

GUAM BAR BRIEF

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Message from THE PRESIDENT

Håfa Adai todū hamyo yan Biba Mes Chamoru! Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Bar Brief. The Board of Governors is pleased to present a quarterly publication that meets our commitment to communicate with you. We will highlight the newest members of our association, detail our efforts for ongoing projects, inform you about upcoming events, and importantly, provide a forum for discussion of important issues facing our association.

We have a number of improvements planned. Our most recent effort resulted in a change to our notice requirements. In October 2017, we conducted our first Referendum and presented to you two questions – first, whether we should modify the rules of conduct for meetings, and second, whether we should implement email notification. The majority of our membership answered, Yes to both questions. Upon our petition, the Supreme Court of Guam adopted and modified our Rules and By-laws, accordingly.

Great news for those of you who have been wanting more reliable internet service in the Judicial Building Center. Effective April 2, 2018, the GBA will have a dedicated password-secured wifi network. You will need to search and select the GBA_Member network, and enter the password that you can find by reading this newsletter.

One of our priorities is to establish a permanent home for the GBA and hire an Executive Director. Outreach programs to establish a Pro Bono Clinic and A Law Series for the Manamko, are but a few of the projects intended to serve our island population. Involvement in our community projects and our social events are essential keys to fostering our relationships. We invite you to get involved in one of our many projects; to participate in upcoming events; and to help develop more ideas to improve our association. Let's work together to "Raise the Bar!"



MEET SHANNEN

Shannen Wong joined the Guam Bar administrative team in October 2017. As the administrative arm for the Board of Governors, Shannen is its direct liaison with the public; answering inquiries from the Lawyer Referral Service, providing information on the Guam Bar Association, and directing the public to available legal resources. She is also responsible for updating and maintaining all GBA member information, including all email communication members receive from the GBA.

Subpoena Registrar

HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH ONGOING PROJECTS

The Subpoena Registrar will be a permanent fixture in our newsletter. This section will feature ongoing GBA projects, a Subpoena for volunteers, and an official Registrar to facilitate your involvement.

Pro Bono Clinic. Vice President Minakshi V. Hemlani mvhemlani@mvhlaw.net

The GBA Legal Aid and Lawyer Referral Committee is working to establish a Pro Bono Clinic that will fill a need in our community for limited legal assistance. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering your time or services.

Rules and Bylaws Revision. Member-At-Large Joaquin C. Arriola, Jr. jay.arriola@arriolacowan.com

A comprehensive review of proposed modifications to the GBA Rules and Bylaws. Members of this committee also include past presidents, Cynthia Ecube and Rodney Jacob.

A Law Series for Manamko. President Jacqueline T. Terlaje jacque.terlaje@terlajelaw.com

In conjunction with the U.S. District Court of Guam and the Department of Public Health, Senior Citizens Department, the GBA intends to introduce a Probate, Trusts, Wills and Deeds legal series to assist our manamko in understanding their options. Chamoru, Tagalog and other native speakers are invited to respond to this Subpoena. Starting April 27, 2018 through the month of May, we will be taking this legal series to the Senior Citizens' Centers in addition to a Law Clinic at the Governor Joseph Flores Beach Park (Ypao Beach).

Entity Clarification. President Jacqueline T. Terlaje jacque.terlaje@terlajelaw.com

The Board of Governors has requested that Legislature clarify the status of the GBA by expressly exempting it from complying with specific provisions of Guam law.



Hitting on a district-court judge

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DRAFT FINANCIAL INFORMATION
DECEMBER 31, 2017

BAR DUES REVENUE
\$123,575.50

NON-DUES REVENUE
\$600.00

BAR EXPENSES
\$60,421.39

Announcing
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We said *Adios* to an old friend...

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Enjoy the memories!

2017 GBA HOLIDAY BASH

Over 120 people attended the 2017 Annual Holiday Bash on December 14, 2017, at Proa Restaurant in Hagatna. Raffles were donated by generous sponsors (see Special Thanks on page 8) which helped us raise \$1,000.00. Proceeds were donated in equal shares to Alee Shelter and Sanctuary of Guam, Inc.





GBA CHARITY DONATION



Alee Shelter and Sanctuary, Inc. expressed their sincere thanks to all the members of the GBA.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 27, 2018
GBA LAW DAY MIXER
 Guam Museum

May 12, 2018
RACE JUDICATA 5K RUN/WALK:
THE CARABAO RUN
 Historic Hagåtña

CONGRATULATIONS TO RODNEY J. JACOB



The 6th recipient of the prestigious Cristobal C. Dueñas Excellence Award. "To honor the legacy of the late Retired District Judge Cristobal C. Duenas, the Excellence Award recognizes a person or entity for significantly advancing the administration of justice and the legal profession through meritorious deeds or exemplary service, especially service in the District Court of Guam," states Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood. Mr. Jacob is a former President of the GBA.



- Shanahan

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