



The Law and the Freshman Legislator



Thursday, January 8, 2015
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PROGRAM

Moderated by Associate Justice John A. Manglona

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Welcome – Coffee with the Justices and Judges

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. **SESSION I | THE COVENANT, U.S. CONSTITUTION, AND CNMI CONSTITUTION**
(Supreme Court Courtroom)
Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro
This session will examine the role of the Covenant and the interaction between the Commonwealth and U.S. constitutions.

9:15 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. **Group Photo**

9:20 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. **SESSION II | STATUTORY INTERPRETATION** *(Supreme Court Courtroom)*
Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, U.S. District Court for the NMI
This session will examine how the courts determine legislative intent, the constitutional limits of statutes, and issues often encountered in drafting legislation.

9:50 a.m. - 9:55 a.m. **Break**

9:55 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. **SESSION III | THE ROLE OF COURTS** *(Superior Court Courtroom 223)*
Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo; Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho;
Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio
This session will examine the common law and judge-made laws.
Participants will learn about the inner workings of the appellate and trial courts and their decision-making process.

10:35 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. **Break**

10:40 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. **SESSION IV | THE BASICS OF LEGAL RESEARCH** *(Law Revision Commission)*
Michael A. Stanker, General Counsel, Commonwealth Judiciary;
Executive Director, Commonwealth Law Revision Commission
This session will introduce legislators to legal resources available at the Commonwealth Law Revision Commission.

11:20 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **Meet Judiciary Staff**

11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. **Luncheon** *(Kanoa Resort, Seaside Hall)*
SESSION V | ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
Associate Justice Perry B. Inos, Facilitator
Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro; Associate Justice John A. Manglona;
Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja; Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo;
Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho; Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio;
Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona; Judge Heather L. Kennedy
The new legislators will have the opportunity to interact with the justices and judges, who will address their topic and issue submissions.