

PRESS RELEASE

LAW WEEK 2007

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - April 24, 2007 - In celebration of Law Week 2007, the Judiciary of Guam and the Guam Bar Association have planned several events to increase awareness about the law and legal process.

Law Week begins on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, with Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido presenting his State of the Judiciary Address at the Guam Judicial Center Atrium. The Address will be given on the official date of Law Day, a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law and the legal profession. The Address will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be followed by a merienda hosted by the Guam Bar Association. The Bar Association's annual Law Day Social for its members will be held at Carmen's Cha Cha Cha that night.

On Wednesday, May 2, 2007, the Supreme Court of Guam will hold an oral argument at the University of Guam Lecture Hall at 12 noon. This is the second year the court will hold this outreach event, allowing University students, faculty and the general public, the opportunity to view appellate arguments. The three-justice panel consisting of Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido, Justice Robert J. Torres, and Justice *Pro Tempore* Ramona V. Manglona will hear oral arguments in the case of *In re Hemlani*, CVA06-010, which involves an appeal in the contested probate case of Puranchand Hemlani, a prominent local businessman. The case will be argued by Atty. Delia Lujan and Bill Mann, who have agreed to participate in the outreach program.

Thursday, May 3, 2007, includes two special events. First, we welcome the new admittees to the Guam Bar, as they are sworn in during a ceremony in the Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom. The ceremony is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. with a merienda to follow. An Awards Ceremony scheduled for 3:00 p.m. later that afternoon, honors the winners of the annual Mock Trial Competition, who will be presented with trophies for their part in this annual program. Members of the Guam Bar served both as attorney-coaches and judges for this competition, and some have participated as student attorneys in the past. Winners of the annual Law Day Essay Contest will also be recognized and presented with medals and cash prizes courtesy of the Judiciary and Guam Bar Association.

Friday, May 4, 2007, marks the last day of the traditional weeklong outreach events at the island's high schools. It's not too late to sign up to speak to a class, to share your experiences and encourage students to finish high school. For more information, contact Geri Cepeda by phone at 475-3150 or by email at gcepeda@guamsupremecourt.com.