

DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM Celebrates Law Week 2011



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District Court of Guam Open House for Middle School Students

Students from Andersen Middle School toured the District Court courthouse during its Law Week Open House, and met with the federal judges, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood and U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr., Assistant United States Attorney Fred Black, and Federal Public Defender John Gorman. They also learned about careers in the United States Secret Service from Special Agent Glen Peterson, and operations of the federal probation office from Chief U.S. Probation Officer Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon and Chief Deputy U. S. Probation Officer Grace Flores. In the U.S. Marshals Service Office, they were able to speak with U.S. Marshal Frank Leon Guerrero, and learn about deputy marshals' duties in their job. They visited the Clerk's Office, where Chief Deputy Clerk of Court Charles White explained some technological advances being implemented in the court. Finally, the students toured the Chief Judge's courtroom and chambers.

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Judiciary of Guam and District Court of Guam Proclamation Signing

The co-sponsors of Guam's annual Law Week Celebration commemorated the kickoff of Law Week 2011 during a joint proclamation signing ceremony at the Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom at the Supreme Court of Guam on April 25, 2011. The Judicial Council of Guam issued a resolution proclaiming Law Week, which was signed by Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido and members of the Judicial Council of Guam, as well as Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood and U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan. A resolution from Governor Edward B. Calvo was presented by Legal counsel Jamie Canto for Law Week. Senator Adolfo Palacios also presented a signed legislative resolution from the 31st Guam Legislature for Law Week as well. Guam Bar Association President Cynthia V. Ecube also announced the Guam Bar's resolution recognizing this important outreach activity.

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“Protective Intelligence” and “Threat Investigation” Training for the Judiciary of Guam Marshals

The United States Marshals held a training at the District Court of Guam conference room for Judiciary of Guam Marshals for “Protective Intelligence” and “Threat Investigation” in conjunction with Law Week.

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“Protective Intelligence” and “Threat Investigation” Training for Guam Police Department Officers

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“Protective Intelligence” and “Threat Investigation” Training for the Guam Police Department



District Court of Guam Open House for University Students

Students from the University of Guam and University of Maryland, led by their Professor Frank Ishizaki, obtained a first hand look at the federal court's Drug Court proceeding. They learned how therapeutic justice can succeed the court system while observing offenders, Chief Judge and treatment team members, including the prosecutor AUSA Fred Black and Federal Public Defender John Gorman, Chief Deputy U. S. Probation Officer Grace Flores and U.S. Probation Officer John San Nicolas, as well as therapists Dr. Ed Santos and Mr. Dan Duenas from Cornerstone Counseling and Wellness Center, and Dr. Judith Avery from Marianas Psychiatric Services.

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G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) Program and Graduation

Sixty-five (65) fifth grade students from Truman Elementary School, a Guam public school located in Santa Rita, Guam, graduated from the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program on April 27, 2011. G.R.E.A.T. is a school-based gang prevention program which is 13 weeks long with 45-60 minute lessons. The students learn life-skills needed to resist gang pressure and avoid gang membership, violence and delinquent behavior. Sworn law enforcement officers are trained by the G.R.E.A.T regional training center to teach the program's violence prevention curriculum to elementary and middle school students. The program goal is to prevent violence while developing a positive bond between law enforcement and youth during their developmental years. By graduation, the students have learned the importance of not only being good citizens, but G.R.E.A.T. citizens! One of the G.R.E.A.T. instructors on Guam is a U.S. Probation Officer from our court. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V. E. Manibusan, Jr. attended the graduation to congratulate the G.R.E.A.T. graduates.

G.R.E.A.T. GRADUATION (Gang Resistance Education And Training)



Law Day Naturalization Ceremony & Citizen Outreach

On April 30, 2011, the court held its annual Law Day Naturalization ceremony and welcomed 51 new citizens to the United States of America. The keynote speaker was Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido of the Supreme Court of Guam, who encouraged the new citizens to work hard to follow their dreams. Immediately after the ceremony, the court also held its Citizenship Outreach Program, where representatives from the Guam Election Commission, the Guam Passport Office, and the Social Security Administration were present after the ceremony to assist the new citizens with registering to vote, applying for a U.S. passport, and applying for or amending their Social Security information. For the first time, recruiters from the United States Armed Forces participated in the outreach program, and were available to speak with the new citizens about opportunities in the military.

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Law Fair: District Court of Guam Jury Outreach Table and U.S. Probation Office Outreach Table

The District Court participated in the Annual Law Fair at the Micronesia Mall, where members of the legal and law enforcement community, non-profit organizations and court related community partners, shared information and services with the general public. Participants in the Law Fair included the District Court, the U.S. Probation Office and United States Attorney's Office.

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FBI Citizens Academy

The District Court hosted the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Citizens' Academy, to give civic leaders and business people on Guam an inside perspective of the mission and capabilities of the FBI. The goal of the Citizens' Academy is to build strong partnerships between community leaders and the FBI, so that agents can better serve the needs of the island. Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood spoke about the role of the District Court of Guam in the justice system, and explained the differences between the local courts and the federal courts. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V. E. Manibusan, Jr., U.S. Attorney Alicia Limtiaco, and U.S. Federal Public Defender John Gorman also spoke to the FBI Citizens Academy explaining their role in our justice system.

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