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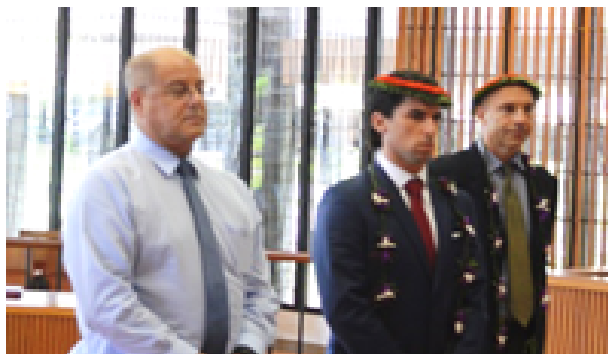
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Seal of the Supreme Court of the FSM

- The seal above represents many things of the ways of the Micronesian people. The "V" sign in the center of it is a star point which signifies "star path navigators" a traditional and contemporary symbol common to all four FSM Island States; and, it also represents a mountain and ocean waves.

2009 FSM National Law Day

On May 25, 2015 at 3:05 p.m. a special proceeding was held for two Attorneys who took their oath as new members of the FSM Bar. The proceeding was held at the FSM Supreme Court in Palikir, Pohnpei Sate. Mr. Scott Garvey, FSM Tax Legal Advisor moved for the admission of Mr. Ian Bradley Pittard and Mr. Aaron L. Warren Assistant Attorney General for the FSM Department of Justice moved for the admission of Mr. Clayton M. Lawrence.



Ian Bradley Pittard; Clayton M. Lawrence; Aaron L. Warren

The Honorable Ready E. Johnny Acting Chief Justice of the FSM Supreme Court presided over the Special Proceeding. He administered the oath to both Mr. Ian Bradley Pittard and Mr. Clayton M. Lawrence. Mr. Ian Bradley Pittard is an Australian Citizen working in the Federated State of Micronesia since August 2012 through the Pacific Technical Assistant Mechanism. Mr. Pittard is currently working as the Senior Tax Advisor for the FSM Finance and previously the Taxation Advisor deployed to the Administrative services in Chuuk state. He holds a M.A. Degree in Public Administration and a graduate diploma in legal practice. Mr. Pittard has a B.A. Degree in Legal studies and economics. He is on a role of barristers and solicitors of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory and is on the registered practitioners of the High Court of Australia. Mr. Pittard is a fellow of Certified Practicing Accountant and certified tax advisor at the Tax Institute of Australia. He is previously served as the advisor to the Papua New Guinea Internal Revenue Commission and worked at the Executive Level in the Australian Tax Office.

Mr. Clayton M. Lawrence is a 2013 graduate of the Ave Maria Law School in Naples Florida. In 2010 he was graduated from Bowling Green University specialized in Business law. He is currently working for the FSM Department of Justice as an Assistant Attorney General and had previously worked for the Pohnpei Attorney General's Office.



The National Close-Up Local Program students visited the court on May 25, 2015 at 3:30 pm. The program is a program the FSM Department of Education organizes each year which brings together high school students from all over the FSM States of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap.

These students were accompanied to the court by Mr. Wayne Mendiola, FSM Department of Education's Post Secondary Education Coordinator, other staff of the department and the students' chaperones. The purpose of their visit to the court was to learn something about the role, functions and the responsibilities of the court as the highest court of the Federated States of Micronesia. In addition to the presentation made to the students by General Council Daniel Rescue Jr. on the role, functions and the responsibilities of the court, the students were also briefed on the FSM National Law Day which the court organizes and sponsors on an annual basis.