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Vision:

To assume the leading role in supporting the legal research activities of the judiciary, bar members, staff and its large community by:

1. Creating access to local, state, national, and international legal information;
2. Developing and publishing electronic and other legal information products for the benefit of judges, bar members, staff and the community;
3. Designing information and communication systems linking the FSM Supreme Court website (s) to state, national, regional, and international sources;
4. Providing assistance for the Trial Counselors' Program and others in the process of legal research and information retrieval while utilizing a variety of methods and formats; and
5. Serving as the legal information resource center for the Citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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*My Library Highlights
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HIGHLIGHTS ON THE FSM SUPREME COURT LAW LIBRARY(s) (FSMSCLL)

May 2020

Short Term Special Contract For Ms. Marciarose Matnan



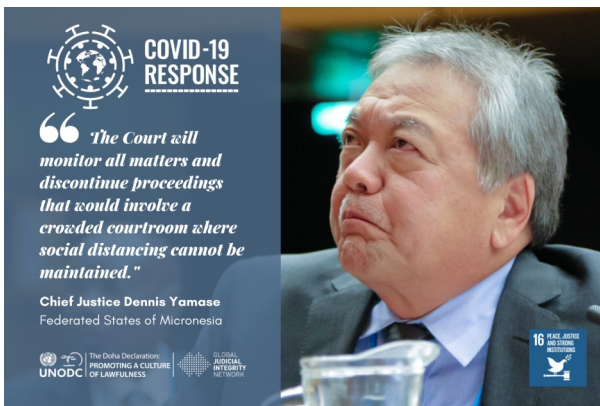
Ms. Marciarose Matnan a student from Yap State attended the College of Micronesia–FSM, National Campus here in Palikir Pohnpei. Marciarose, like many other COM-FSM, was currently living with friends or family members in Pohnpei and cannot travel to their home states due to COVID-19 restrictions. Most of these students were living off works study. However, due to the closure of the college, these students are in desperate financial needs. The Court took this opportunity to placed Ms. Matnan during the Summer 2020 on a short term special contract to assist the Clerks Office in scanning Court cases and other assign work. In return, Ms. Matnan got paid for her work.

At the beginning of Fall 2020, Ms. Matnan planned to go back to school and she submitted her resignation and also thank the Court for the opportunity given to her during her time here at the Court.

Good Luck Ms. Matnan and Wish you all the best in school.



The Supreme Court's Efforts to Prevent COVID-19's Entry into the Federated States of Micronesia



As of May 1, 2020, there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). On 3 April 2020, the Supreme Court joined the FSM National Government and the four State Governments efforts to keep the coronavirus out of the FSM. [1] The Supreme Court issued Emergency Order No. 1, in response to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

In its Emergency Order No. 1, the Court set forth the main Court functions during this time of public health emergency as:

- to protect the health and safety of all court users and employees;
- to maintain all critical judicial branch functions;
- and to provide appropriate judicial branch input to the process of protecting the public's health, safety and welfare during this time of threat.

To meet its responsibilities, the Court reduced its working hours and the Court will evaluate and reduce in-court activities as needed for functions required to be held in-person. The Courts Clerks Offices in each state

will remain open and the offices will still accept in-person filings. The Court will monitor all matters and discontinue proceedings that would involve a crowded courtroom where social distancing cannot be maintained. The Court has also recommended videoconferencing or other alternative means to avoid close personal contact. The Court extended due dates for filings and other deadlines during the time when the emergency order was in effect.

Despite efforts by the National Government and the four State Governments to work in close cooperation to enact preventative measures to address the COVID-19 pandemic, on 15 April 2020, the first legal challenge was made to the mandatory quarantine measures put into place by the federal State of Pohnpei.

The legal challenge was made when the National Government filed for a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of the crew of a national maritime patrol boat, the FSS Micronesia. The vessel had returned from a voyage to Chuuk State and to Oruluk Atoll, within the State of Pohnpei's waters, to rescue an injured juvenile who had been bitten by a shark and required medical treatment in Pohnpei. The vessel also picked up the family of the injured juvenile. When the vessel returned, the crew was informed by Pohnpei State police that it would have to remain on board the vessel for quarantine.

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