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2015, NATIONAL LAW DAY DEBATE, JUNE 9, 2015

The Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia was established on July 12, 1981 as the highest Court of the Nation. In celebrating the inception of the FSM Supreme Court or the Judiciary branch, the FSM Supreme Court organizes and sponsors a National Law day Debate each year which is done between all high schools at the state level and which is then followed by a national level debate between four representing high schools, one for each respective state. The FSM Supreme Court chooses a topic, for which all high schools will debate upon at the state level and with the winning high schools advancing to compete at the national level on July 12. The first law day debate was conducted on July 12, 1991 which commemorate the first ten years of the existence of the FSM Supreme Court. Since then, the National Law Day Debated has become an annual event of the court. July 12, 2015 will mark the thirty fourth anniversary of the FSM Supreme Court and mark the twenty fourth law day debate celebration. One of the main purposes of this event is to allow students or the young people throughout the Nation to engage in and voice their thoughts on important issues that leaders of the Nation deals with in the government.

Since July 12, 1991, the first Law Day Debate, over \$200,000 scholarship funds had been issued to students participating in the National Law Day debates. This scholarship money comes from funds appropriated by the FSM Congress, in kind donations from interested individuals, and sponsors given in response to solicitation by the Court. This scholarship fund is given to help tuitions cost and school supplies during a participants first semester in College.

It is time again for the nation to commemorate the inauguration of our National Judiciary System. The Supreme Court of the Federated Stated of Micronesia is hosting a National Law Day debate at the FSM Supreme Court, Palikir Pohnpei on July 9th, 2015 since July 12th, 2015 falls on Sunday.

The topic for this year is:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT TITLE 53, SUBTITLE II, OF THE FSM CODE IS AMENDED, TO ALLOW INDIVIDUALS 60 OR OLDER, WHO HAVE VESTED IN THE FSM SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, TO RECEIVE 100% OF THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, AND THE WAGES EARNER’S CONTRIBUTION SHALL BE RAISED ACCORDINGLY TO PROVIDE THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO ACCOMMODATE THE CHANGE IN THE LAW”

Representing each respective state, are as listed below: (Left to Right – Coach; Debater)

1. Chuuk State- Saraman Chuuk Academy High School



Ian Timothy Rodgers



Giana Megan Bisalen



Kirsten Hannah Daytec

2. Kosrae State- Kosrae High School



Benjamin William Rasmussen



Pursis Malia
Taneisha S Timothy



Amy G. Ismael

3. Pohnpei State- Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School



Ben Russell Figueras



Maylani Pelep



Tronica Joab

4. Yap State-



Sarah Laatman Mooteb



Francis Jose Bechey



Trevor Tius Pong Pongliyab.

This year the Law Day organizing committee still seeks assistance in soliciting funds. We are requesting interested donors who wish to donate for the

National Law Day to contact the FSM Supreme Court at 320 – 2763, or email Lorina Pernet at secretarytocj@mail.fm.

The National Law Day Organizing committee invites everyone to join us on July 9, 2015 to celebrate the National Law day debates in Palikir, Pohnpei. Ceremony will start at 9:00 a.m. and you can either join us at the Supreme Court complex or join us through the local radio station in your state as this event will broad cast live. The event will also be video streamed live on the internet. For access you may visit the FSM Supreme Court Website at <http://www.fsmsupremecourt.org/lawday.html>. The live stream link will be only available on the debate date which is July 9, 2015.