

# JUDICIARY

Northern Mariana Islands



## LEARN ABOUT THE JUDICIARY

There are several ways to learn about the judiciary, the court system and the important role they play in the functioning of our government and security of our lives. Students are invited to tour the courthouse in Susupe. Visits inside the courtrooms during the morning on any given day may include attendance during a jury trial, a sentencing, a change of plea, a revocation of probation, or an arraignment.



Meetings and question and answer periods with individual judges and justices are often possible with some advance notice.

On display within the court house building are a number of exhibits including pictorial presentations of former and current judges and justices, along with historical documents and memorabilia dating back to the administration of justice in the Trust Territory period. Also on view is *The Pacific* Collection, on loan from the CNMI Museum of History and Culture, an exhibit of 11" by 14" photographic prints taken throughout Micronesia between 1914 and 1927 by Japanese photographers.



One hour should be allotted for a normal tour of the facility and some time in a courtroom. Extended periods in the courtroom are at the option of the visitor.



Photography is permitted inside the building, but not in the courtrooms, unless expressly authorized by the judge.

The *Judges in the Classroom* program is also an educational effort made by members of the Judiciary and its staff to educate and



inform the community about the justice system. These special visits to community schools are intended to be thought provoking exchanges which transfer knowledge about our legal system appropriate to the audience.

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For more information about these programs and opportunities, or to schedule a group tour of the Judiciary, contact the Judiciary's Public Information Officer at 236-9805.