

**Wednesday 12 March**  
**2.00pm Judicial Education session**

**The Ninth Circuit Pacific Islands Committee - Hon Consuelo Marshall**

The Ninth Circuit Pacific Islands Committee, composed of federal judges, 4 of whom are in attendance at this Conference, fulfills the responsibilities of the Judicial Council of the United States with respect to the judiciaries of the territories and former trust territories in the Pacific: the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Territory of American Samoa, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

The specific responsibilities of the Pacific Islands Committee include:

- Assisting in the development and provision for continuing judicial education and court professional training;
- Improvement of the administration of justice in the courts of the northern Pacific (plus American Samoa in the south Pacific)
- Oversight responsibility for judicial education grants from the U.S. Department of the Interior

The Pacific Islands Committee oversees approximately \$600,000 in grants from the federal government to provide for judicial education in the American territories and former territories. The training programs that are organized using these funds benefit judges, court staff, court interpreters, and probation officers. Some islands also choose to use some of this money to train attorneys general and public defenders. Others do not. Training programs generally fall into the following categories:

- 1) Programs developed by the Pacific Judicial Council Education Committee
- 2) Programs developed by one country's judiciary to benefit one (or more ) judiciaries
- 3) Scholarship opportunities to send judges to programs on the US mainland (usually at the National Judicial College or the Federal Judicial Center or programs such as this event (5 chief justices are here with full or partial travel assistance from these grants: Carl Ingram, John Manglona (for Chief Justice Castro) Arthur Ngiraklsong, Robert Torres, and Martin Yinug.
- 4) Programs developed for non-law trained judges

The following are topics that were provided at the request of Judges in 2013:

- 1) Law via the Internet Conference
- 2) NJC: Sentencing Motor Vehicle Law Offenders
- 3) NJC: Dispute Resolution Skills
- 4) Intermediate Court Interpreter Training II
- 5) Computer Networking Training
- 6) Pacific Judicial Conference Solomon Islands
- 7) Training for Prosecutors
- 8) FJC: New Judge Training, Part 1
- 9) NJC: Fundamentals of Evidence

- 10) NJC: Sex Offender Workshop
- 11) Customer Service Training (Palau)
- 12) Customer Service Training (Yap)
- 13) NJC: Civil Mediation
- 14) NJC: General Jurisdiction
- 15) NJC: Logic and Opinion Writing
- 16) NJC: Evidence in a Courtroom Setting
- 17) NJC: Decision Making
- 18) 2013 Judicial Governance Program
- 19) National Association of Court Managers
- 20) NJC: Dispute Resolution Skills
- 21) Library & Archives Program