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January 16, 2007

Guam Bar Association Board of Directors  
c/o Rodney Jacob, President  
Guam Bar Association  
655 Marine Drive  
First Savings & Loan Building  
Tamuning, Guam

Re: Proposed Amended Guam Rules of Civil Procedure and Proposed Amended Local Rules of Practice for the Superior Court of Guam

Dear Board of Directors:

As you are aware, the Judiciary Subcommittee on Rules of Civil Procedure & Rules of the Superior Court completed its draft of Amended Guam Rules of Civil Procedure and circulated that draft to the Guam Bar Association. On October 27, 2006, a forum was held at which the major changes in the Guam Rules of Civil Procedure were highlighted by members of the Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee also worked on changes to the Local Rules of Practice for the Superior Court of Guam.

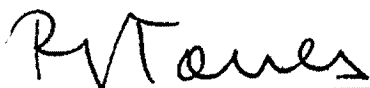
The Subcommittee met on November 16, 2006, to consider the issues raised at the October 27, 2006, forum. The Subcommittee decided that since the Local Rules of Practice for the Superior Court of Guam implement the GRCP, it would be important to promulgate the Local Rules at the same time as the Guam Rules of Civil Procedure. The target effective date for both sets of rules is May 1, 2007.

In order to assist the Bar in beginning its review of the Local Rules of Practice for the Superior Court of Guam, we are now circulating one set of rules entitled "General Rules." We are also circulating the first part of the "Civil Rules" up to Rule 37.1. Like CNMI and many other jurisdictions, we adopted a numbering system for local rules that is meant to correspond to the appropriate Guam Rule of Civil Procedure; for example Local Rule 26.1 implements Guam Rule 26, "Discovery."

We invite written comments on the proposed local rules to be emailed any time to Ann Keith at [akeith@guamsupremecourt.com](mailto:akeith@guamsupremecourt.com) or to the following address:

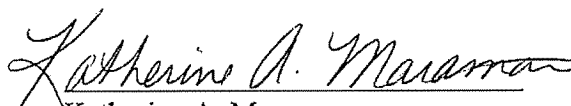
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A forum and opportunity to comment will be held at a later date. We look forward to working with the Guam Bar in promulgating both the GRCP and the local court rules. Thank you.



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Robert J. Torres  
Supreme Court Justice  
Co-Chairperson



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Katherine A. Maraman  
Superior Court Judge  
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