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To: GBA Members
From: Hannah Gutierrez-Arroyo *HGA*
Clerk of Court, Supreme Court of Guam
Date: May 29, 2008

Re: Notice of Appellate Practice CLE -- SAVE THE DATE!

The Supreme Court of Guam, in conjunction with the District Court of Guam, will be presenting an Appellate Practice CLE course as part of the District Court Conference in October.

The Appellate Practice course will be an all-day event held on **October 10, 2008**.*

Course presenters will include:

- Alex Kozinski, Chief Judge of the 9th Circuit
- F. Philip Carbullido, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Guam
- Jill Ramsfield, Director of Legal Research and Writing for the University of Hawaii School of Law, and formerly for Georgetown University Law Center
- Hannah Gutierrez-Arroyo, Clerk of Court, Supreme Court of Guam
- Daniel Rislove, Chief Assistant to the Compiler of Laws

This course promises to be very informative, focusing on the practical skills and knowledge necessary for effective appellate practice. Topic areas will include:

- Overview of current Guam Rules of Appellate Procedure, focusing on the requirements for properly filing an appeal and the common mistakes many lawyers make
- Proper Blue Book citation of cases and other reference materials
- Interactive writing seminar, focusing on how to write effectively, persuasively, and clearly
- Best practices in oral advocacy, with invaluable tips from Judge Kozinski and Justice Carbullido on engaging in an effective oral argument

The bulk of the day will be devoted to the writing skills seminar, which will be presented by Jill Ramsfield. Professor Ramsfield is a highly regarded legal writing trainer. Apart from her years as a professor and Director of Legal Research and Writing for Georgetown University Law Center and University of Hawaii School of Law, Jill Ramsfield is often hired by top law firms nationwide to conduct training in legal writing.

She is the President of J.J. Ramsfield Seminars based in Washington, D.C., and conducts writing workshops nationally and internationally.

Participants in this CLE course will not only benefit from the live presentation, but will also be able to take with them quick-reference practice guides and other valuable writing tools. Whether or not you do much appellate work, this course will enhance your performance as a lawyer by helping to sharpen your writing and advocacy skills.

* Participants will receive approximately 8 CLE hours for this course.