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### Press Release

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### Judiciary Meets with Legislative Branch

On Wednesday, March 28, 2018, Senate President Arnold I. Palacios and House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan met with members of the CNMI Judiciary to discuss possible funding to replace the air conditioning system and remove and remediate the mold problem facing the Guma' Hustisia.

President Palacios and Speaker Demapan indicated they will work with Governor Ralph DLG. Torres to provide immediate funding so that the Guma' Hustisia can be reopened to court staff and the public. The building has been shut down since March 16.

“The Judiciary appreciates the support and assistance of both the Executive and Legislative Branches with securing funding to address the Guma' Hustisia’s air conditioning system and mold remediation,” said Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro. “Mold assessment is currently ongoing, but additional funding is necessary to address mold removal and remediation.” Director of Courts Sonia A. Camacho said, “It is recommended that we replace the air conditioning system with a newly manufactured one to fit the needs of the Guma' Hustisia. The replacement will take some time as it will need to be ordered and shipped to Saipan.”

Capital Improvement Project Administrator Elizabeth S. Balajadia and Technical Analyst Leona DLG. Sablan, who also attended the meeting, have been assisting the Judiciary on the mold remediation project.

Although the Guma' Hustisia remains closed to the public, court operations have resumed with services provided at alternate locations. Court business will be conducted at these alternate locations until the air-conditioning system is fully restored and mold assessment and remediation has been completed.

Court schedule and notices are posted on the Judiciary website ([www.justice.gov.mp](http://www.justice.gov.mp)), Facebook (CNMI Judiciary), and Instagram (@cnmijudiciary).



(From left: John T. Villagomez, Sheila Trianni, Associate Justice John A. Manglona, Senate President Arnold I. Palacios, Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, Speaker of the House of Representatives Rafael S. Demapan, CIP Administrator Elizabeth S. Balajadia, Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja, Associate Justice Perry B. Inos, Associate Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio, Technical Analyst Leona DLG. Sablan, Director of Courts Sonia A. Camacho, and Clerk of the Supreme Court Deanna M. Ogo.