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Announcement of District Court of Guam's Lawyer Representative Attorney Rodney J. Jacob

Chief Judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood is pleased to announce the appointment of attorney **Rodney J. Jacob** to be the Ninth Circuit Lawyer Coordinating Committee Representative for the District of Guam, effective January 4, 2024.

As the District of Guam's Lawyer Representative, Mr. Jacob will work to improve the overall delivery of public service by the District Court of Guam by enhancing access to the court system and fostering open communication between lawyers and judges. As the primary liaison between the federal bench and the practicing federal bar, Mr. Jacob is tasked with chairing the annual district conference in accordance with national guidelines and will publish the Annual District Report for Guam and present that report to the Ninth Circuit. Additionally, Mr. Jacob will attend and participate in the annual Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, and in the conference resolution process. He will also educate members of the bar generally about the conference and solicit their reviews.

Mr. Jacob has served on several committees at the District Court of Guam, including the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, the Civil Local Rules of Practice Committee, and the Annual District Conference Committees from 2009 to 2018. In addition, he has coordinated U.S. Department of the Interior and the Ninth Circuit sponsored ADR educational and training programs for the courts and bars of all the U.S. Territories and insular areas and has coordinated numerous conferences for the bench and bars of the CNMI and Palau. In 2018, he was presented with the District Court of Guam's Cristobal C. Dueñas Excellence Award.

Mr. Jacob is a partner in Calvo Jacob & Pangelinan's Guam office and past President of the Guam Bar Association. His current clients include numerous regional and Japanese corporations in Guam, the CNMI, and the United States. Mr. Jacob has extensive experience representing commercial clients in complex cross-border litigation and mediation, with significant experience in conducting U.S. discovery in Japan.

Mr. Jacob is admitted to the bar in California, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. He currently serves as the Guam Commissioner for Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). Mr. Jacob received his B.S. (1986) and J.D. (1989) from Georgetown University. He was the law clerk to Judge Lawrence Howard, Arizona Court of Appeals (1989-1990) and to Chief Justice Jose Dela Cruz, CNMI Supreme Court (1993- 1995). He grew up in Tucson, Arizona.