

LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

This Legal Services Agreement ("Agreement"), effective February 5, 2025, is entered into by and between ***I Liheslaturan Guåhan***, whose mailing address is 163 W. Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910, and **The Law Offices of Phillips & Bordallo, P.C. by Michael F. Phillips, Esq.** ("Attorney"), whose mailing address is 410 West O'Brien Drive, Suite 102 Hagåtña Guam USA, 96910, Guam, (hereafter collectively referred to as the "Parties").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Parties that Attorney provide services to the ***I Liheslaturan Guåhan*** and ***I Liheslaturan Guåhan shall*** pay for said services as set forth below;

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Parties that Attorney be deemed an independent Attorney, *not* an employee and, therefore, *not* entitled to any benefits otherwise available to employees of the government of Guam; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Parties that Attorney *not* be entitled to payment for any services rendered until such time as all signatures are affixed to this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree to the terms and conditions as set forth below.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.0. Specified Deliverables. In consideration for the amount and payment terms specified below, Attorney *shall* provide the following legal services to ***the I Liheslaturan Guåhan***:

1.1 Represent the Guam Legislature in *Thomas J. Fisher v. Joann G. Camacho*, in her Official Capacity as the Executive Director of the 38th Guam Legislature, Special Proceedings Case No. SP016-25.

2.0. Payment Terms. ***I Liheslaturan Guåhan shall*** pay Attorney **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)**, for the legal services identified in Paragraph 1.1 above, for legal fees and costs in this matter, and shall be paid pursuant to submitted legal billings.

2.1. Availability of Funds. This Agreement is expressly subject to the availability of funds of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

3.0. Contract Period. This Agreement is effective February 5, 2025, and *shall* remain in effect unless otherwise earlier terminated in accordance with this Agreement.

4.0. Representations and Warranties.

4.1. Capacity. Attorney represents and warrants that it has the legal capacity to enter into this Agreement.

4.2. Licensure. Attorney represents and warrants that it holds and will continuously maintain any and all licenses and permits necessary to perform its obligations under this Agreement for the duration of this Agreement and will comply with all Guam laws pertinent to such licenses and permits.

4.3. Lobbyist Status. Attorney represents and warrants that it is not a legislative lobbyist.

4.4. Attorney's Agents. Attorney shall be liable for any and all of its agent's acts and omissions under this Agreement.

5.0. Covenants.

5.1. Covenant not to Sue; Conflicts of Interest. Attorney covenants not to bring, file, or maintain any claim, grievance, suit, or legal action or proceeding of any nature whatsoever where the Committee on Rules, by Rules Resolution, deems its representation to be contrary to the interest of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, or to constitute a conflict of interest in any administrative or judicial proceeding, or in any case or legal matter whatsoever. If the Committee on Rules makes such a determination, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan shall* transmit a copy of the resolution to Attorney. Unless *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and Attorney otherwise agree to continued representation, Attorney covenants to take necessary steps to withdraw from representation of the adverse interest against *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* within fourteen days of receiving a copy of the resolution. Notice of such withdrawal *shall* be given in writing to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Failure to abide by this Paragraph *shall* constitute a breach of the entire Agreement and all rights of Attorney herein are thereafter automatically terminated.

5.2. Assignment and Delegation. Unless otherwise agreed to, this Agreement shall not be assignable or delegable. Attorney covenants not to assign any right nor

delegate any responsibility under this Agreement without the written consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Violation of this Paragraph *shall* constitute a material breach of this Agreement, which shall terminate this Agreement and any and all rights of Attorney.

5.3. Indemnification. In addition to other legal remedies, in the event that an action is filed against *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* because of the acts or omissions of Attorney and its agent(s), Attorney covenants to defend, indemnify and hold harmless *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for any judgment rendered against it that is the result of Attorney and/or its agent(s) acts or omissions.

6.0. Notices. Unless otherwise indicated, all notices shall be delivered under this Agreement via U.S. Mail; hand-delivery, with receipt confirmation; or e-mail, with receipt confirmation, to *each* of the following persons at either of the following addresses:

	<i>I Liheslaturan Guåhan</i>	Attorney
Persons Receiving Notice	Executive Director Member/Committee Chairperson Legislative Counsel	The Law Offices of Phillips & Bordallo, P.C. by Michael F. Phillips
Physical Address	Guam Congress Building 163 W. Santo Papa Hagåtña, GU 96910	410 West O'Brien Drive, Suite 102 Hagåtña Guam USA, 96910
Mailing Address	(Same)	(Same)
E-mail Address	<i>committeeonrules@guamlegislature.gov</i>	<i>advice@phillipsbordallo.law</i>

Waiver. No term, condition, or covenant of this Agreement shall be deemed waived unless executed in writing by the waiving party. No payment by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to Attorney *shall* constitute an acknowledgement that services rendered were appropriate. Failure to exercise a right under this Agreement *shall not* be deemed a waiver to exercise that right in the future.

7.0. Integration. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties relating to matters stated herein. All prior discussions and agreements with respect to these matters, except to the extent stated in this Agreement, shall be of no further force and effect.

8.0. Amendments. No amendment to this Agreement, including deletion or additions, may be made except via written addendum signed by the Parties or as otherwise stated herein.

9.0. Termination.

9.1. Mutual Termination Right. This Agreement may be immediately

terminated upon written notice at any time and for any reason by either party. Termination *shall* be effective as of the date specified in the written notice of termination.

9.2. Automatic Termination. This Agreement *shall* automatically terminate upon any of the following events: (i) assignment of the Agreement without the prior written consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*; (ii) Attorney's failure to maintain or renew the appropriate licenses required in order to perform this Agreement; (iii) Attorney's failure to pay the applicable federal or local government taxes arising from this Agreement, e.g., Guam gross receipts tax; or (iv) death of Attorney; (v) dissolution or termination of Attorney who is a business partnership, joint venture, corporation, or any other type of business entity.

10.0. Payment Upon Termination. Upon termination under any provision of this Agreement—whether automatic or otherwise—Attorney *shall* be entitled to the value of services rendered to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* up to the date of termination, less any and all damages incurred or anticipated by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* arising out of or deriving from Attorney's breach or anticipatory breach of this Agreement.

11.0. Governing Law. The laws of Guam *shall* govern the construction, interpretation, and resolution of any disputes under this Agreement.

12.0. Remedies. In addition to any other remedies available under law, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* *shall* have the right to withhold any amounts that may be due Attorney in order to mitigate any and all damages incurred and anticipated by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* arising out of or deriving from Attorney's breach or anticipatory breach of this Agreement.

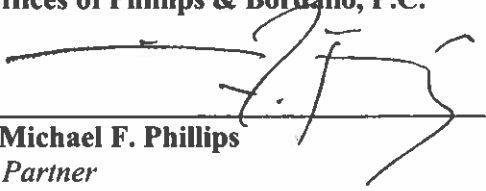
13.0. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, void or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts of this Agreement *shall* remain in full force and effect.

14.0. Signatures Required. This Agreement *shall not* be effective, and Attorney *shall not* be entitled to any monies from *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, *nor shall* it be binding upon *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, until such time as all identified signatures are affixed herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement in Hagåtña, Guam on the date set forth below.

ATTORNEY:

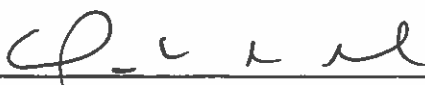
The Law Offices of Phillips & Bordallo, P.C.


By: **Michael F. Phillips**
Partner

02/05/2025

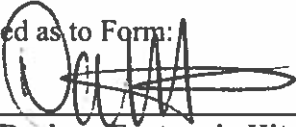
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I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:


V. Anthony Ada
Authorizing Senator

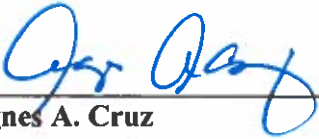
2/5/25
Date

Approved as to Form:


Darleen Eustaquio Hiron
Legislative Counsel

2/5/25
Date

Certification as to Availability of Funds and as to Expenditure of Funds in Accordance with the Budgetary Requirements of the Standing Rules:


Agnes A. Cruz
Certifying Officer

2/06/2025
Date

Executed by:


Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

2/06/25
Date

Attested by:


Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary

2/6/25
Date

Countersigned by:

V. Anthony Ada

V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

2/5/25
Date

FOR USE BY CENTRAL OPERATIONS STAFF OF I LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

Allotment Number: 06302-515

Authorized Amount: \$10,000-

Contract Number: 253800008

GUAM LEGISLATURE
FISCAL OFFICE

FEB 06 2025

TIME: 4:55 PM

RECEIVED BY: [Signature]

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 11-38 (COR)

Introduced by:

Committee on Rules

Relative to authorizing the Legislative Counsel, or other retained counsel, to represent *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* in the Superior Court of Guam in *Thomas J. Fisher v. Joann G. Camacho*, in her Official Capacity as the Executive Director of the 38th Guam Legislature, Special Proceedings Case No. SP016-25.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:

WHEREAS, Petitioner, Thomas J. Fisher (“Petitioner”) filed an Alternative Writ of Mandate in *Thomas J. Fisher v. Joann G. Camacho*, in her Official Capacity as the Executive Director of the 38th Guam Legislature, Special Proceedings Case No. SP016-25, on January 30, 2025. In his suit, Petitioner alleges Respondent, Joann G. Camacho, in her Official Capacity (“Respondent”) did not timely respond to Petitioner’s request for public records in violation of the Sunshine Act, Chapter 10, Title 5 Guam Code Annotated; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2025, the Court issued an Alternative Writ of Mandate directing Respondent to comply with Petitioner’s request for documents by February 13, 2025, or in the alternative, appear before the Court on March 4, 2025, at 10:30am to show cause why Respondent need not comply nor a preemptory writ issue; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, intend to respond to

1 Petitioner's Alternative Writ of Mandate in the instant litigation to assert *I Liheslaturan*
2 *Guåhan's* position relative to Petitioner's Freedom of Information Act request
3 therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai*
5 *Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan* is authorized to retain, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan*
6 *Guåhan*, such legal counsel as he may deem necessary and appropriate to represent the
7 interests of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* in the aforementioned litigation; and be it further

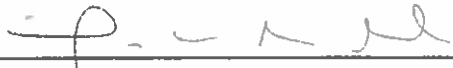
8 **RESOLVED**, that the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai*
9 *Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan* is authorized to negotiate a contract for legal services
10 for no more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be expended from *I Liheslaturan*
11 *Guåhan's* Central Operations Fund for legal fees and costs in this matter, and shall be
12 paid pursuant to submitted legal billings not to exceed a combined total of Ten
13 Thousand Dollars (\$10,000); and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
15 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
16 the same be thereafter transmitted to all the members of *I Mina'trentai Ocho na*
17 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*; to Mrs. Joann G. Camacho, Executive Director of *I Liheslaturan*
18 *Guåhan*; and to Ms. Agnes Cruz, Chief Fiscal Officer of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

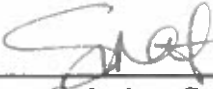
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 31ST DAY
OF JANUARY 2025.**



Frank F. Blas Jr.
Speaker



V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES

VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY ADA, CHAIRPERSON

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

38th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

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	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada Chairperson		1/31/25	✓		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Vice Chairperson	E-VOTE	1/31/25	✓		
Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr. Member	E-VOTE	1/31/25	✓		
Legislative Secretary Sabrina Salas Matanane Member	E-VOTE	1/31/25	✓		
Senator Vincent A.V. Borja Member	E-VOTE	1/31/25	✓		
Senator Shelly Calvo Member	E-VOTE	1/31/25	✓		
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Member	E-VOTE	1/31/25	✓		
Senator Jesse Anderson Lujan Member	E-VOTE	1/31/25	✓		
Senator Telo Teresa Taitague Member	E-VOTE	1/31/25	✓		
Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes Minority Member	E-VOTE	1/31/25	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Minority Member	E-VOTE	1/31/25	✓		
For Sponsor's Office Use Only					
Sponsor Signature: 					
Staff Contact Person: Kamarin Nelson					
For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only					
<u>11</u> Certified _____ Returned _____					
Name: Marie Crisostomo					
Date: January 31, 2025 at 6:37 p.m.					
Notes:					