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SUBJECT: 2020 Guam High School Mock Trial Competition

Buenas Attorney Jacqueline Terlaje:

Once again, the Judiciary of Guam is sponsoring the Guam High School Mock Trial (“GHSMT”) Competition. Ten (10) schools have registered to participate in the 2020 Competition. Beginning in January, the teams will have matches at the Superior Court. The semi-finals are scheduled for March 04, 2020 at the District Court of Guam, and the finals are scheduled March 11, 2020 at the Supreme Court of Guam. This year, the winning team will have the opportunity to represent Guam in the National competition in Evansville, IN.

In the past, members of the Bar volunteered their time by serving as coaches for the teams and judges in the competitions. This competition affords an excellent opportunity for the legal community to be involved in a rewarding and fun learning experience for Guam’s youth. In addition, the competition helps students acquire a working knowledge of our judicial system, develop analytical abilities and communication skills, and gain an understanding of their obligations and responsibilities as participating members of our society. Needless to say, the legal community is vital to the success of the competition. Yet, one of our most significant challenges each year is securing volunteer judges to preside over each match.

Attorney volunteers are needed to judge during the 2020 Competition. I ask that you reach out to the Guam Bar members and express to them our need for volunteers to donate their time and talents to help make the GHSMT Competition possible. Match nights are scheduled on:

- Wednesday, January 8, 2020;
- Wednesday, January 15, 2020;
- Wednesday, January 22, 2020;
- Wednesday, January 29, 2020;
- Wednesday, February 5, 2020;
- Wednesday, February 12, 2020;
- Wednesday, February 19, 2020;
- Friday, February 21, 2020; and
- Wednesday, February 26, 2020.

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This year's State Coordinator is the Judicial Educator, Ms. Dawn R.S. Blas. If you find lawyers interested in volunteering for this invaluable program, please ask them to contact either Ms. Shelterihna T. Alokoa at 475-3589/salokoa@guamsupremecourt.com or Ms. Blas at 475-3191/dblas@guamcourts.org.

Thank you for the Guam Bar Association's continued support of the GHSMT Competition!

Sincerely,



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