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FSM Supreme Court, P.O.Box PS-J, Palikir Pohnpei, FSM 96941

Special thanks to:

- Pacific Judicial Council (PJC) for funding the Conference
- Mr. Monica Roswey, FBI Victim Specialist
- Mr. Tim Prudhoe
- Ms. Devo Mclean
- Mr. Russ Mathiesen, PJC Administrator

FSM VIRTUAL JUDICIAL CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 20-24 2021

The FSM Supreme Court held a Virtual Judicial Conference with the partnership of Pacific Judicial Council (PJC) from September 20, 2021 to September 24, 2021. The Judicial Conference, normally held regularly every two years, is when many members of the legal community in the FSM, most especially the courts, come together to learn about pressing issues, new innovations and other related matters that face the legal and judicial communities in the islands.

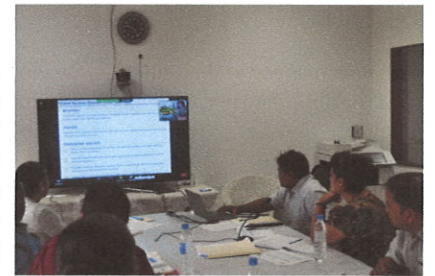
This year's conference was a special one in that it was the first Judicial Conference to be held virtually (via zoom)

by FSM Supreme Court. In addition, many of the topics covered were court-specific related and were presented by the court's own staff. There were other presenters who appeared via zoom to present on several important topics.

Participants included from all four states, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap and Kosrae from different organizations and offices including the national and state courts, national and state police, MLSC, Pohnpei Court of Land Tenure, Attorney General Office, and even College of Micronesia-FSM students.

All in all, the conference was

a very successful one with many ideas and concerns by the participants. Some of the state courts have shown interest in having some type of training for its staff members, mostly on the topic ethics. In fact they have also shown their interest in working with the FSM Supreme Court in drafting a Code of Ethics for its court staff/employees.



TOPICS & PRESENTERS:

1. *Victim-Centered Approach & Best Practices* (Ms. Monica Rowsey)
2. *Continuing Legal Education* (by Mr. Russ Mathiesen)
3. *Habeas Corpus* (Mr. Tim Prudhoe & Ms. Devon Mclean)
4. *FSM Supreme Court Case Tracking System* (Mrs. Sandy Albert, Chief Clerk)
5. *Community Engagement/ Access to Justice* (Mr. Enlet Jr. Enlet, Staff Attorney)
6. *Annual Reporting* (Mrs. Emeliana Musrasrik-Carl, Director of Court Administration)
7. *Court use of Video Conferencing and Zoom* (Ivan Kadannged, IT Manager)
8. *Court Publication: Reporters, Digest* (Teddy Hasgiulbung, Chief Law Librarian)
9. *Code of Ethics* (Enlet Jr. Enlet, Staff Attorney)
10. *Court Website* (Mr. Yondeaver Santos, Webmaster Assistant & Mr. Teddy Hasgiulbung, Chief Law Librarian)
11. *Court Security* (Mr. Brensen Penias, State Justice Ombudsman)

OFF ISLAND PRESENTERS:



DEVON MCLEAN



MONICA ROSWEY



TIM PRUDHEO



RUSS MATHIESEN