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Please see attached, **Messages & Communications Doc. No. 38GL-26-2193** for processing:

✓	38GL-26-2193	Supreme Court of Guam	Appointment of Magistrate Judge – Jonathan R. Quan. Appointment and Supporting Documents for Magistrate Judge Jonathan R. Quan, Magistrate Judge, Superior Court of Guam.
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Si Yu'os ma'åse',

Marie Crisostomo

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Speaker Frank Blas Jr. <speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov>
To: 38th Committee On Rules <committeeonrules@guamlegislature.gov>, Sabrina Salas Matanane <office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov>

Thu, Apr 9, 2026 at 3:05 PM

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Please see attached M&C Doc, No. 38GL-26-2193

38GL-26-2193	Supreme Court of Guam	Appointment of Magistrate Judge – Jonathan R. Quan.
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Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 1:45 PM

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HON. KATHERINE A. MARAMAN
CHIEF JUSTICE

HANNAH G. ARROYO
CLERK OF COURT

April 09, 2026

Hon. Frank Blas, Jr.
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38GL-26-2193
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
FRANK F. BLAS JR.

APR 09 2026

Time: 11:51 am
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Re: Appointment of Magistrate Judge

Håfa Adai, Speaker Blas:

On behalf of the Judiciary of Guam, I respectfully submit for legislative consideration the appointment of Magistrate Judge Jonathan R. Quan, pursuant to 7 GCA § 4401(a).

Magistrate Judge Quan was first appointed and confirmed by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* in 2018. In 2022, the Judicial Council adopted Resolution JC22-016 to reappoint him for another four-year term. Under Guam law, his continued service now requires legislative confirmation. His current term will end on September 4, 2026.

For the past eight years, Magistrate Judge Quan has served the people of Guam with professionalism, steady judgment, and respect for all who appear before him. As a magistrate judge he presides over criminal, civil, and domestic matters, including initial criminal proceedings, small claims, unlawful detainer, traffic-related hearings, and civil cases assigned. He has earned a reputation for fairness, diligence, and consistent application of the law. His service reflects a commitment to strengthening public trust in the Judiciary.

In addition to his courtroom responsibilities, Magistrate Judge Quan has taken on leadership roles that have provided real value to the island. He led the Judiciary's Electronic Monitoring (EM) Pilot Program, which explored safe and practical alternatives to detention. EM allows individuals to be supervised in the community at a far lower cost than incarceration and reduces the strain on limited detention resources. His leadership helped guide this effort so the Judiciary could test modern, cost-saving supervision options while maintaining accountability and public safety.

Magistrate Judge Quan also serves as Chairman of the Guam Criminal Law and Procedure Review Commission (CLRC), created by Public Law 36-119. The CLRC is conducting the first full review of Guam's criminal laws since 1976—a task that is essential to ensuring our statutes are clear, modern, and workable for everyone who relies on them, including law enforcement, attorneys, victims, and the courts. Under his leadership, the Commission has produced significant progress and provided well-researched recommendations to improve our justice system for the long term.

The Judiciary of Guam is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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Beyond his Judiciary roles, Magistrate Judge Quan serves as a Major in the Guam Army National Guard's Judge Advocate General's Corps legal support in service to our island and nation. His dedication to both civilian and military service reflects the strong sense of duty and integrity he brings to all of his work.

Enclosed for the Legislature's consideration is the appointment packet, including a copy of the letter from Guam Bar Association Vice President John P. Morrison and Magistrate Judge Quan's Letter of Interest.

Given that his current term expires on September 4, 2026, the Judiciary respectfully requests timely legislative action on this appointment. Prompt confirmation will allow Magistrate Judge Quan to continue his service without interruption to court operations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for your continued support of the Judiciary of Guam.

Senseramente,


KATHERINE A. MARAMAN
Chief Justice

CC: Magistrate Judge Jonathan R. Quan

Attachments



38GL-26-2193
Messages and Communications

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March 30, 2026

VIA EMAIL DELIVERY kamaraman@guamcourts.gov

Honorable Katherine A Maraman

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam
Guam Judicial Center, Suite 300
120 West O'Brien Drive
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: Recommendations for the Position of Magistrate Judge

Håfa Adai Chief Justice Maraman,

The Guam Bar Association Board of Governors is in receipt of your letter dated February 26, 2026, titled *Request for Recommendations for the Position of Magistrate*, in which you requested that the GBA solicit interest in the magistrate position and provide a list of three qualified candidates.

The Board of Governors solicited interest by distributing notices via the GBA listserv to all active members on March 5, 2026, March 16, 2026 and March 24, 2026.

Four members expressed interested in the magistrate position. Accordingly, a selection committee, appointed by President Jacqueline Terlaje, convened on March 30, 2026, to review the applicants and select the top three (3) candidates.

In accordance with our mandate set forth in 7 GCA § 4401(a), the Guam Bar Association hereby transmits the names of the top three (3) candidates for the position of magistrate, listed in order of preference:

- (1) Jonathan R. Quan
- (2) David Rivera
- (3) Steven Carrara

Their formal letters of interest and resumes are enclosed for your review.

Senseramente,

JOHN P. MORRISON
Vice-President
Selection Committee Chairperson



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March 30, 2026

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JONATHAN R. QUAN

VIA HAND DELIVERY / EMAIL

March 23, 2026

CHIEF JUSTICE KATHERINE A. MARAMAN

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RE: Magistrate Judge Vacancy – Letter of Interest

Chief Justice Maraman & Members of the GBA Board of Governors:

I am writing this letter to formally express my interest in applying for the upcoming Superior Court of Guam Magistrate Judge vacancy.

I have served as a Magistrate Judge for the Superior Court of Guam for the last eight years. Prior to this role, I served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Solicitor's Division assigned to the Guam Police Department, and in the Prosecution Division, where I handled cases ranging from misdemeanors to first-degree felonies. For eight years, I also worked in private practice, representing government entities, corporations, and individual clients in civil matters, as well as criminal and juvenile defense. During my time in private practice, I concurrently served as a full-time, tenured Assistant Professor at the Guam Community College – Department of Criminal Justice & Social Sciences (from 2003 to 2008).

Since 2011, I have served as a Judge Advocate in the US Army / Guam Army National Guard. I currently hold the rank of Major and I am assigned as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate.

It has been an honor to serve as a Magistrate Judge for the Superior Court of Guam for the last eight years. It would be a privilege to be afforded the opportunity to continue to serve. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Respectfully,



JONATHAN R. QUAN

JONATHAN R. QUAN

Cell: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Accomplished legal professional with over 29 years of experience spanning judiciary service, military legal counsel, prosecution, private practice and academia. Current Magistrate Judge for the Superior Court of Guam, recognized for innovative programs like the Judiciary of Guam's Electronic Monitoring Program and leadership roles, including chairmanship of the Criminal Law and Procedure Revision Commission. A Major in the U.S. Army with extensive experience in military law and legal instruction, committed to advancing justice and upholding the rule of law.

EDUCATION

Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, CA

Juris Doctor | May 1996

- Recipient of Loyola Academic Scholarship

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Bachelor of Arts (Double Major) | International Relations/Asian Mid-Eastern Studies | May 1993

- Recipient of Merit Scholarship

Father Duenas Memorial School, Tai, Guam

High School Diploma | May 1989

- Valedictorian

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Admitted to Superior and Supreme Court of Guam | June 23, 1997
- Admitted to the District Court of Guam | 2007

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Superior Court of Guam, Judiciary of Guam

Magistrate Judge | August 31, 2018 – Present

- Preside over criminal, civil cases and family cases - including pretrial hearings, motions, changes of plea, settlement hearings, return of warrants and trials (when appointed).
- Appointed Judge Pro-Tempore | February – July 24, 2020 (Judge Michael Bordallo's vacancy)
- Appointed Judge Pro-Tempore | March 26 – September 10, 2021 (Judge Anita Sukola's vacancy)
- Appointed Judge Pro-Tempore for SP0087-20 | June 2023 to Present
- Appointed Judge Pro-Tempore (CNMI) for Civil Action No. 98-1311 | March 2023 to Present
- Spearheaded the creation of the Judiciary of Guam's Electronic Monitoring Program.
- Chairman – Criminal Law and Procedure Revision Commission.

U.S. Army / Guam Army National Guard

Major - Judge Advocate General's Corps | **August 2011 – PRESENT**

- (Current Assignment): Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for the Guam Army National Guard

- (Previous Assignment): Supervisor / Senior Defense Counsel for the National Guard Trial Defense Service (Guam) (August 2011 to January 2026)
- Regular Instructor for National Guard Bureau – Trial Defense Service’s nationwide trainings.
- Experienced in Department of the Army – Inspector General (“IG”) Investigation defense.
- Provide instruction on the Law of War, Fraternalization, Ethics, USERRA, Fiscal Law and Military Law to National Guard (Army and Air) and Army Reserve Soldiers.
- Completed advanced legal training at The Judge Advocate General’s Legal Center and School (University of Virginia) and combat training at Fort Benning, Georgia.
- Currently enrolled in Command & General Staff College (“ILE”).

Office of the Attorney General of Guam

Assistant Attorney General, Solicitor | October 2016 – August 2018

- Solicitor assigned to the Guam Police Department | 2016 – 2018
- Solicitor assigned to Guam Customs & Quarantine | 2016
- Advised and represented the Guam Police Department and Customs & Quarantine Agency.

Assistant Attorney General, Senior Prosecutor | July 2008 – October 2016

- Prosecuted felony and misdemeanor cases (aggravated murder, kidnapping, criminal sexual conduct, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, drugs, family violence and DUI).
- Led the General Felony / Misdemeanor Training Unit, the Mental Health Criminal Court Unit, the Drugs & Guns Unit and supervised appellate work.
- Primary Trainer for the Office of the Attorney General – Prosecution Division | 2008 to 2016
- Trained and managed 21 prosecutors, 10 peace officers and 20 administrative support staff.

Guam Community College

Assistant Professor (Tenured), Criminal Justice & Social Sciences | January 2003 – July 2008

- Developed and taught curricula in criminal law, procedure and American government.
- Played a primary / critical role in law enforcement training academies.
- Primary drafter of the Guam Community College Faculty Senate Constitution & Bylaws.
- Primary drafter of the Guam Community College Professional Rules of Conduct.
- Served on the Ethics Committee and Promotions Committee.

Quan & Lopez, LLP (previously The Law Office of Jonathan R. Quan, P.C.)

Managing Partner | January 2003 – July 2008

- Handled Corporate Law, Contracts, Criminal Defense, Real Property and Family Law cases.
- Trained and managed a staff of 7 (investigators, paralegals, clerical staff and secretaries).

Office of the Attorney General of Guam

Assistant Attorney General, Prosecutor | March 2002 – January 2003

- Prosecution of felony and misdemeanor cases.
- Assisted in research and drafting of appeal to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Trained paralegals in both family violence and criminal sexual conduct case procedures.

Brooks Lynch Tydingco & Quan, LLP

Partner | October 2000 – January 2002

- Government Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, Procurement Law, Corporate Law, Commercial Transactions, Contracts, Real Property Transactions, Criminal Defense and Juvenile Defense.
- Negotiated (with the Federal Government) and finalized the return of 2,800 acres of excess federal lands to the Guam Economic Development Authority (BRAC 1995 / BRAC 1998).
- Negotiated the settlement with Guam Shipyard in reference to the use of AFDB-8.

- Served as Counsel for Port Authority of Guam, Guam Economic Development Authority, Department of Chamorro Affairs and Guam International Airport Authority.

Carbullido Bordallo & Brooks, LLP (Subsequently Carbullido & Brooks, LLP)

Senior Associate Attorney | August 1998 – October 2000

- Government Administrative Law, Government Constitutional Law, Government Procurement Law, Corporate Law, Commercial Transactions, Contracts, Real Property Transactions, Criminal Defense, Juvenile Defense and Civil Litigation.
- Researched, drafted and revised briefs and memoranda for appeals to the Supreme Court of Guam, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court Of The United States.
- Served as Assistant Counsel for Port Authority of Guam, Guam Economic Development Authority, Department of Chamorro Affairs and Guam International Airport Authority.

Office of the Attorney General of Guam

Assistant Attorney General, Prosecutor | January – August 1998

- Prosecution of felony and misdemeanor cases.

Superior Court of Guam, Judiciary of Guam

Research Attorney/Senior Law Clerk | October 1996 – October 1997

- Extensive legal research and writing for the Honorable Katherine A. Maraman, Superior Court Judge (currently Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam).
- Drafted Decision and Orders, Bench Notes, Orders and Memoranda in both civil and criminal cases. Analyzed and summarized federal/territorial codes and cases.

Los Angeles District Attorney's Office (Inglewood, CA)

Juvenile Prosecutor Extern | January – October 1996

- Prosecuted three (3) juvenile felony cases and obtained three (3) juvenile felony sustained fact-findings (at bench trial), in addition to numerous juvenile misdemeanor sustained fact-findings.
- Conducted extensive legal research and prepared memoranda. (Externship)

Los Angeles District Attorney's Office (Los Angeles, CA)

L.A. City Attorney Extern | August – November 1995

- Extensive legal research and writing.
- Prepared motions for summary judgment, summary adjudication, memoranda of points and authorities and various other court documents and pleadings.
- Defended Los Angeles Police Department actions in arrests from lawsuits. (Externship)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Patrick Barnett Leadership Award, National Guard Bureau | 2020
- Army Achievement | Medal | 2017
- Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal | 2017
- Gawad Ulirang Pilipino Award for Law | 2014
- National Defense Service Medal | 2012
- Army Service Ribbon | 2012
- Requested Instructor / National Guard Bureau – Trial Defense Service | 2017 - 2025
- Jesus U. Torres Professional/Technical Award (PROTECH) | 1993 – 1996
- Loyola Academic Scholarship | 1993 – 1995

MILITARY AND LEGAL TRAINING

- Command & General Staff College (“ILE”) – Currently Enrolled
- Judge Advocate Captain’s Advanced Course, Charlottesville, Virginia
- Defense Counsel & Paralegal 101 (“DCP101”), San Antonio, Texas
- The Judge Advocate General’s Legal Center and School (Advanced Legal Training)
- Fort Benning – Basic Combat Training / Direct Commissioning Course

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- 1st Degree Black Belt – Tae Kwon Do
- 1st Degree Black Belt – Aikido
- Punong Guro (5th Degree Black Belt) – Kali/Arnis/Eskrima
- Instructor Certification: Tri-Angle Combatives (“TRICOM”) Fundamentals Course 2019
- Instructor Certification: Tri-Angle Combatives (“TRICOM”) Tactical Clinch Course 2023
- Instructor Certification: Tri-Angle Combatives (“TRICOM”) Counter Assault Tactics 2026



This is to confirm that (1) I am over 30 years old, (2) I am a US Citizen and a resident of Guam (since 1996), (3) I have NEVER been convicted of a felony or any misdemeanor and (4) I am NOT related by blood within the third degree of consanguinity or marriage to a judge or justice of the Courts of Guam at the time of my initial appointment (or at present).

JONATHAN R. QUAN