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OVERVIEW

I have been practicing law for over thirty (30) consecutive years in Hawaii, Micronesia, Guam and Florida. My clients come from Guam, mainland USA and international locations for services in and out of Courtrooms throughout Guam and Micronesia. The client's needs always come first.

I maintain a general litigation and business practice, including both transactional and litigation matters, and represent on a regular basis clients with business disputes, personal injuries, contract issues, landlord tenant, admiralty and maritime matters. In addition, my practice includes domestic and divorce, quiet title and real property cases.

Reported Cases:

R.C. v. Zermeno, 2022 WL 2551204. McCurdy v. Chamorro Equities, Inc., 2021 Guam 29. Marks v. Hellmont, 2021 WL 1219709. Philips v. Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Inc., 2021 WL 5312637. Bautista v. Torres, 2020 Guam 28. Philips v. Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Inc., 2019 WL 4794514. United States for Use and Benefit of Contrack Watts, Inc. v. Relyant Global, LLC, 2020 WL 6369795. Philips v. Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Inc., 2019 WL 5963927. Cho v. Alupang Beach Club, Inc., 2020 Guam 10. Paul's Guam Inc. v. Superior Court of Guam, 2020 Guam 30. Matter of Estate of Ulloa, 2020 Guam 1. Island Eye Center, Inc. v. Lombard, 2020 Guam 32. Bautista v. Torres, 2019 Guam 18. Bautista v. Torres, 2017 Guam 17. Hemlani v. Hemlani, 2015 Guam 34. Hemlani v. Hemlani, 2015 Guam 16. Mack v. Davis, 2013 Guam 13. Banes v. Superior Court, 2012 Guam 11. Mariano v. Surla, 2010 Guam 2. Cho v. Fujita Kanko Guam, Inc., 2009 Guam 21. U.S. v. Marshall 201, 2008 WL 2018299. Tumon Partners, LLC v. Shin, 2008 Guam 15. Bank of Guam v. Del Priore, 2007 Guam 7. People of Eauripik ex rel. Sarongelfeg v. Osprey Underwriting Agency, Ltd., 21 FSM R. 214 (App. 2017). People of Eauripik ex rel. Sarongelfeg v. Osprey Underwriting Agency, Ltd., 20 FSM R. 205 (Yap 2015). People of Eauripik ex rel. Sarongelfeg v. Osprey Underwriting Agency, Ltd., 19 FSM R. 227 (Yap 2013). People of Sorol ex rel. Marpa v. M/V Truk Master, 22 FSM R. 14 (Yap 2018). Pohnpei v. M/V Ping Da 7, 20 FSM R. 75 (Pon. 2015). Pohnpei v. M/V Ping Da 7, 20 FSM R. 1 (Pon. 2015). People of Eauripik ex rel. Sarongelfeg v. F/V Teraka No. 168, 19 FSM R. 88 (Yap 2013). People of Eauripik ex rel. Sarongelfeg v. F/V Teraka No. 168, 19 FSM R. 49 (Yap 2013). People of Eauripik ex rel. Sarongelfeg v. F/V Teraka No. 168, 18 FSM R. 532 (Yap 2013). People of Eauripik ex rel. Sarongelfeg v. F/V Teraka No. 168, 18 FSM R. 461 (Yap 2012). People of Eauripik ex rel. Sarongelfeg v. F/V Teraka No. 168, 18 FSM R. 412 (Yap 2012). 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Del Priore, 2001 Guam 10. IBC v. Yap and Black Micro., 9 FSM I. 390 (Yap 2000). Bank of Guam v. Tuuth, 9 FSM I. 467 (Yap 2000). Guam Econ. Dev. Auth. v. Island Equip. Co., 1998 Guam 7. Iriarte v. Etscheit, 8 FSM I. 231 (App. 1998). Damarlane v. U.S., 8 FSM I. 45 (App. 1997). Etscheit v. Nahnken of Nett, 7 FSM I. 390 (Pon. 1996). Taisipic v. Marion, 1996 Guam 9. Youngstrom v. Youngstrom, 7 FSM I. 34 (App. 1995). Luzama v. PEC, 7 FSM I. 40 (App. 1995). Damarlane v. U.S., 7 FSM I. 350 (Pon. 1995). Damarlane v. U.S., 7 FSM I. 167 (Pon. 1995). Damarlane v. U.S., 6 FSM I. 357 (Pon. 1994). PEC v. U.S., 6 FSM I. 341 (Pon. 1994). Etscheit v. Adams, 6 FSM I. 365 (Pon. 1994). Senda v. Trial Div., 6 FSM I. 336 (App. 1994). Etscheit v. Santos, 5 FSM I. 35, 5 FSM I. 111 (App. 1991). Alfons v. Edwin, 5 FSM I. 235 (Pon. 1991). Senda v. Mid-Pac Constr. Co., 5 FSM I. 227 (App. 1992). Mid-Pac v. Senda, 4 FSM I. 376 (Pon. 1990). FSM v. Likitimus, 4 FSM I. 180 (Pon. 1990). In Re: Juvenile App., 4 FSM I. 161 (App. 1989). Bank of Guam v. Elwise, 4 FSM I. 150 (Pon. 1988). In Re PIDCO, 3 FSM I. 576 (Pon. 1988). In Re Mid-Pac, 3 FSM I. 292 (Pon. 1988). In Re Island Hardware, 3 FSM I. 332 (Pon. 1988).

PRACTICE AREAS

Administrative, Government & Regulatory Law | Admiralty & Maritime | Alternative Dispute Resolution | Appellate Practice | Banking & Finance Law | Business & Corporate Law | Complex Litigation | Constitutional Law | Construction Law | Contracts | Creditors Rights & Remedies | Estate Planning & Probate | Family Law | Guam Divorce Law | Labor & Employment Law | Personal Injury | Product Liability & Mass Torts | Real Estate

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Guam Bar Association

Florida Bar

Hawaii State Bar Association

American Bar Associations

The FSM Bar

Chuuk State Bar

Pohnpei State Bar

ADMISSION

Guam 1991, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit and U.S. District Courts, Districts of Middle District Florida, Hawaii and Guam, 1991

U.S. Supreme Court, 2022

Florida, 1984

Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Pohnpei State and Federated States of Micronesia Supreme Court, 1987

Chuuk State, 1989

Hawaii, 1990

EDUCATION

University of Florida (B.S. with high honors, 1980; J.D. 1985)

Phi Kappa Phi

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Acting Attorney General Pohnpei State 1992

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