial capacity without adequate facts of bias or prejudice is insufficient. I also found that Mr. Smith’s argument that a motion challenging my designation unavailing, speculative, and lack logical reasoning. Ample caselaw supports my holding that a party’s disagreement with my rulings is insufficient to warrant my recusal.

United States v. Atalig, No. 1:18-CR-00013 (D. N. Mar. I. Apr. 24, 2020). Defendants moved for recusal because a relative allegedly had a direct interest in the outcome of the case. After carefully reviewing my recusal obligations under 28 U.S.C. § 455, as well as applicable caselaw, I determined no proper basis exists for recusal and thus denied the motion.

SEALED In the Matter of the Search of, No. 1:19-MC-00042 related to 1:19-MC-00043 (D. N. Mar. I. Apr. 20, 2020). On a suggestion by Defendants, I recused myself pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 455(a) because one of the targets on the warrant was involved with a financial transaction with my family’s company.

United States v. Lin, No. 1:12-CR-00012 (D. N. Mar. I. July 10, 2018). Defendant moved to disqualify me because the defense interviewed my brother during their private investigation. It was alleged my brother possibly had knowledge about facts related to the underlying criminal conspiracy. I therefore granted the recusal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 455(a).

Flores v. Concepcion, No. 1:15-CV-00010 (D. N. Mar. I. Apr. 25, 2016). Plaintiff moved for recusal on grounds that there is a reasonable question on my impartiality where my husband authored a decision in the NMI Supreme Court, which the parties argued would control the outcome in the federal court matter before me. I denied recusal because that Supreme Court decision was a different matter on unrelated issues to the case before me. I was not being called to uphold or undo the holding of the panel, which included my husband as an associate justice.

SEALED Disciplinary Matter, No. 1:13-MC-00004 (D. N. Mar. I. Dec. 14, 2015). Respondent reported that the Commonwealth Supreme Court presided over a matter involving him, which includes my husband as a justice of the Supreme Court deciding the

matter. I therefore recused pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 455(a) to avoid the reasonable appearance of impartiality.

Minto v. Mafnas, No. 1:13-CV-0002 (D. N. Mar. I. May 2, 2013). Petitioner moved for recusal because to grant his petition for writ of habeas corpus, I would have to find that a CNMI Supreme Court panel that included my spouse ruled to the contrary to, and/or unreasonably applied, clearly established federal law, and/or upheld an unreasonable determination of the facts in the underlying state-matter. I therefore granted Petitioner's motion and recused myself based on 28 U.S.C. § 455(a).

United States v. Chen, No. 1:12-CR-00026 (D. N. Mar. I. Sept. 12, 2012). Defendant received discovery information from the Government not previously known to me but which as suggested by Defendant, arguably created an appearance that my impartiality might reasonably be questioned. The conflict of interest was based on receipts of rental payments by witnesses against Defendant to an entity to which I have close familial and financial ties. The individuals involved may be material witnesses. I therefore recused myself pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 455(a).

Quitugua v. Micronesian Resort, Inc., No. 1:10-CV-00011 (D. N. Mar. I. Nov. 18, 2011). I recused myself in response to a suggestion by Defendant in its Initial Disclosure about the involvement of a third party in which my family trust had shares.

As a district judge, I recused myself sua sponte in the following cases:

Crisostomo v. Dep't of Corrs., No. 1:22-CV-00015 (D. N. Mar. I. Apr. 28, 2023). My spouse is a NMI Supreme Court justice who participated in the appellate proceedings of Petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus.

Commonwealth Ports Auth. v. Phoenix Servs., Inc., No. 1:23-CV-00005 (D. N. Mar. I. Apr. 10, 2023). My brother is a board member of Plaintiff.

Uddin v. Bhuiyan, dba Island Prot. Serv., No. 1:21-CV-00023 (D. N. Mar. I. Nov. 18, 2021). My nephew is an attorney for Defendant.

Hossen v. Bhuiyan, dba Island Prot. Serv., No. 1:21-CV-00017 (D. N. Mar. I. Aug. 11, 2021). My nephew is an attorney for Defendant.

Jones v. Axe Murderer Tours, LLC, No. 1:20-CV-00004 (D. N. Mar. I. Mar. 16, 2020). Defendant's principal member was my SCUBA instructor.

Kruid v. BankGuam Holding Co., No. 1:18-CV-00005 (D. N. Mar. I. Jan. 11, 2019). Defendant's counsel became involved in a separate litigation involving my family trust.

Qun v. Attao, No. 1:18-CV-00028 (D. N. Mar. I. Nov. 21, 2018). My husband sat on the CNMI Supreme Court panel that considered Petitioner's direct appeal.

Naraja v. Bank of Hawaii, No. 1:18-CV-00023 (D. N. Mar. I. Oct. 5, 2018). Plaintiff's spouse was presiding over litigation involving my family trust.

Orlando v. N. Mar. I. Dep't of Lands and Nat. Res. Div. of Fish and Wildlife, No. 1:18-CV-00015 (D. N. Mar. I. July 19, 2018). My first cousin is the director for Defendant.

Nishio v. Saipan Int'l Airport (Commonwealth Ports Auth.), No. 1:18-CV-00013 (D. N. Mar. I. Apr. 11, 2018). My brother is a board member for Defendant.

Rios v. Attao, No. 1:18-CV-00004 (D. N. Mar. I. Feb. 16, 2018). My husband sat on the CNMI Supreme Court panel that considered Petitioner's direct appeal.

Guanlao v. Zedde, No. 1:16-CV-00018 (D. N. Mar. I. Jan. 19, 2018). Petitioner Ms. Guanlao had a financial relationship with my family trust.

Angel Villa, LLC v. Zhao Jian Zhong, No. 1:17-CV-00008 (D. N. Mar. I. Dec. 22, 2017). Plaintiff's counsel became involved in a separate litigation involving my family trust. I recused pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 455(a).

Star Marianas Air, Inc. v. Commonwealth Ports Auth., No. 1:17-CV-00012 (D. N. Mar. I. Nov. 15, 2017). My brother is a board member for Defendant.

Chopitea v. Imperial Pac. Int'l (CNMI), LLC, No. 1:17-CV-00020 (D. N. Mar. I. Nov. 2, 2017). Plaintiff's counsel became involved in a separate litigation involving my family trust.

Beijing Cap. Airlines Co., Ltd. v. Commonwealth Ports Auth., No. 1:17-CV-00009 (D. N. Mar. I. June 21, 2017). My brother is a board member for Defendant.

Tropical Gardens, Inc. v. Imperial Pac. Int'l (CNMI), LLC, No. 1:17-CV-00002 (D. N. Mar. I. Feb. 14, 2017). Plaintiff's counsel became involved in a separate litigation involving my family trust. I recused pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 455(a).

Batukhtina v. Interpacific Resorts (Saipan) Corp., No. 1:16-CV-00031 (D. N. Mar. I. Dec. 28, 2016). Defendant's counsel became involved in a separate litigation involving my family trust.

Dona v. H.K. Entm't (Overseas) Inv., Ltd., No. 1:15-CV-00017 (D. N. Mar. I. Dec. 7, 2016). Defendant's counsel became involved in a separate litigation involving my family trust.

Yamamoto v. M/V/ Luta, O.N. 635750, No. 1:16-CV-00027 (D. N. Mar. I. Nov. 21, 2016). My brother is a board member of the intervenor in the case.

KSA Corp. v. An, No. No. 1:16-CV-00015 (D. N. Mar. I. Nov. 21, 2016). One of Plaintiff's counsel represented a party adverse to a member of my household. Shortly

after my order issued, and before the first case management conference was held, the basis for the conflict was removed with the substitution of counsel. I was reassigned the case and presided over the matter to its conclusion.

Fejeran v. Colvin, No. 1:16-CV-00016 (D. N. Mar. I. Oct. 19, 2016). Plaintiff's attorney represented a party in litigation against my husband.

Kin & Rit Inc. v. Saipan Shipping Co., No. 1:16-CV-00025 (D. N. Mar. I. Oct. 13, 2016). My family trust had a financial interest in a party to the proceeding.

Claston, LLC by and through Sunset Holdings, LLC v. United States, No. 1:08-CV-00048 consolidated with *Baldwin v. United States*, No. 1:09-CV-00033 (D. N. Mar. I. July 13, 2016). I presided over this \$6 million complex tax case involving Plaintiff Claston, LLC, and Plaintiff Mr. Baldwin, a controlling partner of Claston, LLC, who challenged the Internal Revenue Service's partnership tax determination. I issued evidentiary rulings and denied substantive motions. Before trial began, the parties reached a settlement agreement. This agreement required a time-consuming approval from the United States Office of Review of the Tax Division and calculations by IRS. During the three-year stay of the case, a tangential financial interest in a real estate transaction involving my family trust arose. I disclosed the potential conflict to the parties. When the parties' efforts to implement the agreement left two issues for the court to resolve, I self-recused.

United States v. Jucutan, No. 1:15-CR-00017 (D. N. Mar. I. Dec. 24, 2015). Defendant's private counsel represented a party in litigation against my husband.

The Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic v. Bridge Cap. LLC, No. 1:15-MC-00018 (D. N. Mar. I. Nov. 13, 2015). One respondent had a financial interest in a third-party transaction in which I had a fiduciary financial interest.

Lu v. Star Marianas Air, Inc., No. 1:14-CV-00023 (D. N. Mar. I. Nov. 9, 2015). One of the attorneys represented my spouse in a separate matter.

SEALED Disciplinary Matter, No. 1:11-MC-00032 (D. N. Mar. I. July 31, 2015). The prosecuting attorney was representing my spouse in an unrelated matter.

Gu v. Tinian Transp. Mgmt. Sols., Inc., No. 1:15-CV-00004 (D. N. Mar. I. June 26, 2015). One of the attorneys was representing my spouse in a separate matter.

Song v. United States, No. 1:14-CV-00007 and 1:08-CR-00022 (D. N. Mar. I. June 4, 2015) (habeas case) and *United States v. Yong Ming Song*, 1:08-CR-00022, No. 86 (D. N. Mar. I.) (underlying criminal case). Petitioner/Defendant's attorney was retained by my husband in a personal matter during the pendency of the habeas case.

Stevens v. Commonwealth Utils. Corp., No. 1:14-CV-00015 (D. N. Mar. I. Apr. 29, 2015). Plaintiff's counsel filed a suit against my spouse.

Cuellar v. N. Marianas Coll., No. 1:14-CV-00022 (D. N. Mar. I. Jan. 13, 2015). A family member was a board member of Defendant entity.

Ramsey v. Muna, No. 1:14-CV-00021, (D. N. Mar. I. Dec. 1, 2014). One Defendant is my close relative.

Boeing Co. v. Leo A. Daly Co., No. 1:13-CV-00027 (D. N. Mar. I. May 15, 2014). I was represented in a personal matter by Plaintiffs' counsel.

United Micronesia Dev. Ass'n, Inc. v. Wickline, No. 1:14-CV-00003 (D. N. Mar. I. Mar. 6, 2014). I had a financial interest in Plaintiff entity through my family trust.

Commonwealth Ports Auth. V. Boeing Co., No. 1:13-CV-0010, No. 22 (D. N. Mar. I. Nov. 13, 2013). My brother became a board member (director) of Plaintiff entity.

Taisague v. Inos, No. 1:13-CV-00023 (D. N. Mar. I. Oct. 29, 2013). My spouse has a financial interest in the NMI Retirement Fund, which was a subject of the proceeding.

Commonwealth Ports Auth. V. Leo A. Daly Co., No. 1:12-CV-00005 (D. N. Mar. I. Aug. 27, 2013). My brother became a board member (director) of Plaintiff entity.

N. Mar. I. Ret. Fund v. Northern Mariana Islands, No. 1:13-CV-00006 (D. N. Mar. I. Mar. 29, 2013). My spouse has a financial interest in the NMI Retirement Fund.

Calberg v. Guam Indus. Servs. Dba Guam Shipyard, No. 1:14-CV-00002 (D. Guam Jan. 31, 2013). My nephew was employed as an associate attorney of Plaintiff.

Saito v. United Micronesia Dev. Ass'n, Inc., No. 1:10-CV-00027 (D. N. Mar. I. July 12, 2012). I had a financial interest in Defendant entity through my family trust.

Roe v. Fitial, No. 1:09-CV-00023 (D. N. Mar. I. Feb. 21, 2012). My spouse has a financial interest in the NMI Retirement Fund, the subject of the lawsuit.

Davis v. Commonwealth Election Comm'n, No. 1:12-CV-00001, (D. N. Mar. I. Jan. 20, 2012). I initially sua sponte recused myself on the grounds that one of the named Defendants is my brother-in-law. However, Plaintiff filed a dismissal against my brother-in-law, and therefore the conflict of interest was eliminated. I presided over the case until its completion.

United States v. Rota Coconut Vill. Hotel, 1:11-CV-00017 (D. N. Mar. I. Nov. 4, 2011). I have family members who are minority shareholders in Defendant Corporation.

N. Mar. I. Ret. Fund v. Northern Mariana Islands Government, No. 1:11-CV-00018 (D. N. Mar. I. Sept. 15, 2011). My spouse is a member of Plaintiff.

In the Northern Marianas Islands, the Code of Judicial Conduct and Section 3308 of Title

I of the Commonwealth Code govern the disqualification of judges. Section 3308 substantially mirrors the federal statute at 28 U.S.C. § 455. Procedurally, once a formal motion to disqualify is filed in an action, the judge presiding must cease all actions and another judge is assigned to hear and decide the motion without the opportunity for the subject judge to decide the matter first, or to answer to the allegation.

Once a case was assigned to me, I reviewed the file and determined if I was subject to either a mandatory basis or a waivable basis for disqualification. If I found a mandatory basis, I entered a self-recusal order, and the case was sent back to the presiding judge for reassignment. If there was a basis for disqualification that could be waived by the parties, I scheduled a status conference hearing to discuss the issue with the parties and have a waiver entered on the record. I recused myself *sua sponte* in matters that involved individuals who have a close relationship with me but do not fall under the mandatory recusal statutory basis, without taking any action to remove the apparent or asserted conflict of interest or to cure any other grounds for recusal, because of the closeness of the relationship.

When I first became a judge, the other Superior Court judges and I agreed that I would not handle any of the criminal cases that were filed while I was Attorney General pursuant to the mandatory provisions of the statute. In exchange, I was assigned more civil cases and an equal share of newly-filed criminal cases. Furthermore, I recused myself from handling a case remanded by the CNMI Supreme Court, in which my husband, a sitting justice, served on the appellate panel.

During my eight years on the Superior Court, out of the approximately 8,000 cases, I handled, I recused myself from 55 cases.

A litigant or party requested recusal in the following matters:

Tan v. Younis Art Studio, Inc., Civ. No. 01-0624, and *Fitial v. Younis Art Studio, Inc.*, Civ. No. 03-0116, consolidated cases (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Feb. 2, 2004), *aff'd*, 2007 MP 11. Initially, the parties informally and jointly sought my disqualification because the third-party defendant, a congressman, alleged that in my former capacity as Attorney General, he engaged me in various communications in his official capacity that I may have perceived as being offensive. In a written response, I denied the parties' informal request for disqualification. I asserted that all communications were handled in a professional capacity and no basis existed to conclude that there was any personal bias or prejudice that would affect my ability to remain impartial. When the motion for disqualification was subsequently filed, another judge heard the motion and denied it. I handled the cases thereafter, and issued a ruling which was appealed. The CNMI Supreme Court affirmed my decision. The disqualification issue was not appealed. I recused *sua sponte* in the following matters based on the appearance of impartiality per 1 CMC § 3308(a):

Commonwealth v. Fleming, Traff. No. 10-01564 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Oct. 21, 2010). In this traffic case, Defendant was my daughter's close friend.

Commonwealth v. Sablan, Crim. No. 09-0186C (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Nov. 27, 2009). Defendant is my husband's uncle.

Manglona v. Cepeda, Civ. No. 08-0075C (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Sept. 9, 2009). Plaintiff is a close uncle of my husband.

Hwang v. Woo Young Lee and E. Hope Corp., Civ. No. 08-0007E (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Aug. 24, 2009). Defendant's son is a very close friend of my son.

Commonwealth v. Furey, Traff. No. 07-00348 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Nov. 5, 2008). Defendant is married to a close, longtime family friend.

Commonwealth v. Ada, Civ. No. 08-0261 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Oct. 1, 2008). Defendant is a close, longtime family friend.

Guerrero v. Islam, Civ. No. 08-0222 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. June 16, 2008). Plaintiff is a close personal friend.

Estate of Ponciano Rasa, Civ. No. 08-0049 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. June 13, 2008). Decedent's wife is my first cousin.

Ada v. Nakamoto, Civ. No. 08-0029 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. June 13, 2008). Plaintiff is a close, longtime personal friend.

Bank of Saipan v. Attao, Small Claims No. 07-0996 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. June 12, 2008). Defendant is a personal friend.

Quimsing v. Mesa, Small Claims No. 07-0430 (N.MJ. Super. Ct. June 10, 2008). Defendant is a close first cousin of my husband.

Commonwealth Treasury v. Niro, Small Claims N. 08-0133 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. June 6, 2008). Defendant is my first cousin.

Commonwealth Treasury v. Torres, Small Claims No. 08-0114 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. June 6, 2008). Defendant is a close niece.

Sister Remedios Early Childhood Dev. Ctr. v. Santos, Small Claims No. 07-0922 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. June 4, 2008). Defendant is an old childhood friend.

Friendly Fin. Co., Inc. v. Yobech, Small Claims No. 06-1096 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. June 4, 2008). Defendant is a childhood friend.

Fleming v. Castro, Civ. No. 07-0405T (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Nov. 12, 2007). Defendant is my sister-in-law's mother.

NMC Bookstore v. Manglona, Small Claims No. 07-0318 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Oct. 18, 2007). Defendant is a close niece.

Tooth Works v. Ayuyu, Small Claims No. 06-1159 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Sept. 25, 2007). Defendant is a close personal and family friend.

UPCA v. Guerrero, Small Claims No. 06-0556 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Aug. 22, 2007). Defendant is a childhood friend.

Commonwealth v. Camacho, Crim. No. 07-0053C (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. July 25, 2007). Defendant is married to my first cousin.

Fusco v. Matsumoto, Civ. No. 06-0080 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. June 4, 2007). Defendant is married to a close, first cousin of my husband.

Auto Glass Pro v. Iginioef, Small Claims No. 07-0069 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Apr. 13, 2007). Defendant is a close niece.

In re Estate of Malite (on remand), Civ. No. 97-0369 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Apr. 11, 2007). My husband was a member of the panel on appeal that decided the case and remanded the case to the trial court.

In re Estate of Sablan v. Sablan, Civ. No. 04-0250 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Mar. 29, 2007). Defendant is my godsister.

Nat'l Collection Servs. Inc. v. Manzanares, Small Claims No. 06-0732 (N.M.L Super. Ct. Mar. 28, 2007). Defendant is a close family friend.

TJ Enters. v. Manglona, Small Claims No. 06-0408 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Mar. 8, 2007). Defendant is a close niece.

United Pac. Collections Agency v. Sanchez, Small Claims No. 06-0750 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Feb. 27, 2007). Plaintiff's claim was for my regular car service provider.

Grand Mkt. v. Manglona dba Tosi Mobil Station, Small Claims No. 06-0854 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Dec. 14, 2006). Defendant is a close uncle of my husband.

Heng Da Corp. v. Mendiola, Small Claims No. 06-0644 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Dec. 4, 2006). Defendant is a longtime family friend.

UIU Micronesia v. Manglona, Civ. No. 06-0335C (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Sept. 5, 2006). Defendants are my husband's close uncle and aunt.

MPLT v. APLE 501, Civ. No. 06-0366C (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Aug. 31, 2006). A co-Defendant is a close first cousin of my husband.

Century Ins. v. Manglona dba UR Food Deli, Small Claims No. 06-0300 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. June 1, 2006). Defendant is a close aunt of my husband.

Joeten Motor Co., Inc. v. Camacho, Civ. No. 04-0303 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Feb. 19, 2005). Defendant is a close family friend.

I recused sua sponte in the following matters on a mandatory basis per 1 CMC § 3308(b):

Songsong v. Property Mgmt., Inc., Civ. No. 10-0329C (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Dec. 27, 2010). One of the potential witnesses is my sister.

In re Estate of Roberto, Civ. No. 98-983D (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Dec. 7, 2010). I became a co-trustee of a family trust which has a long-term leasehold agreement with a claimant in the case.

Commonwealth v. Apas, Traff. No. 04-05064 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Nov. 13, 2009). One of Plaintiff's witnesses is my brother.

Commonwealth v. Villagomez, Traff. No. 09-00314 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Apr. 1, 2009). Defendant is my brother.

Marianas Ins. Co. v. Commonwealth Ports Auth., Civ. No. 01-0269D (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Sept. 8, 2008). My brother is a member of the Defendant's board of directors.

NMI Retirement Fund v. NMI Gov. Fitial, Civ. No. 06-0367D (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Aug. 12, 2008). My brother had a pending civil action against Plaintiff that relates to the same basis of this action.

Commonwealth Dept. of Treasury v. Pac. Resort Dev., Inc., Small Claims No. 08-0277 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. May 15, 2008). Co-Defendant is my father.

Commonwealth v. Camacho, Crim. No. 07-0117C (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Sept. 6, 2007). The victim was my nephew.

UMDA v. G.E.T., Civ. No. 07-0152 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. May 21, 2007). My father was a shareholder of Plaintiff.

JCT Enters. v. Villagomez, Small Claims No. 94-1779 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Apr. 26, 2007). One Defendant was my brother.

Isla Financial v. Villagomez, Small Claims No. 07-0028 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Mar. 7, 2007). Defendant is my niece.

Bank of Saipan v. Fennell, Civ. No. 04-0449A (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Dec. 12, 2006). I was

involved in the underlying receivership case as a government attorney.

Pangelinan v. Guerrero, Small Claims No. 05-0965 and 4 consolidated cases (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Sept. 18, 2006). Defendant is a longtime, close personal friend.

Haugh v. CNMI Travel Agency, Small Claims No. 06-0390 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Sept. 12, 2006). My sister was a witness to the matter.

New Shintani Corp. v. Manglona, Civ. No. 06-041 SR (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Sept. 5, 2006). Brother-in-law is a shareholder of Plaintiff.

Atalig v. OKP, Civ. No. 06-0119R (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Aug. 28, 2006). My brother-in-law was the resident director and potential witness of a co-Defendant corporation.

Torres Refrigeration v. Dela Cruz, Small Claims No. 06-0311 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. June 21, 2006). Defendant is my brother-in-law's sister.

Townhouse v. Pangelinan, Small Claims No. 06-0013 and 06-0081 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Mar. 2, 2006). Defendant is my first cousin.

BankPacific v. Castro, Small Claims No. 05-0283 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Jan. 4, 2006). Defendants are my sister-in-law's parents.

Teregeyo v. Iguel, Small Claims No. 05-897 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Dec. 12, 2005). Plaintiff was my courtroom clerk.

JWS Airconditioning and Refrigeration, Ltd. v. PB Props., Civ. No. 04-0540C (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Oct. 31, 2005). Father-in-law owns Defendant corporation.

15. Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations:

- a. List chronologically any public offices you have held, other than judicial offices, including the terms of service and whether such positions were elected or appointed. If appointed, please include the name of the individual who appointed you. Also, state chronologically any unsuccessful candidacies you have had for elective office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

From 1991 to 1994, I served as a member of the CNMI Library Council. I was appointed by Governor Lorenzo I. Guerrero.

From 2002 to 2003, I served as Attorney General of the CNMI. I was appointed by Governor Juan N. Babauta.

I have not had any unsuccessful candidacies for elective office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

- b. List all memberships and offices held in and services rendered, whether compensated or not, to any political party or election committee. If you have ever held a position or played a role in a political campaign, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, dates of the campaign, your title and responsibilities.

In 1991, I served as the unpaid Treasurer for the Committee to Elect Thomas P. Villagomez to the CNMI House of Representatives. I received and dispensed funds for campaign expenses for the election of this candidate, my brother.

16. **Legal Career:** Answer each part separately.

- a. Describe chronologically your law practice and legal experience after graduation from law school including:
- i. whether you served as clerk to a judge, and if so, the name of the judge, the court and the dates of the period you were a clerk.

I served as a law clerk to the Honorable Virginia Sablan-Onerheim, CNMI Superior Court, from March 1997 to October 1997. Thereafter, from October 1997 to January 1998, I served as a law clerk to the Honorable Alexandro C. Castro, Presiding Judge of the CNMI Superior Court.

- ii. whether you practiced alone, and if so, the addresses and dates.

I have never been in private practice.

- iii. The dates, names and addresses of law firms or offices, companies or governmental agencies with which you have been affiliated, and the nature of your affiliation with each.

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Deputy Attorney General (2002)
Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division (2001 – 2002)
Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division (1998 – 2001)

- iv. whether you served as a mediator or arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings and, if so, a description of the 10 most significant matters with which you were involved in that capacity.

I never served as a mediator or arbitrator.

b. Describe:

- i. the general character of your law practice and indicate by date when its character has changed over the years.

I have never engaged in the private practice of law. All my legal practice has been in public service for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. As Attorney General, I supervised all the government attorneys, investigation unit, and support staff, and provided legal advice to the Governor, Lt. Governor, and department heads until I joined the NMI Judiciary in 2003. In 2011, I was nominated and confirmed as a federal district judge.

- ii. your typical clients and the areas at each period of your legal career, if any, in which you have specialized.

After my judicial clerkships, I became a prosecutor and handled traffic, juvenile, misdemeanor and felony criminal cases. I prosecuted all my cases at the trial and appellate levels.

I transferred from the Criminal Division to the Civil Division of the CNMI Attorney General's Office, and became a litigator as well as legal counsel for various government agencies.

- c. Describe the percentage of your practice that has been in litigation and whether you appeared in court frequently, occasionally, or not at all. If the frequency of your appearances in court varied, describe such variance, providing dates.

About 90 percent of my practice was as a prosecutor, and 10 percent was as a civil litigator. I appeared in court frequently.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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| 1. federal courts: | 00.1% |
| 2. state courts of record: | 95.9% |
| 3. other courts: | 0% |
| 4. administrative agencies: | 4% |

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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| 1. civil proceedings: | 10% |
| 2. criminal proceedings: | 90% |

- d. State the number of cases in courts of record, including cases before administrative law judges, you tried to verdict, judgment or final decision (rather than settled), indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate

counsel.

I tried two civil jury trials in U.S. District Court for the NMI, one as chief counsel, and the other as associate counsel. I tried five criminal jury trials in NMI Superior Court, serving as sole counsel in two cases, chief counsel in one case, and associate counsel in two cases.

I tried approximately 50 bench trials in traffic court and misdemeanor criminal cases as sole counsel.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:
 - 1. jury: 10%
 - 2. non-jury: 90%

- e. Describe your practice, if any, before the Supreme Court of the United States. Supply four (4) copies of any briefs, amicus or otherwise, and, if applicable, any oral argument transcripts before the Supreme Court in connection with your practice.

I did not practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

17. **Litigation:** Describe the ten (10) most significant litigated matters which you personally handled, whether or not you were the attorney of record. Give the citations, if the cases were reported, and the docket number and date if unreported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented; describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case:

- a. the date of representation;
- b. the name of the court and the name of the judge or judges before whom the case was litigated; and
- c. the individual name, addresses, and telephone numbers of co-counsel and of principal counsel for each of the other parties.

- 1. *Commonwealth v. Manila*, Crim. No. 00-0509 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Oct. 21, 2001), *aff'd*, 2005 MP 17.

As lead counsel, I prosecuted this first shaken baby syndrome murder case in the Northern Mariana Islands. My involvement included the investigation of the case, which began when the baby was hospitalized before her death. The case required the testimony of several medical experts to distinguish the different injuries and establish the cause of death. The jury convicted Mr. Manila, who was sentenced to 60 years imprisonment.

Judge:

Virginia Sablan-Onerheim, nka Virginia S. Sablan

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2. *Cabrera v. Northern Mariana Islands*, Civ. No. 00-0022 (D. N. Mar. I. Dec. 18, 2001).

As lead counsel, I successfully defended three police officers in a Section 1983 lawsuit for alleged police brutality filed by a family arrested by the officers. After the family's case in chief, I had most of the counts dismissed on a Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 50(a) motion. The jury granted judgment in favor of our clients for all remaining counts.

Judge:

Alex R. Munson

Co-counsel:

Clyde Lemons, Jr. (Retired)

Plaintiffs' Counsel:

Joseph A. Arriola
Disbarred

3. *Commonwealth v. Cabrera*, Crim. No. 00-0381 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. July 27, 2001).

Mr. Cabrera and his three sons were charged for attacking their neighbor and the neighbor's guest, and causing extensive damage to the residence in the presence of the victim's family. I assisted in the prosecution of the case wherein Mr. Cabrera and his sons were convicted by the jury.

Judge:

David A. Wiseman (Retired)

Lead counsel:

Clyde Lemons, Jr. (Retired)

Defendants' Counsel:

Joseph A. Arriola

Disbarred

4. *Commonwealth v. Teigita*, Crim. No. 00-0273 and three consolidated cases (Nos. CR97-0199; CR99-0580; and CR00-0306) (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Oct. 31, 2000).

Mr. Teigita had three pending criminal cases in the CNMI court when he was charged with two individuals for committing a poker room robbery. He and his co-defendants were indicted in federal court for the same incident. A global disposition for all four CNMI cases and one federal case was reached. Within nine months after the incident occurred, Mr. Teigita entered a guilty plea in two of the four CNMI cases and the federal case, and received a sentence to serve in a federal penitentiary. This prompt resolution served to deter poker room robbery cases rampant on the island at the time.

Judge:

Edward Manibusan

Defendant's counsel:

Douglas Hartig

Chief Public Defender

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5. *Commonwealth v. Santos*, Crim. No. 99-0494 and three consolidated cases (Nos. CR99-0495, CR00-0076 and CR00-0135) (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Aug. 17, 2000).

Mr. Santos, a repeat offender with a long history of criminal cases, committed a series of serious offenses within weeks after being released from serving a prison term. I prosecuted the four CNMI cases and had each of them set for a jury trial. While the cases were awaiting trial, Mr. Santos was charged in federal court for a federal criminal offense based on the same facts as one of the CNMI cases. Mr. Santos' attorney for the federal case and the attorney for the CNMI cases recommended a joint disposition to me and the Assistant U.S. Attorney. Mr. Santos entered a guilty plea in two of the CNMI cases and the federal case. He received a lengthy prison term to serve in the federal penal system.

Judge:

Edward Manibusan

Defendant's Counsel:

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Assistant U.S. Attorney:

David Wood (deceased)

6. *Commonwealth v. Martinez*, Traff. No. 97-6830 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Mar. 31, 1998), *aff'd in part, rev'd in part*, 2000 MP 5.

I prosecuted this traffic DUI case against an off-duty police officer that resulted in a conviction for DUI, and other violations. I also defended the conviction on appeal. The CNMI Supreme Court affirmed the DUI and one violation, but reversed the conviction for the other violation. This caselaw is frequently cited in traffic cases.

Judge:

Miguel S. Demapan (deceased)

Defendant's Counsel at trial and on appeal:

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7. *Commonwealth v. Pangelinan*, Crim. No. 98-0485 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Mar. 21, 2000).

This criminal domestic violence case involved a police officer who had previously investigated domestic violence cases. Prior to the bench trial, Mr. Pangelinan married the complaining witness. The complaining witness nevertheless wanted to proceed with the trial because she was insistent that the hitting did in fact occur. During the trial, however, she recanted her story and I had to treat her as a hostile witness. The court returned a not guilty verdict.

Judge:

Virginia Sablan-Onerheim nka Virginia S. Sablan

Defendant's Counsel:

Douglas F. Cushnie (deceased)

8. *Commonwealth v. Scragg*, Traff. No. 98-03872 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Oct. 1, 1998), *aff'd*, 2000 MP 4.

I prosecuted this traffic case in a bench trial that resulted in a conviction for DUI and refusal to submit to a breath test. I also defended the conviction on appeal before the CNMI Supreme Court. The conviction was affirmed, and this caselaw is frequently cited in traffic cases.

Judge:

Edward Manibusan

Defendant's Counsel at Trial and on Appeal:

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9. *Commonwealth v. Nekaifes*, Crim. No. 97-0372 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Apr. 15, 1999).

I prosecuted this criminal case against two women who robbed a gas station. I tried the first defendant, an elderly woman, before a jury in the NMI Superior Court. The jury returned a guilty verdict. This is a very unusual case in Saipan because it was the first time a jury convicted an elderly woman for robbery. She was sentenced to serve a short prison term. Her co-defendant, the principal in the robbery, was subsequently charged with two additional criminal cases. She entered a guilty plea to a felony charge and was sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment.

Judge:

Timothy H. Bellas

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10. *Commonwealth v. Cabrera*, Crim. No. 97-0447 (N. Mar. I. Commw. Super. Ct. Feb. 2, 1999).

I was co-counsel for the prosecution in a murder case against two Defendants. I participated in the trial as well as witness preparation, including securing the key witness' presence from Washington State. The jury returned a not guilty verdict on the murder charge, but the trial judge returned a guilty verdict on the misdemeanor charge of assault and battery on another victim, and sentenced both Defendants to the maximum term of imprisonment.

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18. **Legal Activities:** Describe the most significant legal activities you have pursued, including significant litigation which did not progress to trial or legal matters that did not involve litigation. Describe fully the nature of your participation in these activities. List any client(s) or organization(s) for whom you performed lobbying activities and describe the lobbying activities you performed on behalf of such client(s) or organizations(s). (Note: As to any facts requested in this question, please omit any information protected by the attorney-client privilege.)

In 2001, I represented a CNMI government agency as an Assistant Attorney General in an arbitration case of a private company's lawsuit against the CNMI Government for a breach of contract claim after the company performed a major renovation of an island marina. During arbitration, the parties pursued settlement that incorporated creative terms requiring legislative approval. This brought both parties before a senate legislative hearing. The legislature's failure to approve the settlement caused the matter to return to arbitration. Another attorney handled the renewed arbitration hearing. The company prevailed, and obtained a judgment against the government that was significantly more than the terms of the proposed settlement amount.

In 2002, I was appointed as Deputy Attorney General and was charged with supervising

the entire Civil Division of the Office of the Attorney General. From 2002 to 2003, I served as the first female and indigenous Attorney General of the CNMI.

Since becoming a District Court Judge in 2011, I have actively participated on the Pacific Judicial Council (“PJC”) which comprises nine jurisdictions, including American Samoa, Guam, the CNMI, the Federated States of Micronesia, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Yap, Kosrae, and Palau. In my current role as a voting member on the PJC Education Committee, I assist with developing and promoting programs for the legal community.

In 2012, I established a committee that revised the Criminal Justice Act (“CJA”) Plan in the NMI to create a CJA committee. Because there is no assigned federal public defender to this District, I work closely with attorneys in the community to serve as CJA attorneys for indigent defendants who appear in the District Court.

In 2013, I appointed the first ever magistrate judge for our District Court, who carries the dual title of magistrate judge and Clerk of Court. In 2016, I established the Drug Offender Re-entry Court (DORE), a federal drug re-entry court in the CNMI. It was a collaborative effort between the District Court for the NMI, the U.S. Attorney’s Office, the CJA Panel, and several community partners such as counseling services, to assist federal drug offenders. I also supervise any District Court committee that revises local rules governing civil, criminal, and magistrate judge responsibilities. The most recent revisions to the local rules were completed in 2017.

As the Chief District Court Judge in the NMI, I supervised the construction of a new courthouse that opened during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in July 2020. The 36,000 square foot new building includes two judges’ chambers, a jury assembly room, a law library, a state of the art spacious 2,400 square foot courtroom with a unique oculus skylight, and a large multi-purpose space that functions as grand jury room and a second courtroom. The courthouse also houses the Office of the Clerk of Court and the U.S. Pretrial and Probation Office, the U.S. Attorney’s Office, the U.S. Marshals Service, and the Federal Protective Service. The opening of the new courthouse amidst the pandemic enabled all the stakeholders to maintain operations and give the community access to justice either in person or through the use of modern technology.

I have also been involved in various efforts regarding legislation affecting territorial courts. For instance, I communicated with U.S. Representative Gregorio “Kilili” Sablan (NMI), and Guam Representatives Madeline Bordallo and then Michael F. Q. San Nicolas, and worked with the Judicial Conference of the United States, the policymaking body for the federal courts, on proposed legislation to: increase from 10 to 15 years the term of office of the judges of the district courts of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; and amend the retirement benefits for territorial judges.

19. **Teaching:** What courses have you taught? For each course, state the title, the institution at which you taught the course, the years in which you taught the course, and describe briefly the subject matter of the course and the major topics taught. If you have a syllabus of each course, provide four (4) copies to the committee.

None.

20. **Deferred Income/ Future Benefits**: List the sources, amounts and dates of all anticipated receipts from deferred income arrangements, stock, options, uncompleted contracts and other future benefits which you expect to derive from previous business relationships, professional services, firm memberships, former employers, clients or customers. Describe the arrangements you have made to be compensated in the future for any financial or business interest.

None.

21. **Outside Commitments During Court Service**: Do you have any plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment, with or without compensation, during your service with the court? If so, explain.

None.

22. **Sources of Income**: List sources and amounts of all income received during the calendar year preceding your nomination and for the current calendar year, including all salaries, fees, dividends, interest, gifts, rents, royalties, licensing fees, honoraria, and other items exceeding \$500 or more (if you prefer to do so, copies of the financial disclosure report, required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, may be substituted here).

See attached Financial Disclosure Report.

23. **Statement of Net Worth**: Please complete the attached financial net worth statement in detail (add schedules as called for).

See attached Net Worth Statement.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest**:

- a. Identify the family members or other persons, parties, categories of litigation, and financial arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts-of-interest when you first assume the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you would address any such conflict if it were to arise.

Since becoming a District Court Judge, I have found that parties, witnesses, and attorneys likely to present potential conflicts of interest include my close family members and friends. Where close family members or friends are parties, witnesses, or attorneys appear before me, I will recuse myself and a designated judge would then preside over the matter.

Additionally, my spouse is currently a justice on the Commonwealth Supreme Court. A filing in federal court that may call on a certified question to the Commonwealth Supreme Court will cause my spouse, rather than me, to disqualify himself. State court habeas petitions that have been decided upon by the NMI Supreme Court will cause me to recuse myself in the event my husband was on the panel.

During my term as District Court Judge, I have recused myself when I have had conflicts of interest based on financial interests. I have made efforts to divest myself of shares in local companies to avoid any future financial conflict of interest.

- b. Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest, including the procedure you will follow in determining these areas of concern.

I will continue to handle all matters involving actual or potential conflicts of interest through the careful and diligent application of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, 28 U.S.C. § 455, as well as other relevant Canons and statutory provisions. In the event of my disqualification, a designated judge from the courts of record of the Northern Mariana Islands, or District Court of Guam, or a circuit or district judge of any of the circuits, may be assigned to serve as a judge. 48 U.S.C. § 1821(b)(2).

25. **Pro Bono Work:** An ethical consideration under Canon 2 of the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility calls for "every lawyer, regardless of professional prominence or professional workload, to find some time to participate in serving the disadvantaged." Describe what you have done to fulfill these responsibilities, listing specific instances and the amount of time devoted to each.

Since I have been a government attorney throughout my legal career, I have been unable to provide free legal service to people because my employment contract prohibits me from engaging in legal work outside of my public employment.

I have participated in public forum conferences as a guest speaker, and have volunteered in various school competitions involving the law. I have been a guest speaker to mock trial high school and junior high school teams, as well as served as an attorney coach. I regularly preside over the mock trial high school championship round.

Over the years, I would, and continue to, welcome school children to my courtroom and speak about the justice system. I also visit schools annually during Law Week – from elementary and middle school, to high school and college – as part of the Northern Marianas Judiciary's "Courts in the Classroom" program.

From 2004 to 2011, I devoted a substantial amount of time spearheading the Criminal Justice Information System for the entire Northern Mariana Islands, including the

planning, procurement, and utilization of the law enforcement executive departments' communications infrastructure.

I also served as a coach for the Northern Marianas high school team for the "We the People" national competition in Washington, DC in April 2010. This program educates students on the U.S. Constitution.

26. **Selection Process:**

- a. Please describe your experience in the entire judicial selection process, from beginning to end (including the circumstances which led to your nomination and the interviews in which you participated). Is there a selection commission in your jurisdiction to recommend candidates for nomination to the federal courts? If so, please include that process in your description, as well as whether the commission recommended your nomination. List the dates of all interviews or communications you had with the White House staff or the Justice Department regarding this nomination. Do not include any contacts with Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel concerning your nomination.

There is no selection commission in the Northern Marianas to recommend judicial candidates for the U.S. District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands.

In December 2020, United States Congressman Gregorio Kilili Sablan and I met and he informed me that he would recommend me to the White House for renomination after my initial ten year term expired in July 2021.

On February 4, 2021, Congressman Sablan sent a letter to the President recommending that I be renominated for a second term as District Court Judge for the Northern Mariana Islands. On May 3, 2023, Congressman Sablan called and informed me that the White House would be contacting me about my potential renomination. I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office on May 4, 2023. Since May 6, 2023, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. On August 30, 2023, the President announced his intent to nominate me.

- b. Has anyone involved in the process of selecting you as a judicial nominee discussed with you any currently pending or specific case, legal issue or question in a manner that could reasonably be interpreted as seeking any express or implied assurances concerning your position on such case, issue, or question? If so, explain fully.

No.