

**UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES

PUBLIC

1. **Name**: State full name (include any former names used).

Ramona Villagomez Manglona (also known as "Mona V. Manglona")
(Formerly: Ramona Emma Pangelinan Villagomez)

2. **Position**: State the position for which you have been nominated.

Territorial District Judge for the United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands

3. **Address**: List current office address. If city and state of residence differs from your place of employment, please list the city and state where you currently reside.

Superior Court, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe
P.O. Box 500307
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950

4. **Birthplace**: State year and place of birth.

1967; Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands

5. **Education**: List in reverse chronological order each college, law school, or any other institution of higher education attended and indicate for each the dates of attendance, whether a degree was received, and the date each degree was received.

1994 – 1996, University of New Mexico School of Law; J.D., 1996

1985 – 1990, University of California at Berkeley; B.A. (double major), 1990

6. **Employment Record**: List in reverse chronological order all governmental agencies, business or professional corporations, companies, firms, or other enterprises, partnerships, institutions or organizations, non-profit or otherwise, with which you have been affiliated as an officer, director, partner, proprietor, or employee since graduation from college, whether or not you received payment for your services. Include the name and address of the employer and job title or description.

2003 – Present

Superior Court, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe
P.O. Box 500307
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Associate Judge

2004 – 2008

Guam Supreme Court and Guam Superior Court
Guam Judicial Center
120 West O'Brien Drive
Hagatna, Guam 96910
Justice *Pro Tempore* & Judge *Pro Tempore*

1998 – 2003

CNMI Office of the Attorney General
Juan A. Sablan Building, Capital Hill
P.O. Box 10007
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Attorney General (2002 – 2003)
Deputy Attorney General (2002)
Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division (2001 – 2002)
Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division (1998 – 2001)

1997 – 1998

Superior Court, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
House of Justice/Guma Hustisia/Imwaal Aweewe, Susupe
P.O. Box 500307
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Law Clerk

Fall 1996

U.S. District Court
500 Gold Avenue, SW
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102
Judicial Extern to the Hon. C. Leroy Hansen

Summer 1995

CNMI Third Constitutional Convention
CNMI Legislative Building
Capital Hill
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Law Intern

1994

Law Office of John A. Manglona
P.O. Box 502852
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Office Manager (part-time)

1993 – 1994

M.S. Villagomez, Inc.
P.O. Box 500007
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
President

1990 – 1993

M.S. Villagomez Enterprises
P.O. Box 500007
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
President

Other Affiliations (uncompensated except as noted)

2008 – present

Manuel S. and Luise P. Villagomez Family Trust
P.O. Box 500007
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Co-Trustee (receive stipend)

1993 – 2001

Pacific Sky Travel Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 500774
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Vice-President (1993 – 2001)
Board Member (1993 – 1994)

1991 – 1997

Saipan Cattle Company
(dissolved 1998)
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Board Member

1994

CNMI Library Council
Joeten-Kiyu Public Library
P.O. Box 501092
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Chairperson

1990 – 1994

San Roque Beach Development Corporation

P.O. Box 500007

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950

Director

7. **Military Service and Draft Status:** Identify any service in the U.S. Military, including dates of service, branch of service, rank or rate, serial number (if different from social security number) and type of discharge received, and whether you have registered for selective service.

I have not served in the military. I have not registered for selective service, as I was not eligible to do so.

8. **Honors and Awards:** List any scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, academic or professional honors, honorary society memberships, military awards, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement.

University of New Mexico School of Law – Dean’s List (1996), Honor Roll (1995)

9. **Bar Associations:** List all bar associations or legal or judicial-related committees, selection panels or conferences of which you are or have been a member, and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups.

American Bar Association

Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Center

National Resource Judge Program

Fellow (2009 – present)

Northern Marianas Bar Examination

Grader (2003 – present)

Northern Mariana Islands Criminal Justice Information System Network

Chairperson (2006 – present)

Northern Mariana Islands Traffic Records Coordinating Committee

Chairperson (2008 – present)

Northern Mariana Islands Superior Court Judiciary Case Management System Selection Committee

Chairperson (2006 – 2007)

Northern Mariana Islands Court Rules Committee on the Commonwealth Rules of Juvenile Delinquency Procedures and Juvenile Practice

Chairperson (2002 – 2003)

Guam Committee on Judicial Disciplinary Enforcement

New Mexico Bar Association

Northern Mariana Islands Bar Association

President (2001 – 2003)

Treasurer (2000 – 2001)

Director (1999 – 2000)

10. Bar and Court Admission:

- a. List the date(s) you were admitted to the bar of any state and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership.

New Mexico Bar, 1997 (presently on inactive status)

Northern Mariana Islands Bar, 1997 (inactive since 2003, as required of all judges by local law)

There have been no lapses in membership.

- b. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, including dates of admission and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require special admission to practice.

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2002

United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, 2001

New Mexico Supreme Court, 1997

Northern Mariana Islands Supreme Court, 1997

There have been no lapses in membership.

11. Memberships:

- a. List all professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed in response to Questions 9 or 10 to which you belong, or to which you have belonged, since graduation from law school. Provide dates of membership or participation, and indicate any office you held. Include clubs, working groups, advisory or editorial boards, panels, committees, conferences, or publications.

Center for Civic Education's "We The People: The Citizen and the Constitution"
Program in the Northern Mariana Islands
Volunteer coach (2009 – present)

Manuel S. and Luise P. Villagomez Family Trust
Co-Trustee (2008 – present)

Northern Mariana Islands High School Mock Trial Program
Volunteer attorney coach, juror, presiding judge (2000 – 2009)

Saipan Cattle Company
Board Member (1991 – 1997)

Saipan Community School Parents Association
President (1997 – 1998)

Western Pacific Region National Forensic League
Volunteer judge, coach (2005 – 2009)

- b. The American Bar Association's Commentary to its Code of Judicial Conduct states that it is inappropriate for a judge to hold membership in any organization that invidiously discriminates on the basis of race, sex, or religion, or national origin. Indicate whether any of these organizations listed in response to 11a above currently discriminate or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. If so, describe any action you have taken to change these policies and practices.

None of the organizations listed in 11a above currently discriminates or formerly has discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies.

12. Published Writings and Public Statements:

- a. List the titles, publishers, and dates of books, articles, reports, letters to the editor, editorial pieces, or other published material you have written or edited, including material published only on the Internet. Supply four (4) copies of all published material to the Committee.

I have searched my recollection, files and various Internet databases and have not identified any published material I have written or edited.

- b. Supply four (4) copies of any reports, memoranda or policy statements you prepared or contributed in the preparation of on behalf of any bar association, committee, conference, or organization of which you were or are a member. If you do not have a copy of a report, memorandum or policy statement, give the name and address of the organization that issued it, the date of the document, and a summary of its subject matter.

September 22, 2009: CNMI Judiciary, proclamation reaffirming the Judiciary's support for CNMI and Guam soldiers. Copy of the proclamation supplied.

April 2003: worked with House legal counsel to revise HB 13-252, a financing plan for the Prison Project, which ultimately passed the legislature as Public Law 13-56. Copy of the legislation supplied.

- c. Supply four (4) copies of any testimony, official statements or other communications relating, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation, that you have issued or provided or that others presented on your behalf to public bodies or public officials.

- May 30, 2003: CNMI Senate Public Hearing, made statement at hearing for my appointment to the position of associate judge of the Commonwealth Superior Court. Copy supplied.
 - April 29, 2003: Signatory to letter from members of National Association of Attorneys General to Senators John McCain and Fritz Hollings and to Representatives W.J. Tauzin and John Dingell re: S. 877, CAN-SPAM Act of 2003. Copy supplied.
 - April 9, 2003: Northern Mariana Islands Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs, testimony as CNMI Attorney General in support of legislation regarding CNMI's settlement agreement with Marine Revitalization Corporation regarding a submerged lands lease agreement. I was unable to obtain a transcript or recording of my testimony.
 - November 8, 2002: CNMI Senate Public Hearing, made statement at hearing for my appointment to the position of attorney general of the CNMI. Copy supplied.
 - November 5, 2002: Northern Mariana Islands Attorney General Legal Opinion No. 02-014 to Governor re: authority to borrow funds for the limited purpose of paying rebates and refunds. Copy supplied.
 - October 29, 2002: CNMI Bar Association, letter written as CNMI Bar President to the Chief Justice of the CNMI Supreme Court, regarding a Guam public law and the NMI Bar Association's opposition to the adoption of a reciprocity rule to effectuate the Guam statute. Copy supplied.
 - September 24, 2002: Northern Mariana Islands Attorney General Legal Opinion No. 02-013 to Director of Personnel, Office of Personnel Management re: rehiring of individuals who have retired and received a 30% bonus under Commonwealth law. Copy supplied.
 - September 10, 2002: Northern Mariana Islands Attorney General Legal Opinion No. 02-12 to Commonwealth Utilities Corporation legal counsel re: CUC Board members' entitlement to compensation for attendance at committee meetings. Copy supplied.
 - August 7, 2002: Northern Mariana Islands Attorney General Legal Opinion No. 02-09 to Secretary of Department of Commerce re: propriety of insurance companies denying third party claims. Copy supplied.
 - July 2, 2002: Northern Mariana Islands Attorney General Legal Opinion No. 02-08 to Director of Personnel, Office of Personnel Management re: employees of 8th Rota Municipal Council. Copy supplied.
- d. Supply four (4) copies, transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered by you, including commencement speeches, remarks, lectures, panel discussions, conferences, political speeches, and question-and-answer sessions. Include the date and place where they were delivered, and readily available press reports about the speech or talk. If you do not have a copy of the speech or a transcript or recording of your remarks, give the name and address of the group before whom the speech was given, the date of the speech, and a summary of its subject matter.

If you did not speak from a prepared text, furnish a copy of any outline or notes from which you spoke.

January 7, 2010, January 10, 2008, and January 5, 2006: Commonwealth Supreme Court & NMI Judiciary Historical Society, presenter on statutory construction at “The Law & Freshman Legislator” seminar. Copy of my presentation slides supplied.

October 27-29, 2009: Pacific Judicial Council Conference, Saipan, panelist on Handling *Pro Se* Litigants in Domestic Violence Cases, panelist on Courts as Cultural Mediators in Domestic Violence, and presenter on Island Judiciary Presentation: Northern Mariana Islands Superior Court. Presentation slides for the Island Judiciary supplied, and press coverage on the Mediation panel supplied.

May 30, 2009: Mount Carmel High School, Saipan, commencement speaker. Copy of my remarks supplied.

November 24, 2008: Criminal Justice Planning Agency Supervisory Council Meeting, presented status of Northern Mariana Islands Criminal Justice Information System project. Copy of my presentation supplied.

November 7, 2008: Marianas Baptist Academy Civics Class, Saipan, presented remarks to class. Copy of my presentation supplied.

October 16, 2008: Saipan Society for Human Resources Management Meeting, presented remarks on diversity. Copy of my presentation slides supplied.

June 3, 2008: Kagman High School, Saipan, commencement speaker. Copy of my remarks supplied.

May 30, 2008: Marianas Baptist Academy, Saipan, commencement speaker. Copy supplied.

November 4, 2007: San Vicente Elementary School, informal campaigning for retention as judge at polling location. I have no notes, transcript or recording but press coverage is supplied. The address of the school is P.O. Box 1370 CK, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

October 20, 2007: 10th Youth Congress, administered the Oath of Office. I did not prepare any remarks and only administered the oath. Press coverage supplied. The address of the Youth Congress is Capitol Hill, P.O. Box 500586, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

January 12, 2006: Saipan Chamber of Commerce, administered Oath of Office to new officers. I have no notes, transcript or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address of the Chamber is P.O. Box 500806 CK, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

February 17, 2005: CNMI Bar Association, Saipan, guest speaker re: statistics of Superior Court and E-Filing. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Bar Association is P.O. Box 504539, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

December 3, 2004: Domestic Violence Conference, Saipan, presented remarks on “Giving Full Faith & Credit to Protection Orders: Protection Beyond the Commonwealth’s Shores.” Copy of my remarks supplied.

November 5, 2004: Tinian High School, Tinian, made community outreach presentation. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the school is P. O. Box 400, Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands 96952.

July 2004: Justice Teaching Institute, Commonwealth Supreme Court, guest lecturer on CNMI juvenile laws and procedures. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The Institute is sponsored by the Supreme Court whose address is P.O. Box 502165, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

June 4, 2004: Saipan Southern High School, commencement speaker. Copy of my remarks supplied.

March 29, 2004: Kagman Elementary School, Saipan, made community outreach presentation. Copy of my remarks supplied.

March 18, 2004: CNMI Women's Affairs Office, inspirational speaker at 2004 Women's History Month meeting; spoke on "Women Inspiring Hope & Possibility." I have no notes, transcript or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The WAO is part of the Governor's Office whose address is Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

March 6, 2004: CNMI International Women's Day Celebration, featured speaker. Copy of my remarks supplied.

January 8, 2004: Kagman Juvenile Detention and Correctional Facility, gave remarks at ribbon cutting ceremony. Copy of my remarks supplied.

November 21, 2003: Mt. Carmel High School, Saipan, gave remarks on "Women's Affairs, Opportunities & Issues in the CNMI." Copy of my remarks supplied.

June 20, 2003: Address at my Judicial Investiture as Associate Judge of the Commonwealth Superior Court, Saipan. Copy of my remarks and press coverage supplied.

June 13, 2003: Hopwood Junior High School, Saipan, keynote speaker. Copy of my remarks supplied.

April 17, 2003: CNMI Juvenile Justice Task Force's Juvenile Justice Training Conference, panelist at conference, addressed youth issues, domestic violence, and juvenile offenses. I have no notes, transcript or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The Task Force is part of the Criminal Justice Planning Agency whose address is P.O. Box 501133, 1315 Anatahan Drive, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

October 7, 2002: CNMI Attorney Admission Ceremony, brief welcoming statement as CNMI Bar President to newly admitted attorneys. Copy of my remarks supplied.

July 30, 2002: Justice Teaching Institute Conference, presenter on Juvenile Justice. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The Institute is sponsored by the Supreme Court whose address is P.O. Box 502165, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

March 16, 2002: CNMI High School Mock Trial Championship, final round judge. I have no notes, transcript or recording, but press coverage is

supplied. The CNMI Bar Association sponsors the event and its address is P.O. Box 504539, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

- 2002: "History of CNMI's Women: HerStory," sponsored by the CNMI Women's Affairs Office, Saipan, made a personal statement of how I became the fourth NMI descent woman to be licensed as an attorney in the CNMI. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The WAO is part of the Governor's Office whose address is Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.
- May 25, 2001: Marianas Baptist Academy, commencement speaker. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Academy is P.O. Box 500904, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.
- May 2001: Hopwood Junior High School, Saipan, community outreach presentation for Law Day. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the school is P.O. Box 746 CK, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.
- March 31, 2001: CNMI High School Mock Trial Championship, final round judge. I have no notes, transcript or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The CNMI Bar Association sponsors the event and its address is P.O. Box 504539, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.
- 1999: Northern Marianas College, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. I was a guest lecturer at the Northern Mariana Islands Police Academy on criminal laws covering traffic laws and juvenile delinquency. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the police academy is Caller Box 10007, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.
- February 3-4, 1998: Family Court Symposium speaker. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The Family Court Division of the Superior Court sponsored the event and its address is P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950.

- e. List all interviews you have given to newspapers, magazines or other publications, or radio or television stations, providing the dates of these interviews and four (4) copies of the clips or transcripts of these interviews where they are available to you.

The list below includes material I have identified from my recollection, my files and my search of Internet databases and newspaper archives. Despite my searches, there may be other items I have been unable to identify, find, or recall.

Television & Radio Interviews

Television station KSPN2, March 14, 2007 – interviewed during International Women's Month regarding my role as the only sitting female jurist in the Northern Mariana Islands. I am providing copies of the recording of the portion of this interview that was televised on the news.

Television station KSPN2, May 30, 2003 – interviewed after the CNMI Senate confirmed my judicial appointment to the Superior Court of the Northern Mariana Islands. I am providing copies of the recording of the portion of this interview that was televised on the news.

Television station KSPN2, May 20, 2003 – brief statement made to press after the Governor's announcement of his two judicial nominations to the Superior Court. I am providing copies of the recording of the portion of this interview that was televised on the news.

Television station KMCV (now KSPN2) (approx. 2003) – interview regarding the issue of an elected attorney general for the Northern Mariana Islands. I have no recording or transcript of this interview, an excerpt of which was televised on the news.

Television station KMVC (now KSPN2), November 5, 2002 – brief statement made to press after I was selected by the Governor to be the next Attorney General of the Northern Mariana Islands. I am providing copies of the recording of the portion of this interview that was televised on the news.

Television station KMVC (now KSPN2) (on or about 1998) – interviewed by talk show host regarding traffic laws in the CNMI. I have no recording or transcript of this interview, excerpts of which were televised on the news.

Newspaper Interviews

There are two main local newspapers published on the island of Saipan, the Saipan Tribune and the Marianas Variety. The following articles are mainly from the Saipan Tribune because it has online archives, whereas Marianas Variety lost its archives during a transfer of their website. Past articles in the Marianas Variety are available only through a manual search with precise dates. The following contain a list of articles that were found by using the Saipan Tribune dates. Despite my search, there may be other interviews I have been unable to identify, find, or remember.

Quoted in article on New Dawn Tech web site, Oct. 28, 2009. Copy supplied.

Ferdie de la Torre, *Justice Manglona Given Top Marks*, SAIPAN TRIBUNE, Oct. 26, 2007. Copy supplied.

Marconi Calindas, *Manglona, Chavez Shine in Int'l Debate*, SAIPAN TRIBUNE, May 1, 2007. Copy supplied.

Ulysses Torres Sabuco, *NMI Judiciary Prepares for 2004*, MARIANAS VARIETY, June 4, 2003. Copy supplied.

Marian A. Maraya, *Will the Next AG Be Pam Brown*, SAIPAN TRIBUNE, June 1, 2003. Copy supplied.

Marian A. Maraya, *Manglona, Govendo Confirmed as Judge*, SAIPAN TRIBUNE, May 31, 2003. Copy supplied.

Ulysses Torres Sabuco, *Immigration Now Under AGO*, MARIANAS VARIETY, May 14, 2003. Copy supplied.

Jayvee L. Vallejera, *Registrar of Corporations to be Transferred*, SAIPAN TRIBUNE, May 13, 2003. Copy supplied.

Jayvee L. Vallejera, *Labor, Immigration Now Fully Separate*, SAIPAN TRIBUNE, May 13, 2003. Copy supplied.

John Ravelo, *NMI Gets \$435k from Tobacco Firms*, SAIPAN TRIBUNE, Apr. 21, 2003. Copy supplied.

Marian A. Maraya, *AG Touts Need to Protect Consumers*, SAIPAN TRIBUNE, Apr. 18, 2003. Copy supplied.

Ulysses Torres Sabuco, *NMI Bans Entry of Visitors from SARS Hotspots*, MARIANAS VARIETY, April 18, 2003. Copy supplied

John Ravelo, *NMI, States File Position on Tobacco Bond Appeal*, SAIPAN TRIBUNE, Apr. 10, 2003. Copy supplied.

Marian A. Maraya, *House initiative calls for elected AG*, SAIPAN TRIBUNE, Mar. 20, 2003. Copy supplied.

Jojo Dass, *Manglona: Gov't Lawsuit vs. Verizon "Activated"*, MARIANAS VARIETY, March 20, 2003. Copy supplied.

Jojo Dass, *Torres Says NMI Should Have Elected AG*, MARIANAS VARIETY, March 20, 2003. Copy supplied.

Staff, *Suspects in CNMI's First Ever Bank Robber Nabbed*, UNITED NEWS OF BANGLADESH, Feb. 13, 2003. Copy supplied.

Staff, *Manglona May Opt to be Judge*, SAIPAN TRIBUNE, Jan. 22, 2003. Copy supplied.

Ulysses Torres Sabuco, *Manibusan to Retire; Manglona Considered as Replacement*, MARIANAS VARIETY, Jan. 21, 2003. Copy supplied.

Marian A. Maraya, *AG Designate Introduced to Cabinet*, SAIPAN TRIBUNE, Nov. 6, 2002. Copy supplied.

Ulysses Torres Sabuco, *Sachs Named Deputy AG; Lynch Chief Prosecutor Again*, MARIANAS VARIETY, Nov. 6, 2002. Copy supplied.

Ulysses Torres Sabuco, *Manglona is Next AG*, MARIANAS VARIETY, Nov. 1, 2002. Copy supplied.

Jayvee L. Vallejera, *When There's Nobody Else to Blame, Media's Always There*, SAIPAN TRIBUNE, Sept. 13, 2002. Copy supplied.

Ulysses Torres Sabuco, *Manglona: Lemons Resigned Over Media Comments*, MARIANAS VARIETY, Sept. 13, 2002. Copy supplied.

Jayvee L. Vallejera, *No Shortlist Yet on New AG*, SAIPAN TRIBUNE, Aug. 28, 2002. Copy supplied.

Jayvee L. Vallejera, *Deputy AG Supports Elected AG Proposal*, SAIPAN TRIBUNE, Aug. 28, 2002. Copy supplied.

Ulysses Torres Sabuco, *Lemons Threatens to Resign*, MARIANAS VARIETY, Aug. 28, 2002. Copy supplied.

Ulysses Torres Sabuco, *Peterson Resigns From AGO*, MARIANAS VARIETY, Aug. 27, 2002. Copy supplied.

Jayvee L. Vallejera, *Attorney General Quits*, SAIPAN TRIBUNE, Aug. 24, 2002. Copy supplied.

Marian A. Maraya, *Bar Association Swears In New Officers*, SAIPAN TRIBUNE, Mar. 16, 2001. Copy supplied.

Staff, *Autopsy Shows Infant 'Harmed' by Baby Sitter*, SAIPAN TRIBUNE, Nov. 17, 2000. Copy supplied.

13. **Judicial Office:** State (chronologically) any judicial offices you have held, including positions as an administrative law judge, whether such position was elected or appointed, and a description of the jurisdiction of each such court.

In May 2003, I was confirmed by the Northern Marianas Senate to serve as an Associate Judge of the Northern Mariana Islands Superior Court. I passed a retention election in November 2007 to serve another six-year term beginning May 2009. The Superior Court has general jurisdiction over all civil cases (including small claims and probate actions) and criminal cases (including traffic and juvenile).

In 2004, after beginning my service with the Superior Court, I became a Justice *Pro Tem* of the Guam Supreme Court. In this capacity, I am appointed on a case by case basis by the Chief Justice of the Guam Supreme Court to sit on a panel. Cases argued before and decided by me have included criminal, probate, and divorce cases.

Similarly, since 2004, I have also served as a Judge *Pro Tem* of the Guam Superior Court. I was appointed on a case by case basis by the Chief Justice of the Guam Supreme Court, and have presided over three cases pertaining to the issue of judicial disqualification.

- a. Approximately how many cases have you presided over that have gone to verdict or judgment?

I have presided over 150 cases to verdict.

- i. Of these, approximately what percent were:

jury trials:	4%
bench trials:	96%
civil proceedings:	72%
criminal proceedings:	28%

- b. Provide citations for all opinions you have written, including concurrences and dissents.

See attached list of opinions.

- c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature the case; (2) the outcome of the case; (3) the name and contact information for counsel who had a significant role in the trial of the case; and (3) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).

1. *In re Extradition Matter of Kazuyoshi Miura*, Crim. No. 08-0030C (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Sept. 15, 2008), *aff'd*, 2010 MP 12. Dubbed “the OJ Simpson case of Japan,” this was an extradition case of a Japanese citizen detained in Saipan pursuant to a California arrest warrant for the 1985 murder of his Japanese wife while vacationing in Los Angeles, California. Petitioner filed a writ of habeas corpus to release him from the arrest warrant and concurrently fought the validity of the arrest warrant in a California Superior Court. I denied the writ, and authorized Petitioner’s extradition to California. My decision was affirmed on appeal by the CNMI Supreme Court. Petitioner filed a writ of habeas corpus in the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, which was later withdrawn. He was subsequently extradited to California. Opinion supplied.

Counsel for the prosecution were Chief Prosecutor Jeffrey L. Warfield, Sr., now with the Guam Alternate Public Defender's Service Corporation, Suite 902, DNA Building, 238 AFC Flores Street, Hagatna, Guam 96910 USA; (671) 475-3234; and Assistant Attorney General Mike Nisperos, now with the Guam Public Defender's Service Corporation, 2nd Floor Judiciary Annex, 110 West O'Brien Drive, Hagatña, Guam 96910; (671) 475-3100. Counsel for the defendant were William M. Fitzgerald, Esq., Law Office of William M. Fitzgerald, Second Floor, Macaranas Building, Beach Road, Garapan, P.O. Box 909, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 234-7241; Bruce Berline, Esq., Law Office of Bruce Berline, Second Floor, Macaranas Building, Beach Road, Garapan, P.O. Box 5682 CHRB, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 233-3663; and Mark B. Hanson, Esq., Law Office of Mark B. Hanson, Second Floor, Macaranas Building, Beach Road, Garapan, PMB 738, P.O. Box 10,000, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 233-8600.

2. *Commonwealth Dev. Auth. v. Sy's Corp. et al.*, Civ. No. 01-0442 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Dec. 15, 2005), appeal dismissed by stipulation. Commonwealth agency brought civil complaint for money judgment and foreclosure of multiple mortgages on several real properties, including an old and locally popular hotel and restaurant. The foreclosure claim required the joinder of several parties with multiple subordinate interests. Prior to handling the case, another judge granted Plaintiff's motion for an appointment of a third party as the receiver to maintain the assets of the hotel and restaurant. I granted judgment in favor of Plaintiff mortgagee, and during Defendant's appeal, Plaintiff mortgagee and Defendant mortgagor settled. The receiver closed the business operations and became delinquent in submitting reports to the court. A default was entered against the receiver by the local department of labor. The receiver's reports were finally produced after several order to show cause hearings, and the case closed. Opinion supplied.

Plaintiff's counsel was F. Matthew Smith, Esq., Law Office of F. Matthew Smith, LLC, 2nd Floor, MIC Building, Chalan Monsignor Guerrero, San Jose Village, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 234-7455. Counsel for co-defendants was G. Anthony Long, Esq., Law Office of G. Anthony Long, P. O. Box 504970, Second Floor, Lim's Building, San Jose, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 235-4802. Other co-defendants' counsel were Robert J. O'Connor, Esq., O'Connor Berman Dotts & Banes, Second Floor, Nauru Building, P.O. Box 501969, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 234-5684. Counsel for lienholder Department of Finance, Division of Revenue and Taxation was Deborah L. Covington, Assistant Attorney General, now with the Office of the Attorney General; 287 W. O'Brien Drive, Hagatña, Guam 96910; (671) 475-3324; and Bruce L. Mailman, Esq., now with Law Offices of Mailman and Kara, LLC, Beach Road, Garapan, PMB 238 PPP, Box 10000, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 233-0081. Receiver's counsel was Timothy H. Bellas, Esq., Bank of Hawaii Building, Suite 203, P.O. Box 502845, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 323-2115.

3. *Commonwealth v. Macabalo*, Crim. No. 06-0110 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Dec. 26, 2007), App. No. 2008-SCC-0004-CRM (N.M.I. Sup. Ct. Jan. 23, 2008). In this criminal case, defendant was charged with multiple counts of theft by deception against a large local company. Another individual, the defendant's manager, was charged for the same series of transactions and pleaded guilty in the federal court. The manager never testified at the trial against this defendant. Several motions were filed in the case that created new local caselaw. After the jury returned a guilty verdict, I granted a judgment of acquittal notwithstanding the jury verdict. I believe this was a first in the CNMI's history. This case is pending on appeal. Opinion supplied.

Counsel for the prosecution was Assistant Attorney General Joseph LG. Taijeron, Jr., now with the Northern Marianas Legislature, Legislative Bureau – House Legal Counsel, P.O. Box 500586, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, 96950; (670) 664-8846/8934. Counsel for the defendant was Richard C. Miller, Assistant Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, P.O. Box 10007, Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands 96950; (670) 234-6215.

4. *Commonwealth v. Aguilar*, Crim. No. 03-0252C (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Nov. 9, 2004). This criminal case involved a heinous murder arising out of domestic violence. It was my first murder sentence as a judge, and I handed down one of the most severe sentences in the Commonwealth's history, *i.e.*, fifty years without the possibility of parole. This case started my practice of issuing a written sentence decision with the details of my findings and rationale for the sentence. Opinion supplied.

Counsel for the prosecution was former Chief Prosecutor David Watson Hutton, now with International Legal Consulting (I.L.C.), Fort Worth, Texas. Counsel for defendant was former Chief Public Defender Masood Karimipour, now with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, 30a Abdulla Kahhor St., 100100 Tashkent, Uzbekistan; Tel. (+ 998 71) 120 80 50; Fax (+ 998 71) 120 62 90 (Time zone: GMT + 5 hours).

5. *Olopai v. Fitiaf, et al.*, Civ. No. 90-289 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. April 4, 2007). In this land dispute case, I issued a temporary restraining order against the sitting governor (in his personal capacity) and his family members. The case became complicated because it was brought back to court seventeen years after the case was first filed and an injunction issued. I subsequently denied the issuance of a preliminary injunction against the defendants. Before a hearing on the merits was decided, the parties settled the case. Opinion supplied.

The plaintiff's attorney was Michael W. Dotts, Esq., O'Connor, Berman, Dotts & Banes, P.O. Box 501969 C.K., Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands 96950; (670) 234-5684. Counsel for defendants was Douglas W. Cushnie, Esq., Law Offices of Douglas W. Cushnie, P.O. Box 500949, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 234-6830.

6. *Tan v. Younis Art Studio, Inc.*, Civ. No. 01-0624, and *Fitial v. Younis Art Studio, Inc.*, Civ. No. 03-0116, consolidated cases (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Feb.2, 2004), *aff'd*, 2007 MP 11. A prominent businessman and a local politician in the community filed separate suits against a local newspaper company for defamation. The newspaper company filed a third party complaint for indemnification, contribution, and negligence against the local congressman who placed the newspaper ads containing his statements about the two individuals. The case was significant because the plaintiff politician was running for governor. I granted summary judgment in favor of the newspaper company and against the two plaintiffs. The CNMI Supreme Court affirmed my decision. Opinion supplied.

Counsel for plaintiffs were Steven Pixley, Esq., P.O. Box 7757 SVRB, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, 96950; (670) 233-2898; and Matthew T. Gregory, Esq., PMB 193 PPP, P.O. Box 10000, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 234-9005/6. Counsel for Defendant was G. Anthony Long, Esq., P.O. Box 504970, Second Floor, Lim's Building, San Jose, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 235-4802. Counsel for the third-party defendant was Robert T. Torres, Esq., Plata Drive, Whispering Palms, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 234-7859.

7. *Commonwealth v. Faisao, et al.*, Crim. No. 07-0107 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. July 31, 2009). In this criminal case, defendants were charged for their concerted act of defrauding the public utilities corporation. Numerous motions were filed, and the information had to be amended several times. One by one, the prosecution negotiated plea agreements to seek restitution, a permanent bar from government employment, and jail sentences. Four of the five defendants entered guilty pleas, and one was convicted after a trial. The defendant appealed his conviction, but subsequently stipulated to a dismissal of the appeal. Opinion supplied.

The prosecutors were Mike Nisperos, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, now with the Guam Public Defender's Service Corp., 2nd Floor Judiciary Annex, 110 West O'Brien Drive, Hagatña, Guam 96910; (671) 475-3100; and William Downer, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General – Criminal Division, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 664-2336.

Two of the defendants' attorneys were Edward C. Arriola, Esq., Sablan Building, Suite 1-F, San Jose, P.O. Box 501788, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 233-5505; and Richard C. Miller, Assistant Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, P.O. Box 10007, Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands 96950; (670) 234-6215.

8. *Tinian Casino Gambling Control Comm'n v. Babauta, et al.*, Civ. No. 04-0326 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Oct. 18, 2004). Plaintiff argued that the local law introduced and passed by the Tinian legislative delegation and signed into law by the governor was unconstitutional and/or otherwise legally invalid, and that the Respondents went beyond the scope of their authority in enacting this local law. It was a case of first

impression for the CNMI. I concluded that the Tinian municipal delegation and the governor were immune from suit for their legislative acts and granted the Respondents' motion to dismiss. An appeal was not filed. Opinion supplied.

Plaintiff's counsel was Elliot A. Sattler, Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission, P. O. Box 143, Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands 96952; (670) 433-9288.

Defendant's counsel was Assistant Attorney General Michael L. Ernest, Office of the Attorney General, 2nd Floor, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capital Hill, Caller Box 10000, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 664-2361.

9. *Commonwealth v. Palma*, Crim. No. 04-0262 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Apr. 15, 2005). Defendant was charged with various criminal offenses including involuntary manslaughter. At the jury trial, defendant's expert witness, forensic pathologist Dr. Daniel Spitz, son of renowned forensic pathologist Dr. Werner Spitz, testified live from Michigan despite the major time zone difference and distance. The jurors returned a verdict of not guilty. Opinion supplied.

Counsel for the prosecution was John Heberling Eaton, former Assistant Attorney General, Cowlitz County Public Defender, 7107 Topeka Lane, Vancouver, Washington 98664; 360-578-7430. Counsel for defendant were former Chief Public Defender Masood Karimipour, now with United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, 30a Abdulla Kahhor St., 100100 Tashkent, Uzbekistan; Tel. (+ 998 71) 120 80 50; Fax (+ 998 71) 120 62 90. Time zone: GMT + 5 hours; and Charlotte ("Sherry") Tenorio, former Assistant Public Defender.

10. *Waibel, et al., v. Farber, et al.*, Civ. No. 01-0236 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Nov. 28, 2003). This civil action stems from the largest Saipan probate case of *In re the Estate of Larry Hillblom*, the co-founder of the courier service DHL. His estate involved millions of dollars in assets located at various parts of the world. Plaintiffs were the heirs of Hillblom, through their trustee, Waibel, whose assets were frozen by the U.S. District Court when Defendant Farber and his two attorneys filed a federal breach of contract claim against one of the heirs' attorney, Lujan. Farber's attorney, Perkin, then filed a third-party complaint against Lujan, and Lujan filed a counterclaim against Perkin and fourth-party complaint against Perkin's insurance company. This action was removed to the federal court, and the federal action proceeded to a conclusion. The federal court remanded certain claims to the NMI trial court. After reviewing the extensive record, I granted the insurance company's motion to dismiss Lujan's claim, and granted Perkin's motion for summary judgment against Lujan. Both decisions were appealed by Lujan, and the CNMI Supreme Court affirmed both decisions (one on different grounds). Opinion supplied.

Counsel for Third-Party Plaintiff Perkin and Fourth-party Defendant St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Co. was Vicente T. Salas, Esq., Law Offices of Vicente T. Salas 2nd Floor, MIC Building, Chalan Monsignor Guerrero, San Jose Village, P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 234-7455. Counsel for

Third-Party Defendant Lujan was Edward Arriola, Esq., Sablan Bldg., Suite 1-F, San Jose, P.O. Box 501788, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 233-5505.

- d. For each of the 10 most significant opinions you have written, provide: (1) citations for those decisions that were published; (2) a copy of those decisions that were not published; and (3) the names and contact information for the attorneys who played a significant role in the case.

1. *Pangelinan v. NMI Retirement Fund*, Civ. No. 04-0578 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Mar. 1, 2006) (Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Plaintiff's and Defendant's Cross-Motions for Summary Judgment), *aff'd*, 2009 MP 12. Opinion supplied.

Counsel for the Plaintiff was Robert T. Torres, Esq., Plata Drive, Whispering Palms Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 234-7859. Counsel for the Defendant was James Holman, Esq., NMI Retirement Fund P.O. Box 5818 CHRB, Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands 96950; (670) 322-3863.

2. *Commonwealth v. Castillo*, Crim. No. 07-0148D (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Nov. 5, 2008) (Decision Denying Defendant's Motion to Vacate Conviction). Opinion supplied.

Counsel for the prosecution was Jeffrey L. Warfield, Sr., former Chief Prosecutor, now with the Guam Alternate Public Defender's Service Corporation, Suite 902, DNA Building, 238 AFC Flores Street, Hagatna, Guam 96910; (671) 475-3234. Counsel for Defendant was former Assistant Public Defender Malik K. Edwards, now with the Federal Public Defender-Northern Division, 100 South Charles Street, Tower II, Ninth Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; (410) 962-3962.

3. *Bank of Guam v. Farnsworth*, Civ. No. 95-0811 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Oct. 29, 2003) (Order Denying Plaintiffs' Proposed Order for Defendant's Commitment). Opinion supplied.

Counsel for Plaintiff was Michael A. White, Esq., The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, P.O. Box 5222, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 234-6547.

4. *Commonwealth v. Olaitiman*, Crim. No. 04-0252C (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Feb. 8, 2005) (Order Denying Defendant's Demand for Jury Trial as to All Counts). Opinion supplied.

Counsel for the prosecution was former Chief Prosecutor Jeffrey L. Warfield, Sr., now at Guam Alternate Public Defender's Service Corporation, Suite 902, DNA Building; 238 AFC Flores Street, Hagatna, Guam 96910 USA; (671) 475-3234. Counsel for defendant was former Assistant Public Defender Angela Marie Krueger, now Deputy Public Defender at Tulare County Public Defender, Courthouse Room G-35, 221 South Mooney Boulevard, Visalia, California 93291; (559) 636-4500.

5. *Judicial Council of Guam v. Department of Law, Government of Guam*, Civ. No. CV0766-04 (Guam Super. Ct. Oct. 14, 2004) (Decision and Order Denying Defendant's Request for the Disqualification of the Honorable Michael J. Bordallo). Opinion supplied.

Counsel for plaintiff was Kevin J. Fowler, Esq., Dooley Roberts & Fowler LLP, Suite 201, Orlean Pacific Plaza, 865 South Marine Drive, Tamuning, Guam 96913; (671) 646-1222. Counsel for defendant was Philip D. Isaac, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Civil Division, Guam Judicial Center, Suite 2-200E, 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hagatna, Guam 96910; (671) 475-3324, ext. 145.

6. *CNMI Dept. of Public Health & Environmental Services v. Castillon*, Civ. No. 05-0517 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. July 24, 2006) (Order Granting Motion to Stay and to Compel Binding Arbitration). Opinion supplied.

Counsel for Plaintiff was David Lochabay, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, 2nd Floor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capital Hill, Caller Box 10007 CHRB, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 664-2341. Counsel for Defendant was Michael W. Dotts, Esq., O'Connor Berman Dotts & Banes, P.O. Box 501969 C.K., Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands 96950; (670) 234-5684.

7. *Commonwealth v. Macabalo*, Crim. No. 06-0110 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Dec. 27, 2007) (Order Denying Defendant's Motion to Include Non-citizens in the Jury Array). Opinion supplied.

Counsel for the prosecution was Assistant Attorney General Joseph LG. Taijeron, Jr., now with the Northern Marianas Legislature, Legislative Bureau – House Legal Counsel, P.O. Box 500586, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 664-8846/8934. Counsel for the defendant was Richard C. Miller, Assistant Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, P.O. Box 10007, Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands 96950; (670) 234-6215.

8. *Dotts & Banes v. Oh*, Civ. No. 03-0312 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. June 5, 2008) (Order Granting Def's Mot for Relief from Order, Default Judgment, and Entry of Default). Opinion supplied.

Counsel for plaintiff was George Hasselback, Esq., now Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General – Criminal Division, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands 96950; (670) 664-2336. Counsel for Defendant was Richard Pierce, Esq., Richard W. Pierce Law Office, LLC, 2nd Floor Alexander Building, San Jose, P.O. Box 503514 CK, Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands 96950; (670) 235-3425.

9. *Pacific Financial Corp. v. Sablan, et al.*, Civ. No. 02-0031 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Jan. 4, 2008) (Order Granting Petition for Exercise of Redemption Rights). Opinion supplied.

Counsel for Purchasers was F. Matthew Smith, Esq., Law Office of F. Matthew Smith, LLC, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands 96950; (670) 234-7455. Counsel for Redemptioner was Victorino DLG. Torres, Esq., Torres Brothers, LLC, Attorneys at Law, P.O. Box 501856, Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands 96950; (670) 233-5504.

10. *Stephanson v. Teregeyo, et al.*, Civ. No. 01-0497 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. March 16, 2004) (Decision and Final Order), *aff'd in part, rev'd in part*, 2008 MP 13. Opinion supplied.

Counsel for plaintiff was S. Joshua Berger, Esq., Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, D'Torres Building, Garapan, P.O. Box 504340, Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands 96950; (670) 235-8060. Counsel for defendant was Ray Yana, Esq., Yana Law Office, P.O. Box 500052, Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands 96950; (670) 234-6529.

- e. Provide a list of all cases in which certiorari was requested or granted.

None.

- f. Provide a brief summary of and citations for all of your opinions where your decisions were reversed by a reviewing court or where your judgment was affirmed with significant criticism of your substantive or procedural rulings. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

1. *APLUS Co., Ltd. v. Niizeki Int'l Saipan, Co., Ltd.*, Civ. No. 99-0532 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. May 25, 2004) (Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment and Dismissing Defendant's Counterclaims), *rev'd*, 2006 MP 13. Plaintiff filed suit for one billion yen for unpaid loans secured by lease mortgages. A concurrent lawsuit was filed in Tokyo, Japan. My decision to grant Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment based on an interpretation of the written agreement was reversed. The CNMI Supreme Court concluded there was a material fact in dispute regarding whether or not there was a third party beneficiary in the contract agreement between Plaintiff and Defendant. After the remand, the parties settled and the case was dismissed with prejudice. Opinion supplied.

2. *Waibel, et al., v. Farber, et al.*, Civ. No. 01-0236 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Nov. 28, 2003) (Order Granting Fourth-Party Defendant St. Paul's Motion to Dismiss David J. Lujan's Third Party ("Fourth-Party") Complaint Pursuant to Com. R. Civ. P. Rule 12(b)(6)), *aff'd on different grounds*, 2006 MP 15. Insurance company, St. Paul, moved for dismissal for lack of personal jurisdiction and, in the alternative, argued that Lujan's claim was barred by the statute of limitations. I concluded that personal jurisdiction was proper, but found that Lujan's

claim was indeed barred by the statute of limitation. On appeal, the CNMI Supreme Court concluded that there was no personal jurisdiction and on this ground affirmed the dismissal. Opinion supplied.

3. *Stephanson v. Teregeyo, et al.*, Civ. No. 01-0497 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Mar. 16, 2004) (Decision and Final Order), *aff'd in part, rev'd in part*, 2008 MP 13.

This was a contract dispute concerning the unique land alienation provision of the CNMI's Constitution, which restricts longterm leasehold interests held by persons of non-NMI descent. Plaintiff was the last assignee of a land interest from an initial lessee; plaintiff also had a separate and direct assignment agreement with lessor, arguably in violation of the NMI's Constitution. I concluded that Plaintiff validly held the first assigned leasehold interest, but ruled that separate assignment agreement violated the NMI's land alienation provisions. I also addressed the issue of attorneys fees pursuant to the lease agreement. On appeal, the CNMI Supreme Court affirmed my decision on the assignments, but reversed the award of attorneys fees to require the inclusion of the fees incurred from the appeal process. Opinion supplied.

4. *In re Estate of Roberto*, Civ. No. 98-983D (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Jan. 25, 2007) (Order Granting Partial Removal of Non-estate Assets), *aff'd in part, rev'd in part*, 2010 MP 7 (Torres, J., dissenting)

In this probate action, another judge's decision was appealed to the CNMI Supreme Court. The appellate court (*Roberto I*) remanded the matter to the trial court for action on various estate assets. The decision was appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court denied the writ of certiorari. On remand, I issued the removal order to implement the mandate. On appeal, the *Roberto II* CNMI Supreme Court affirmed in part my removal order as to certain assets, and reversed in part as to two assets. It concluded that one asset requires a specific finding of fact, and the other a specific distribution of the asset that was comingled with other funds in an account. Opinion supplied.

- g. Provide a description of the number and percentage of your decisions in which you issued an unpublished opinion and the manner in which those unpublished opinions are filed and/or stored.

Currently, none of the Commonwealth Superior Court opinions are being published in print form in the Commonwealth Reporter. The last print form publication predates my joining the bench. My published opinions, however, are available online at the Commonwealth Law Revision Commission's website, www.cnmilaw.org.

Commonwealth law dictates when an opinion must be published. 1 CMC § 3404. When a decision determines a substantial question of procedure or substantive law, it must be set forth in written opinions with reasons for the decision stated. The issuance of a published opinion for other reasons is discretionary. I estimate that I have issued about four hundred unpublished decisions, or ninety percent of all my decisions. The decisions are frequently announced on the record from the bench, and the taped recordings of these rulings are stored. A short written order memorializing

a given decision is also maintained. There are occasions wherein a decision is announced on the record, and is followed by a written opinion with the reasoning.

- h. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues, together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

1. *Tan v. Younis Art Studio, Inc.*, Civ. No. 01-0624 and *Fitial v. Younis Art Studio, Inc.*, Civ. No. 03-0116, consolidated cases (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Feb. 2, 2004) (Order Granting Younis Art Studio, Inc.'s Motion for Summary Judgment), *aff'd*, 2007 MP 11 (First amendment freedom of the press). Opinion supplied in response to 13(c).

2. *Commonwealth v. Olaitiman*, Crim. No. 04-0252 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Feb. 8, 2005) (Order Denying Defendant's Demand for Jury Trial as to All Counts). No appeal was filed. (Jury trial rights.) Opinion supplied in response to 13(d).

3. *Pangelinan v. NMI Retirement Fund*, Civ. No. 04-0578 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Mar. 1, 2006) (Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Plaintiff's and Defendant's Cross-Motions for Summary Judgment), *aff'd*, 2009 MP 12 (Due process). Opinion supplied in response to 13(d).

4. *Commonwealth v. Vaughn*, Crim. No. 06-0222 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. June 11, 2007) (Order Denying Defendant's Motion to Suppress Evidence Seized Pursuant to Eavesdropping Warrant). No appeal was filed. (Fourth amendment search and seizure.) Opinion supplied.

5. *Commonwealth v. Macabalo*, Crim. No. 06-0110 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Dec. 27, 2007) (Order Denying Defendant's Motion to Include Non-citizens in the Jury Array), App. No. 2008-SCC-0004-CRM. (Jury trial right.) Case is pending on appeal by the prosecution on another issue. Opinion supplied in response to 13(d).

6. *Commonwealth v. Castillo*, Crim. No. 07-0148 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Nov. 5, 2008) (Decision Denying Defendant's Motion to Vacate Conviction). No appeal was filed. (Double jeopardy and right to a fair trial.) Opinion supplied in response to 13(d).

7. *Commonwealth v. Faisao, et al.*, Crim. No. 07-0107 (N.M.I. Super. Ct., Nov. 10, 2008) (Order Denying Defendant Rita I. Tarope's Motion to Suppress Statements as made in violation of *Garrity* Rule and Motion to Suppress Statements as Involuntary and/or Taken in Violation of *Miranda* Rights). No appeal was filed. (Fifth Amendment Right Against Self-Incrimination.) Opinion supplied.

8. *Commonwealth v. Aguon*, Crim. No. 01-0063 (N.M.I. Super. Ct., Dec. 31, 2010) (Order Denying Defendant's Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction) (Governor's commutation power.) Opinion supplied.

- i. Provide citations to all cases in which you sat by designation on a federal court of appeals, including a brief summary of any opinions you authored, whether majority, dissenting, or concurring, and any dissenting opinions you joined.

I have not sat by designation on any federal court of appeals.

14. **Recusal:** If you are or have been a judge, identify the basis by which you have assessed the necessity or propriety of recusal (If your court employs an "automatic" recusal system by which you may be recused without your knowledge, please include a general description of that system.) Provide a list of any cases, motions or matters that have come before you in which a litigant or party has requested that you recuse yourself due to an asserted conflict of interest or in which you have recused yourself *sua sponte*. Identify each such case, and for each provide the following information:

- a. whether your recusal was requested by a motion or other suggestion by a litigant or a party to the proceeding or by any other person or interested party; or if you recused yourself *sua sponte*;
- b. a brief description of the asserted conflict of interest or other ground for recusal;
- c. the procedure you followed in determining whether or not to recuse yourself;
- d. your reason for recusing or declining to recuse yourself, including any action taken to remove the real, apparent or asserted conflict of interest or to cure any other ground for recusal.

In the Northern Marianas Islands, the Code of Judicial Conduct and Section 3308 of Title 1 of the Commonwealth Code govern the disqualification of judges. Section 3308 substantially mirrors the Federal statute at 28 U.S.C. § 455. Procedurally, once a formal motion to disqualify is filed in an action, the judge presiding must cease all actions and another judge is assigned to hear the motion and decide it without the opportunity for the target judge to decide the matter first, or to answer to the allegation.

Once a case is assigned to me, I review the file and determine if I am subject to either a mandatory basis or a waivable basis for disqualification. If I find a mandatory basis, I enter a self-recusal order, and the case is sent back to the presiding judge for reassignment. If there may be a basis for disqualification that can be waived by the parties, I schedule a status conference hearing to discuss the issue with the parties and have a waiver entered on the record. I have recused myself *sua sponte* in matters that involve individuals who have a close relationship with me but do not fall under the mandatory recusal statutory basis, without taking any action to remove the apparent or asserted conflict of interest or to cure any other grounds for recusal, because of the closeness of the relationship.

When I first became a judge, all the trial court judges and I agreed that I would not handle any of the criminal cases that were filed while I was Attorney General pursuant to the mandatory provisions of the statute. In exchange, I was assigned more civil cases, and I was assigned my equal share of newly charged criminal cases thereafter. Furthermore, I have recused myself from handling a case in which my husband participated on the appellate panel and the case was remanded to the trial court.

During the past seven and a half years, out of the approximately 8,000 cases I handled, I recused myself from 55 cases.

i. Litigant or party requested recusal.

Tan v. Younis Art Studio, Inc., Civ. No. 01-0624, and *Fitia v. Younis Art Studio, Inc.*, Civ. No. 03-0116, consolidated cases (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Feb. 2, 2004), *aff'd*, 2007 MP 11.

Initially, the parties informally and jointly sought my recusal because the third party defendant, a congressman, alleged that in my former capacity as Attorney General, he engaged me in various communications in his official capacity that I may have perceived as being offensive. In a written response, I denied all the parties' informal request to disqualify myself. I asserted that all the communications that occurred were in a professional capacity and that there was no basis to conclude that there was any personal adversity that would affect my impartiality. When the motion for disqualification was subsequently filed, another judge heard the motion and denied it. I handled the cases thereafter, and issued a ruling which was appealed. The CNMI Supreme Court affirmed my decision. The issue of disqualification was not appealed.

ii. *Sua sponte* recusals based on the appearance of impartiality under 1 CMC § 3308(a).

1. *Commonwealth v. Furey*, Traff. No. 07-00348 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Nov. 5, 2008). Defendant is married to a close, longtime family friend.
2. *Commonwealth v. Ada*, Civ. No. 08-0261 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Oct. 1, 2008). Defendant is a close, longtime family friend.
3. *Manglona v. Cepeda, et al.*, Civ. No. 08-0075C (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Sept. 9, 2009). Plaintiff is a close uncle of my husband.
4. *In Re The Estate of Angel Malite* (on remand), Civ. No. 97-0369 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Apr. 11, 2007). My husband was a member of the panel on appeal that decided the case and remanded the case to the trial court.
5. *Fusco, et al. v. Matsumoto*, Civ. No. 06-0080 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. June 4, 2007). Defendant is married to a close, first cousin of my husband.
6. *UIU Micronesia v. Manglona, et al.*, Civ. No. 06-0335C (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Sept. 5, 2006). Defendants are my husband's close uncle and aunt.
7. *Fleming v. Castro*, Civ. No. 07-0405T (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Nov. 12, 2007). Defendant is my sister-in-law's mother.

8. *Hwang v. Woo Young Lee and Eastern Hope Corp.*, Civ. No. 08-0007E (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Aug. 24, 2009). Defendant's son is a very close friend of my son.
9. *Commonwealth v. Camacho*, Crim. No. 07-0053C (N.M.I. Super. Ct. July 25, 2007). Defendant is married to my first cousin.
10. *Commonwealth v. Sablan*, Crim. No. 09-0186C (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Nov. 27, 2009). Defendant is my husband's uncle.
11. *In Re Estate of Elias Sablan v. Sablan*, Civ. No. 04-0250 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Mar. 29, 2007). Defendant is my Godsister.
12. *Joeten Motor Co., Inc. v. Camacho*, Civ. No. 04-0303 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Feb. 19, 2005). Defendant is a close family friend.
13. *MPLT v. APLE 501, et al.*, Civ. No. 06-0366C (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Aug. 31, 2006). A co-defendant is a close first cousin of my husband.
14. *Ada, et al. v. Nakamoto*, Civ. No. 08-0029 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. June 13, 2008). Plaintiff is a close, longtime personal friend.
15. *Estate of Ponciano Rasa*, Civ. No. 08-0049 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. June 13, 2008). Decedent's wife is my first cousin.
16. *Guerrero v. Islam, et al.*, Civ. No. 08-0222 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. June 16, 2008). Plaintiff is a close personal friend.
17. *Commonwealth v. Ada*, Civ. No. 08-0261 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Oct. 1, 2008). Defendant is a longtime family friend.
18. *Century Insurance v. Manglona dba UR Food Deli*, Small Claims No. 06-0300 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. June 1, 2006). Defendant is a close aunt of my husband.
19. *Grand Market v. Manglona dba Tasi Mobil Station*, Small Claims No. 06-0854 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Dec. 14, 2006). Defendant is a close uncle of my husband.
20. *UPCA v. Guerrero*, Small Claims No. 06-0556 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Aug. 22, 2007). Defendant is a childhood friend.
21. *Heng Da Corp. v. Mendiola*, Small Claims No. 06-0644 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Dec. 4, 2006). Defendant is a longtime family friend.
22. *National Collection Services Inc. v. Manzanares*, Small Claims No. 06-0732 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Mar. 28, 2007). Defendant is a close family friend.
23. *United Pacific Collections Agency v. Sanchez*, Small Claims No. 06-0750 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Feb. 27, 2007). Plaintiff's claim is for my regular car service provider.
24. *Friendly Finance Co., Inc. v. Yobech*, Small Claims No. 06-1096 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. June 4, 2008). Defendant is a childhood friend.
25. *ToothWorks v. Ayuyu*, Small Claims No. 06-1159 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Sept. 25, 2007). Defendant is a close personal and family friend.
26. *Auto Glass Pro v. Iginoef*, Small Claims No. 07-0069 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Apr. 13, 2007). Defendant is a close niece.
27. *NMC Bookstore v. Manglona*, Small Claims No. 07-0318 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Oct. 18, 2007). Defendant is a close niece.

28. *TJ Enterprises v. Manglona*, Small Claims No. 06-0408 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Mar. 8, 2007). Defendant is a close niece.
29. *Quimsing, et al. v. Mesa, et al.*, Small Claims No. 07-0430 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. June 10, 2008). Defendant is a close first cousin of my husband.
30. *Sister Remedios Early Childhood Dev. Center v. Santos, et al.*, Small Claims No. 07-0922 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. June 4, 2008). Defendant is an old childhood friend.
31. *Bank of Saipan v. Attao*, Small Claims No. 07-0996 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. June 12, 2008). Defendant is a personal friend.
32. *Commonwealth Treasury v. Torres*, Small Claims No. 08-0114 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. June 6, 2008). Defendant is a close niece.
33. *Commonwealth Treasury v. Niro*, Small Claims N. 08-0133 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. June 6, 2008). Defendant is my first cousin.
34. *Commonwealth v. Fleming*, Traff. No. 10-01564 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Oct. 21, 2010). In this traffic case, Defendant was my daughter's close friend.

iii. *Sua sponte* self-recusal based on mandatory basis per 1 CMC § 3308(b).

1. *Commonwealth v. Villagomez*, Traff. No. 09-00314 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Apr. 1, 2009). Defendant is my brother.
2. *Commonwealth v. Apas*, Traff. No. 04-05064 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Nov. 13, 2009). One of plaintiff's witnesses is my brother.
3. *Marianas Ins. Co. v. Commonwealth Ports Auth.*, Civ. No. 01-0269D (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Sept. 8, 2008). My brother is a member of the Defendant's board of directors.
4. *Bank of Saipan v. Fennel*, Civ. No. 04-0449A (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Dec. 12, 2006). I was involved in the underlying receivership case as a government attorney.
5. *New Shintani Corp. v. Manglona*, Civ. No. 06-0418R (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Sept. 5, 2006). Brother-in-law is a shareholder of the Plaintiff corporation.
6. *UMDA v. G.E.T., et al.*, Civ. No. 07-0152 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. May 21, 2007). Father is a shareholder.
7. *JWS Airconditioning and Refrigeration, Ltd. v. PB Properties*, Civ. No. 04-0540C (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Oct. 31, 2005). Father-in-law owns Defendant corporation.
8. *NMI Retirement Fund v. NMI Gov. Fitial, et al.*, Civ. No. 06-0367D (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Aug. 12, 2008). Brother had a pending civil action against plaintiff that relates to the same basis of this action.
9. *Torres Refrigeration v. Dela Cruz*, Small Claims No. 06-0311 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. June 21, 2006). Defendant is my brother-in-law's sister.
10. *Haugh v. CNMI Travel Agency, et al.*, Small Claims No. 06-0390 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Sept. 12, 2006). My sister was a witness to the matter.
11. *BankPacifc v. Castro, et al.*, Small Claims No. 05-0283 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Jan. 4, 2006). Defendants are my sister-in-law's parents.

12. *Teregeyo v. Iguel*, Small Claims No. 05-897 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Dec. 12, 2005). Plaintiff was my courtroom clerk.
13. *Pangelinan v. Guerrero*, Small Claims No. 05-0965 and 4 consolidated cases (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Sept. 18, 2006). Defendant is a longtime, close personal friend.
14. *Townhouse v. Pangelinan*, Small Claims No. 06-0013 and 06-0081 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Mar. 2, 2006). Defendant is my first cousin.
15. *Commonwealth Dept. of Treasury v. Pacific Resort Dev., Inc., et al.*, Small Claims No. 08-0277 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. May 15, 2008). Co-Defendant is my father.
16. *JCT Enterprises v. Villagomez, et al.*, Small Claims No. 94-1779 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Apr. 26, 2007). One of the defendants is my brother.
17. *Isla Financial v. Villagomez, et al.*, Small Claims No. 07-0028 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Mar. 7, 2007). Defendant is my niece.
18. *Commonwealth v. Camacho*, Crim. No. 07-0117C (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Sept. 6, 2007). The victim is my nephew.
19. *Atalig v. OKP, et al.*, Civ. No. 06-0119R (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Aug. 28, 2006). My brother-in-law is the resident director and potential witness of a co-defendant corporation.
20. *In re the Estate of Roberto*, Civ. No. 98-983D (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Dec. 27, 2010). I became a co-trustee of a family trust which has a long-term leasehold agreement with a claimant in the case.
21. *Songsong, et al. v. Property Management, Inc., et al.*, Civ. No. 10-0329C (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Dec. 27, 2010). One of the potential witnesses is my sister.

15. Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations:

- a. List chronologically any public offices you have held, other than judicial offices, including the terms of service and whether such positions were elected or appointed. If appointed, please include the name of the individual who appointed you. Also, state chronologically any unsuccessful candidacies you have had for elective office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

Library Council Member, 1991-1994 (appointed by Governor Lorenzo Guerrero)
 Attorney General, 2002-2003 (appointed by Governor Juan Babauta)

I have not had any unsuccessful candidacies for elective office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

- b. List all memberships and offices held in and services rendered, whether compensated or not, to any political party or election committee. If you have ever held a position or played a role in a political campaign, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, dates of the campaign, your title and responsibilities.

In 1991, I served as the unpaid Treasurer for the Committee to elect Thomas P. Villagomez to the CNMI House of Representatives. I received and dispensed funds for campaign expenses for the election of this candidate, my brother.

16. **Legal Career:** Answer each part separately.

a. Describe chronologically your law practice and legal experience after graduation from law school including:

- i. whether you served as clerk to a judge, and if so, the name of the judge, the court and the dates of the period you were a clerk;

I served as a law clerk to the Hon. Virginia Sablan-Onerheim, CNMI Superior Court, from March 1997 to October 1997. Thereafter, from October 1997 to January 1998, I served as a law clerk to the Hon. Alexandro C. Castro, Presiding Judge of the CNMI Superior Court.

- ii. whether you practiced alone, and if so, the addresses and dates;

I have never been in private practice.

- iii. the dates, names and addresses of law firms or offices, companies or governmental agencies with which you have been affiliated, and the nature of your affiliation with each.

1998 – 2003
CNMI Office of the Attorney General
Juan A. Sablan Bldg., Capital Hill
P. O. Box 10007
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96590
Attorney General (2002 – 2003)
Deputy Attorney General (2002)
Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division (2001 – 2002)
Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division (1998 – 2001)

- iv. whether you served as a mediator or arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings and, if so, a description of the 10 most significant matters with which you were involved in that capacity.

I never served as a mediator or arbitrator.

b. Describe:

- i. the general character of your law practice and indicate by date when its character has changed over the years.

I have never engaged in the private practice of law. All my legal practice has been in public service for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. As Attorney General, I supervised all the government attorneys, investigation unit, and support staff, and provided legal advice to the Governor, Lt. Governor, and department heads until I joined the judiciary in 2003.

- ii. your typical clients and the areas at each period of your legal career, if any, in which you have specialized.

After my judicial clerkships, I became a prosecutor and handled traffic, juvenile, misdemeanor and felony criminal cases. I prosecuted all my cases in the trial level and the appellate level.

I transferred from the Criminal Division to the Civil Division of the Attorney General's Office, and became a litigator as well as legal counsel for various government agencies.

- c. Describe the percentage of your practice that has been in litigation and whether you appeared in court frequently, occasionally, or not at all. If the frequency of your appearances in court varied, describe such variance, providing dates.

About 90% of my practice was as a prosecutor, and 10% was as a civil litigator. I appeared in court frequently.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- 1. federal courts: 00.1%
- 2. state courts of record: 95.9%
- 3. other courts:
- 4. administrative agencies: 4%

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- 1. civil proceedings: 10%;
- 2. criminal proceedings: 90%

- b. State the number of cases in courts of record, including cases before administrative law judges, you tried to verdict, judgment or final decision (rather than settled), indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.

I tried two civil jury trials in U.S. District Court for the NMI, one as chief counsel, and the other as associate counsel. I tried five criminal jury trials in NMI Superior Court, serving as sole counsel in two cases, chief counsel in one case, and associate counsel in two cases.

I tried approximately 50 bench trials in traffic court and misdemeanor criminal cases as sole counsel.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

1. Jury: 10%
2. non-jury: 90%

c. Describe your practice, if any, before the Supreme Court of the United States. Supply four (4) copies of any briefs, amicus or otherwise, and, if applicable, any oral argument transcripts before the Supreme Court in connection with your practice.

I have not practiced before the Supreme Court of the United States.

17. **Litigation:** Describe the ten (10) most significant litigated matters which you personally handled, whether or not you were the attorney of record. Give the citations, if the cases were reported, and the docket number and date if unreported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented; describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case:

- a. the date of representation;
- b. the name of the court and the name of the judge or judges before whom the case was litigated; and
- c. the individual name, addresses, and telephone numbers of co-counsel and of principal counsel for each of the other parties.

1. *Cabrera, et al. v. CNMI Dept. of Public Safety, et al.*, Civ. No. 00-0022 (D.N.M.I. Dec. 18, 2001) (Hon. Alex R. Munson)

I successfully defended three police officers in a Section 1983 lawsuit for alleged police brutality filed by a family arrested by the officers. After plaintiffs' case in chief, I had most of the counts dismissed on a Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 50(a) motion. The jury granted judgment in favor of our clients for all remaining counts.

My co-counsel was Clyde Lemons, Jr., currently with the Alternate Public Defender's Office, Government of Guam, 158 East Nandez, #B65, Dededo, Guam 96929; (671) 687-2033. Plaintiffs' counsel was Joseph A. Arriola, Esq. who is currently in federal custody.

2. *Commonwealth v. Manila*, Crim. No. 00-0509 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Oct. 21, 2001) (Hon. Virginia Sablan-Onerheim), *aff'd*, 2005 MP 17.

I prosecuted this first shaken baby syndrome murder case in the Northern Mariana Islands. My involvement included the investigation of the case, which began when the baby was still in the hospital before her death. The case required the testimony of several medical experts to distinguish the different injuries and establish the cause of death. The jury convicted the defendant who was sentenced to sixty years imprisonment.

My co-counsel was Clyde Lemons, Jr., currently with the Alternate Public Defender's Office, Government of Guam, 158 East Nandez, #B65, Dededo, Guam 96929; (671) 687-2033. Defendant's counsel were Jeffrey A. Moots, now with Cunliffe & Cook, P.O. Box 4876, Hagatna, Guam, 96932; (671) 472-1824; and Diane Cabrera, now a special assistant prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Montana for the Crow Tribe, 400 North Main Street, #181, Butte, Montana 59701; (406) 723-6611.

3. *Commonwealth v. Martinez*, Traff. No. 97-6830 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Mar. 31, 1998) (Hon. Miguel S. Demapan, now Chief Justice of the CNMI Supreme Court), *aff'd in part, rev'd in part*, 2000 MP 5.

I prosecuted this traffic DUI case against an off-duty police officer that resulted in a conviction for DUI, and other violations. I also defended the conviction on appeal. The CNMI Supreme Court affirmed the DUI and one violation, but reversed the conviction for the other violation. This caselaw is frequently cited in traffic cases.

Opposing counsel at trial and on appeal was Bruce Berline, Esq., Beach Road, Garapan, P.O. Box 5682 CHRB, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 233-3663.

4. *Commonwealth v. Cabrera, et al.*, Crim. No. 97-0447 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Feb. 2, 1999) (Hon. Edward Manibusan).

I was co-counsel for the prosecution in a murder case against two defendants. I participated in the trial as well as witness preparation, including securing the key witness' presence from Washington State. The jury returned a not guilty verdict on the murder charge, but the trial judge returned a guilty verdict on the misdemeanor charge of assault and battery on another victim, and sentenced both defendants to the maximum term of imprisonment.

Lead counsel was Robert J. Steinborn, now at Bendinelli Law Office, Plaza North, Suite 10, 11184 Huron Street, Denver, Colorado 80234; (303) 940-9900. Opposing counsel were Perry B. Inos, now the Honorable Perry B. Inos, Associate Judge, CNMI Superior Court, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 236-9753; and Antonio M. Atalig, Esq., P.O. Box 5135 CHRB, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 234-2189.

5. *Commonwealth v. Scragg*, Traff. No. 98-03872 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Oct. 1, 1998) (Hon. Edward Manibusan), *aff'd*, 2000 MP 4

I prosecuted this traffic case in a bench trial that resulted in a conviction for DUI and refusal to submit to a breath test. I also defended the conviction on appeal before the CNMI Supreme Court. The conviction was affirmed, and this caselaw is frequently cited in traffic cases.

Defendant's counsel at trial and on appeal was Bruce Berline, Esq., Law Office of Bruce Berline, Beach Road, Garapan, P.O. Box 5682 CHRB, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 233-3663.

6. *Commonwealth v. Nekaifes, et al.*, Crim. No. 97-0372 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Apr. 15, 1999) (Hon. Timothy H. Bellas)

I prosecuted this criminal case against two women who robbed a gas station. I tried the first defendant, an elderly woman, before a jury in the NMI Superior Court. The jury returned a guilty verdict. This is a very unusual case in Saipan because it was the first time an elderly woman was convicted for robbery by a jury. She was sentenced to serve a short prison term. Her co-defendant, the principal in the robbery, was subsequently charged with two additional criminal cases. She entered a guilty plea to a felony charge and was sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment.

Defendant Nekaifes was represented by former Assistant Public Defender Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Whispering Palms Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950; (670) 234-7859. Defendant Omar was represented by court-appointed counsel William C. Campbell, Esq. His current address is unknown.

7. *Commonwealth v. Pangelinan*, Crim. No. 98-0485 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Mar. 21, 2000) (Hon. Virginia Sablan-Onerheim)

This criminal domestic violence case involved a police officer who had previously investigated domestic violence cases. Prior to the bench trial, the defendant married the complaining witness. The complaining witness nevertheless wanted to proceed with the trial because she was insistent that the hitting did in fact occur. During the trial, however, she recanted her story and I had to treat her as a hostile witness. The court returned a not guilty verdict.

Defendant's court-appointed counsel was Douglas F. Cushnie, P.O. Box 500949, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 234-6830.

8. *Commonwealth v. Santos*, Crim. No. 99-0494 and three consolidated cases (CR99-0495, CR00-0076 and CR00-0135) (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Aug. 17, 2000) (Hon. Edward Manibusan)

Defendant, a repeat offender with a long history of criminal cases, committed a series of serious offenses within weeks after being released from serving a prison term. I prosecuted the CNMI cases, and had the four cases set for a jury trial. While the cases were awaiting trial, defendant was charged in federal court for a federal criminal offense based on the same facts as one of the CNMI cases. Defendant's attorney for the federal case and the attorney for the CNMI cases recommended a joint disposition to me and the Assistant U.S. Attorney. Defendant entered a guilty plea in two of the CNMI cases and the federal case. He received a long prison sentence to serve in the federal penal system.

Opposing counsel was Assistant Public Defender Douglas Hartig, CNMI Office of the Public Defender, P.O. Box 10007, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 234-6215. The Assistant U.S. Attorney was David Wood. His current contact information is unknown.

9. *Commonwealth v. Cabrera, et al.*, Crim. No. 00-0381 (N.M.I. Super. Ct. July 27, 2001) (Hon. David A. Wiseman)

A father and his three sons were charged for attacking their neighbor and the neighbor's guest, and causing extensive damage to the residence in the presence of the victim's family. I assisted in the prosecution of the case wherein all four defendants were convicted by the jury.

Lead counsel Clyde Lemons, Jr. is currently with the Alternate Public Defender's Office, Government of Guam, 158 East Nandez, #B65, Dededo, Guam 96929; (671) 687-2033. Defendants were represented by counsel Joseph A. Arriola, who is currently in federal custody.

10. *Commonwealth v. Teigita, et al.*, Crim. No. 00-0273 and three consolidated cases (CR97-0199; CR99-0580; and CR00-0306) (N.M.I. Super. Ct. Oct. 31, 2000) (Hon. Edward Manibusan)

Defendant had three pending criminal cases in the CNMI court when he was charged with two individuals for committing a poker room robbery. He and his co-defendants were indicted in federal court for the same incident. A global disposition for all four CNMI cases and one federal case was reached. Within nine months after the incident occurred, Defendant entered a guilty plea in two of the four CNMI cases and the federal case, and received a sentence to serve in a federal penitentiary. This prompt resolution served to deter the rampant poker room robbery cases that were occurring on island at the time.

Defense counsel was Douglas Hartig, CNMI Office of the Public Defender, P.O. Box 10007, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950; (670) 234-6215.

18. **Legal Activities:** Describe the most significant legal activities you have pursued, including significant litigation which did not progress to trial or legal matters that did not

involve litigation. Describe fully the nature of your participation in these activities. List any client(s) or organization(s) for whom you performed lobbying activities and describe the lobbying activities you performed on behalf of such client(s) or organizations(s). (Note: As to any facts requested in this question, please omit any information protected by the attorney-client privilege.)

I represented the CNMI government agency in an arbitration case of a private company's suit against the CNMI Government for a breach of contract claim after the company performed a major renovation of an island marina. During arbitration, the parties pursued settlement that incorporated creative terms requiring legislative approval. This brought both parties before a senate legislative hearing. The legislature's failure to approve the settlement caused the matter to return to arbitration. Another attorney handled the renewed arbitration hearing. The company prevailed, and obtained a judgment against the government that was significantly more than the terms of the proposed settlement amount.

19. **Teaching:** What courses have you taught? For each course, state the title, the institution at which you taught the course, the years in which you taught the course, and describe briefly the subject matter of the course and the major topics taught. If you have a syllabus of each course, provide four (4) copies to the committee.

I have not taught any courses at any institution.

20. **Deferred Income/ Future Benefits:** List the sources, amounts and dates of all anticipated receipts from deferred income arrangements, stock, options, uncompleted contracts and other future benefits which you expect to derive from previous business relationships, professional services, firm memberships, former employers, clients or customers. Describe the arrangements you have made to be compensated in the future for any financial or business interest.

I have an interest in the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund system which vested after my tenth year of government service.

21. **Outside Commitments During Court Service:** Do you have any plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment, with or without compensation, during your service with the court? If so, explain.

No, I have no plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment, with or without compensation, during my service with the court.

22. **Sources of Income:** List sources and amounts of all income received during the calendar year preceding your nomination and for the current calendar year, including all salaries, fees, dividends, interest, gifts, rents, royalties, licensing fees, honoraria, and other items exceeding \$500 or more (if you prefer to do so, copies of the financial disclosure report, required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, may be substituted here).

See attached Financial Disclosure Report.

23. **Statement of Net Worth:** Please complete the attached financial net worth statement in detail (add schedules as called for).

See attached Net Worth Statement.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

- a. Identify the family members or other persons, parties, categories of litigation, and financial arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts-of-interest when you first assume the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you would address any such conflict if it were to arise.

Parties that are likely to present potential conflicts of interest during the initial service in the position to which I have been nominated would include my family members and close friends. My spouse is a justice on the Commonwealth Supreme Court. A filing in federal court that may call on a certified question to the Commonwealth Supreme Court will cause my spouse, rather than me, to disqualify himself.

- b. Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest, including the procedure you will follow in determining these areas of concern.

I will handle all matters involving actual or potential conflicts of interest through the careful and diligent application of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, 28 U.S.C. § 455, as well as other relevant Canons and statutory provisions. In the event of my disqualification, a designated judge from the courts of record of the Northern Mariana Islands, or District Court of Guam, or a circuit or district judge of any of the circuits, may be assigned to serve as a judge. 48 U.S.C. § 1821(b)(2).

25. **Pro Bono Work:** An ethical consideration under Canon 2 of the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility calls for "every lawyer, regardless of professional prominence or professional workload, to find some time to participate in serving the disadvantaged." Describe what you have done to fulfill these responsibilities, listing specific instances and the amount of time devoted to each.

Due to the fact that I have been a government attorney throughout my legal career, I have been unable to provide free legal service to people in general because my work contract prohibits me from engaging in legal work outside of my public employment.

I have, however, participated in public forum conferences as a guest speaker, and have volunteered in various school competitions involving the law. I have been a guest speaker to mock trial high school and junior high school teams, as well as served as an attorney coach.

Over the years, I would welcome school children to my courtroom and speak to them about the judicial system. I also visited schools as part of the Northern Marianas judiciary's "Courts in the Classroom" program.

I devote a substantial amount of time spearheading the Criminal Justice Information System for the entire Northern Mariana Islands, including the planning, procurement and utilization of the law enforcement executive departments' communications infrastructure.

Recently, I served as a coach for the Northern Marianas high school team for the "We the People" national competition in Washington, D.C. on April 23-26, 2010. This program enlightens students on the U.S. Constitution.

26. Selection Process:

- a. Please describe your experience in the entire judicial selection process, from beginning to end (including the circumstances which led to your nomination and the interviews in which you participated). Is there a selection commission in your jurisdiction to recommend candidates for nomination to the federal courts? If so, please include that process in your description, as well as whether the commission recommended your nomination. List the dates of all interviews or communications you had with the White House staff or the Justice Department regarding this nomination. Do not include any contacts with Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel concerning your nomination.

There is no selection commission in the Northern Marianas to recommend judicial candidates for the U.S. District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands.

On July 13, 2009, U.S. Congressman Gregorio Kilili Sablan from the Northern Mariana Islands called and informed me that he was considering the possibility of recommending me for the U.S. District Court judge position in the event Chief Judge Alex R. Munson retired. I met U.S. Congressman Sablan on August 29, 2009, and he personally informed me that he would recommend my nomination to the federal bench.

On September 2, 2009, I received an e-mail from the CNMI Lieutenant Governor's legal counsel informing me that Governor Benigno R. Fitial intended to recommend me to the President to replace Judge Alex Munson. On October 22, 2009, Governor Fitial wrote a letter to President Barack Obama recommending me as the next judge for the United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands. On December 31, 2009, a similar letter was written by U.S. Congressman Sablan.

Since January 7, 2010, I have been in communications with pre-nominations staff in the Department of Justice. I interviewed in Washington, D.C. with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office and Department of Justice on March 10,

2010. The President submitted my nomination to the United States Senate on January 26, 2011.

- b. Has anyone involved in the process of selecting you as a judicial nominee discussed with you any currently pending or specific case, legal issue or question in a manner that could reasonably be interpreted as seeking any express or implied assurances concerning your position on such case, issue, or question? If so, explain fully.

No.

NOMINATION FILING

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(5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101-111)

1. Person Reporting (last name, first, middle initial) Manglona, Ramona V	2. Court or Organization U.S. Dist. Ct., N. Marianas	3. Date of Report 01/26/2011
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) U.S. District Judge	5a. Report Type (check appropriate type) ☒ Nomination, Date 01/26/2011 ☐ Initial ☐ Annual ☐ Final Sb. ☐ Amended Report	6. Reporting Period 01/01/2010 to 12/31/2010
7. Chambers or Office Address Guma Hustisia/House of Justice P.O. Box 500307 Saipan, MP 96950	8. On the basis of the information contained in this Report and any modifications pertaining thereto, it is, in my opinion, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Reviewing Officer _____ Date _____	

IMPORTANT NOTES: The instructions accompanying this form must be followed. Complete all parts, checking the NONE box for each part where you have no reportable information. Sign on last page.

I. POSITIONS. (Reporting individual only; see pp. 9-13 of instructions.)

☐ NONE (No reportable positions.)

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME OF ORGANIZATION/ENTITY</u>
1. Co-trustee	Family trust
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

II. AGREEMENTS. (Reporting individual only; see pp. 14-16 of instructions.)

☒ NONE (No reportable agreements.)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARTIES AND TERMS</u>
1.	
2.	
3.	

III. NON-INVESTMENT INCOME. *(Reporting individual and spouse; see pp. 17-24 of instructions.)***A. Filer's Non-Investment Income**☐ NONE *(No reportable non-investment income.)*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SOURCE AND TYPE</u>	<u>INCOME</u> (yours, not spouse's)
1. 2010	Salary - Associate Judge, Superior Court, Northern Mariana Islands	\$ 120,000
2. 2009	Salary - Associate Judge, Superior Court, Northern Mariana Islands	\$ 120,000
3.		
4.		
5.		

B. Spouse's Non-Investment Income - *If you were married during any portion of the reporting year, complete this section.**(Dollar amount not required except for honoraria.)*☐ NONE *(No reportable non-investment income.)*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SOURCE AND TYPE</u>
1. 2010	Spouse's salary - Supreme Court, Northern Mariana Islands
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

IV. REIMBURSEMENTS -- *transportation, lodging, food, entertainment.**(Includes those to spouse and dependent children. See pp. 25-27 of instructions.)*☐ NONE *(No reportable reimbursements.)*

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1.	EXEMPT
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

V. GIFTS. *(Includes those to spouse and dependent children. See pp. 28-31 of instructions.)*☐ NONE *(No reportable gifts.)*

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
1. EXEMPT		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

VI. LIABILITIES. *(Includes those of spouse and dependent children. See pp. 32-34 of instructions.)*☐ NONE *(No reportable liabilities.)*

<u>CREDITOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VALUE CODE</u>
1. Bank of Guam	Personal loan (secured by CD)	L
2. M.S.Villagomez, Inc. (family corp.)	Account payable for house maintenance and improvements	K
3.		
4.		
5.		

VII. INVESTMENTS and TRUSTS – income, value, transactions (includes those of the spouse and dependent children. See pp. 34-57 of filing instructions)
☐ NONE (No reportable income, assets, or transactions.)

A. Description of Assets (including trust assets) Place "(X)" after each asset exempt from prior disclosure	B. Income during reporting period		C. Gross value at end of reporting period		D. Transactions during reporting period				
	(1) Amount Code 1 (A-H)	(2) Type (e.g. div., rent, or int.)	(1) Value Code 2 (J-P)	(2) Value Method Code 3 (Q-W)	(1) Type (e.g. buy, sell, merger, redemption)	If not exempt from disclosure			
						(2) Date Month - Day	(3) Value Code 2 (J-P)	(4) Gain Code 1 (A-H)	(5) Identity of buyer/seller (if private transaction)
1. Bank of Guam - cash account	B	Interest	L	T	Exempt				
2. Bank of Saipan - cash account	A	Interest	K	T	Exempt				
3. Sunset Life Insurance (Universal)		None	J	T	Exempt				
4. Rental Property -DFS Saipan (Parcel 1)	D	Rent	N	W	Exempt				
5. Family Trust	G	Distribution	P2	W	Exempt				
6. -Navy Hill 1					Exempt				
7. -Navy Hill 2					Exempt				
8. -Chalan Kanoa 1					Exempt				
9. -Chalan Kanoa 2					Exempt				
10. -DanDan 1					Exempt				
11. -DanDan 2					Exempt				
12. -Tuturam 1					Exempt				
13. -Tuturam 2					Exempt				
14. -Tuturam 3					Exempt				
15. -Papago 1					Exempt				
16. -Papago 2					Exempt				
17. -Papago 3					Exempt				

1. Income Gain Codes: (See Columns B1 and D4)	A = \$1,000 or less F = \$50,001 - \$100,000 J = \$15,000 or less N = \$250,001 - \$500,000 P3 = \$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000	B = \$1,001 - \$2,500 G = \$100,001 - \$1,000,000 K = \$15,001 - \$50,000 O = \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 R = Cost (Real Estate Only) V = Other	C = \$2,501 - \$5,000 H1 = \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 L = \$50,001 - \$100,000 P1 = \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 P4 = More than \$50,000,000 S = Assessment W = Estimated	D = \$5,001 - \$15,000 H2 = More than \$5,000,000 M = \$100,001 - \$250,000 P2 = \$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000 T = Cash Market	E = \$15,001 - \$50,000
2. Value Codes (See Columns C1 and D3)					
3. Value Method Codes (See Column C2)	Q = Appraisal U = Book Value				

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18. -Papago 4					Exempt				
19. -Papago 5					Exempt				
20. -As Perdido 1					Exempt				
21. -As Perdido 2					Exempt				
22. -As Perdido 3					Exempt				
23. -As Perdido 4					Exempt				
24. -Chalan Kiya 1					Exempt				
25. -Chalan Kiya 2					Exempt				
26. -San Roque 1					Exempt				
27. -Fina Sisu Parcels 1 to 13					Exempt				
28. -Puerto Rico Village 1					Exempt				
29. -Tanapag 1					Exempt				
30. -San Jose Village 1					Exempt				
31. -Garapan Leased property 1					Exempt				
32. -San Jose Leased property 1					Exempt				
33. -Rota property 1					Exempt				
34. -Rota property 2					Exempt				

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(See Column C2)

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35. -Bank of Guam cash account					Exempt				
36. -First Hawaiian Bank cash account					Exempt				
37. -Bank of Saipan cash account					Exempt				
38. -Bank of Guam Prime Vest cash account					Exempt				
39. -Bank of Guam stock					Exempt				
40. -Saipan Shipping Co. stock					Exempt				
41. -Saipan Stevedore Co., Inc. stock					Exempt				
42. -Duty Free Shoppers Ltd. stock					Exempt				
43. -Pacific Sky Travel stock					Exempt				
44. -San Roque Beach Dev. Corp. stock					Exempt				
45. -M.S. Villagomez Inc. stock					Exempt				

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VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR EXPLANATIONS. *(Indicate part of Report.)*

All parcels of real property listed in Part VII, lines 6 to 34, owned by the family trust, are located in the villages in the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Name of Person Reporting

Mangiona, Ramona V

Date of Report

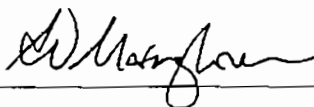
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IX. CERTIFICATION.

I certify that all information given above (including information pertaining to my spouse and minor or dependent children, if any) is accurate, true, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that any information not reported was withheld because it met applicable statutory provisions permitting non-disclosure.

I further certify that earned income from outside employment and honoraria and the acceptance of gifts which have been reported are in compliance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. app. § 501 et. seq., 5 U.S.C. § 7353, and Judicial Conference regulations.

Signature



Date

January 26, 2011

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Washington, D.C. 20544

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

NET WORTH

Provide a complete, current financial net worth statement which itemizes in detail all assets (including bank accounts, real estate, securities, trusts, investments, and other financial holdings) all liabilities (including debts, mortgages, loans, and other financial obligations) of yourself, your spouse, and other immediate members of your household.

ASSETS				LIABILITIES			
Cash on hand and in banks		102	100	Notes payable to banks-secured		70	600
U.S. Government securities				Notes payable to banks-unsecured			
Listed securities				Notes payable to relatives			
Unlisted securities				Notes payable to others			
Accounts and notes receivable:				Accounts and bills due			
Due from relatives and friends				Unpaid income tax			
Due from others				Other unpaid income and interest			
Doubtful				Real estate mortgages payable-add schedule			
Real estate owned – add schedule		690	000	Chattel mortgages and other liens payable			
Real estate mortgages receivable				Other debts-itemize:			
Autos and other personal property		33	000	- M.S. Villagomez Inc. (family corporation)		22	000
Cash value-life insurance		4	100	- automobile loan		21	000
Other assets itemize:							
- Family Trust (1/12 interest) (estimated)	1	000	000				
- CNMI Retirement Plan Contributions		215	000				
				Total liabilities		113	600
				Net Worth	1	920	600
Total Assets	2	044	200	Total liabilities and net worth	2	044	200
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES				GENERAL INFORMATION			
As endorser, comaker or guarantor				Are any assets pledged? (Add schedule)	No		
On leases or contracts				Are you defendant in any suits or legal actions?	No		
Legal Claims				Have you ever taken bankruptcy?	No		
Provision for Federal Income Tax							
Other special debt							

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

NET WORTH SCHEDULES

Real Estate Owned

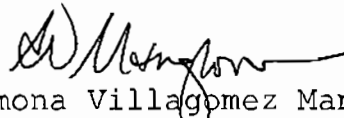
Personal residence	\$500,000
Leased property (1/12 th interest)	100,000
Undeveloped residential lot	5,000
Undeveloped commercial lot #1	15,000
Undeveloped commercial lot #2	20,000
Agricultural lot	50,000
Total Real Estate Owned	\$690,000

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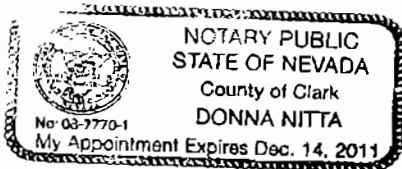
I, Ramona Villagomez Manglona, do swear that the information provided in this statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

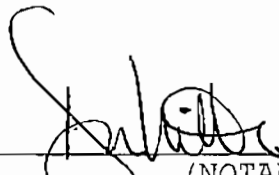
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Ramona Villagomez Manglona

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