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of the  
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA**

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**SPECIAL PROCEEDING**



Josephine James and Pole Atanraoi with Chief Justice Dennis K. Yamase



Heather M. Lee and Jonathan Abrams with Chief Justice Dennis K. Yamase

**FSM SUPREME COURT, PALIKIR**

**POHNPEI-** On June 8, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in Palikir, Pohnpei, a special proceeding was held and Chief Justice, Honorable Dennis K. Yamase administered oath of admission to the FSM bar to Ms. Josephine Leben James and Ms. Heather M. Lee. Attorney Pole Atanraoi-Reim appeared and moved for the admission of Ms. Josephine Leben James while Attorney Jonathan Abrams appeared for Ms. Heather M. Lee.

Family, colleagues, and friends filled the Courtroom to bear witness as Ms.

James and Ms. Lee received their oath of admission to practice law in the nation's highest court.

Ms. Josephine Leben James undertook legal secretarial courses at the Tigard, Oregon, United states. She received her Associate of Applied Science in Legal Secretary from Portland Community College. Ms. James started working with the FSM Department of Justice as a Law Clerk in 2007. In 2008, she took the trial counselor courses offered at the College of Micronesia-FSM and received her trial counselor certificate in 2010. In 2011, she furthered her studies in law at the University of the South Pacific in Vanuatu and graduated in 2014 upon attainment of her L.L.B or Bachelors of Laws Degree. She also completed her Professional Diploma in legal practice from the University of the South Pacific in Vanuatu, in 2015. She return to Pohnpei and continued working with the FSM

Department of Justice as a Legal Assistant. Ms. Lebehn's education achievement at the University of Vanuatu was made possible with the scholarship provided by the Australian Government through their embassy in Pohnpei. She took her oath to become a member of the FSM Bar Association after she took and passed the bar exam.

Ms. Heather M. Lee, had worked for Pohnpei State Supreme Court as a staff attorney since February of 2016. Before working with the Pohnpei Supreme Court, Ms. Heather M. Lee worked as legal intern at the Catholic Charities Legal Services Program in Las Cruces, New Mexico. After that, she was a legal intern in the Office of the Chief Counsel at U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement in Portland, Oregon. Ms. Lee graduated with honors in a bachelor of arts in French from Montana State University where she was a McNair Scholar recipient. She acquired her juris doctorate degree with a certificate of concentration in international law from Case Western Reserve University School of Law followed by a postgraduate diploma in international business law from Middlesex University in London, England. Ms. Lee is an active member in good standing of the Oregon bar in the United States. She took her oath to become a member of the FSM Bar after she took and pass the bar exam.

After hearing the presentation of both motions by Mrs. Atanaraoi-Reim and Mr. Abrams, the court granted its consent to their motions.

Honorable Dennis K. Yamase congratulated the new bar members reminding them that the court may need them in future projects in strengthening and improving the services of the judiciary system. The Court recognizes everyone in attendance at the special proceeding.