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Justices and Judges in the Classroom:

NMI Supreme Court Oral Arguments to be Held at School Locations & Rota and Tinian

As part of its continuing efforts to promote Justices and Judges in the Classroom, the NMI Supreme Court will hold oral argument hearings at various school locations, as well as Rota and Tinian. These hearings last about an hour with a subsequent Q&A session with the students.

- Wednesday, September 5, 10:00 am at Marianas High School Library for the case of *Commonwealth v. Sonny Babauta*.
- Friday, September 7, 10:30 am at Northern Marianas College Room D-1 for the case of *Commonwealth v. Ray Anthony M. Camacho*.
- Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 10:00 am at the Kotten Tinian for the case of *Commonwealth v. Anthony H. Borja*.
- Friday, September 28, 2018, 10:30 am at the Centron Hustisia in Rota for the case of *Commonwealth v. Donald Hocog*.

The complete Supreme Court's Third Quarter Oral Argument schedule can be found at http://www.justice.gov.mp/Oral_Argument_Calendar.html.

In 2017, the Supreme Court as part of the Justices and Judges in the Classroom program held appellate sessions at the Northern Marianas College and Kagman High School. By holding court sessions in the classroom, students are able to witness attorneys present their arguments in a legal dispute and learn about the legal system and the role of the courts. In so doing, the NMI Judiciary fosters an awareness and promotes the rule of law in our Commonwealth.

Justices and Judges in the Classroom is an interactive outreach program provided by the NMI Judiciary and the NMI United States District Court. It is designed to educate our youth on the judicial system and its functions. The Justices and Judges who participate in the program help encourage students to understand the role of the court system and the concepts of justice and responsibility. The outreach program is also a vehicle for students to explore career opportunities in the criminal justice field and a means to make the legal system more accessible for them.

If your school is interested in bringing the courtroom into your classroom or for further information, please contact Divana Dela Cruz by telephone at (670) 236-9708 or by email at divana.delacruz@justice.gov.mp.

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