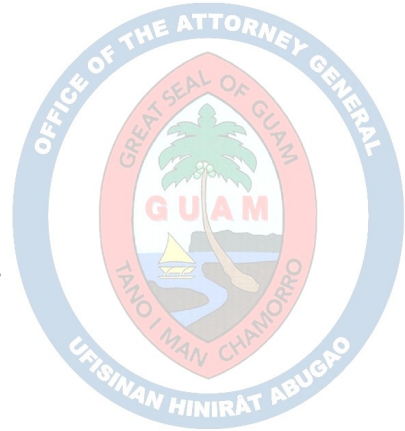


2010

Annual Report for the Office of the Attorney General



Håfa Adai and welcome to the 2010 Annual Report.

This year has seen a lot of changes... This transition has no doubt brought with it a great responsibility which I whole-heartedly embrace. My role to protect and serve the people and government of Guam has humbled me; I am honored to have been elected Guam's third attorney general. My predecessors have done a great job serving the needs of the community and I promise to uphold and improve upon that which they have begun.

Although 2010 has been a year of transition, it does not change the fact that safeguarding Guam's people and its visitors continues to be the highest priority here at the Office of the Attorney General. We continue to work with local, federal and state law enforcement agencies to tirelessly fight crime and keep our community safe.

We look forward to further increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of prosecuting cases such as driving under the influence of alcohol and controlled substances cases, drug trafficking cases, domestic or family violence cases and property crime cases.

We also intend on expanding our efforts to prosecute those who have committed crimes such as human trafficking and identity theft which have, unfortunately, reached our island.

Combating bullying and cyber-bullying crimes in order to protect our children will also be an initiative we continue to vigorously pursue.



Leonardo M. Rapadas
Attorney General of Guam

The Office readies itself for increased caseloads in all divisions and remains steadfast in hiring and providing more training to our lawyers, prosecutors, investigators and support staff like secretaries and paralegals.

With unpredictable economic times ahead of us, the Office remains dedicated to creatively utilizing the resources that have been allocated to improve our presence in serving the community. This will include our continued fight against public corruption and our increased efforts to enforce compliance of the laws and regulations of the government of Guam.

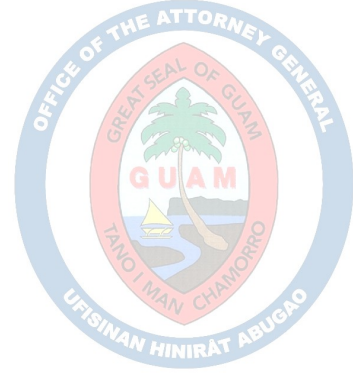
I, along with my division leaders, will continually seek to improve the efficiency and accuracy of this Office. Accountability is required at all levels, ensuring that our efforts and work are conducted ethically and professionally on behalf of the citizens and residents of Guam.

Although there is sometimes uncertainty that comes with transition and change, there *will* continue to be strength, honor and integrity in the activities of the Office of the Attorney General on behalf of the community of Guam.



Shown left to right are: Chief Prosecutor J. Basil O'Mallan III, Deputy Attorney General of Child Support Barbara P. Cepeda , Chief Deputy Attorney General Phillip J. Tydingco, Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas, Deputy Attorney General of Civil Division J. Patrick Mason and Deputy Attorney General of Family Division Carol Hinkle-Sanchez.

Child Support Division



Guam's **Child Support Enforcement Division (CSED)** bears the great responsibility of improving the lives of over 11,000 children as they work with both parents to help children receive the financial and emotional support they deserve and need. The CSED benefits children by enforcing the parents' responsibility to pay financial support. This helps to promote and improve self-sufficiency and stability as well as reducing the public burden of supporting financially abandoned children.

The CSED's primary goals are to collect and distribute child support payments, locate non-custodial parents, establish paternity, establish and enforce child and medical support orders, review and modify child support orders, distribute payments and recover welfare benefits paid on behalf of children. CSED services are available to all Guam parents who need assistance. The custodial or non-custodial parent or guardian may apply at the CSED office. The service is also available to parents receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF). The parent applying is asked to furnish information about the other parent and provide legal documents, if available.



Barbara P. Cepeda
Deputy Attorney General
Child Support Division

There are seven sections within CSED and they are: administration, programs, investigations, accounting, State Disbursement Unit (SDU), records, and systems. CSED also ensures compliance with federal and local mandates by utilizing the Absent Parent Automated System Information (APASI).

The **administration** section is responsible for the preparation of legal pleadings. This section is also in charge of supplies, maintenance of all office equipment, covers the intake desk, inputs new hire reports, messenger duties, office payroll, maintains personnel files, and mail distributions.

The **programs** section is responsible for preparing federal reports. The program coordinator also oversees the annual self-assessment review, update of state plans, drafts the Advance Planning Document Updates,

Child Support Division

applies for federal grants, and prepares Requests for Proposals. This section also oversees the **Access and Visitation (A&V) Program**. The goal of the A&V Program is to improve non-custodial parents' access to and visitation with their children. Research has shown that parental contact is related to the payment of child support and that fathers' involvement improves children's development and self-esteem. During 2010, the A&V Program arranged 146 visitations, all of which were successful. Of the 146 visitations, 62 were arranged neutral pick-up and drop-off, 48 were mediations, 32 were supervised visitations, and four were monitored visitations.

The main function of the **State Disbursement Unit (SDU)** is the posting and timely distribution of child support payments. All payments received must be disbursed within 24 to 48 hours. It is imperative that all payments are accurately identified and posted. In addition, SDU is also the customer call center for questions regarding payments only. More technical questions are reserved for case investigators. This section is also responsible for keeping track of undistributed collections and bank reconciliation.

During the past year of operation, 64,034 checks and receipts were processed. \$11,535,418 support payments were processed which included tax offset payments from prior years. \$633,087 of that was processed by electronic funds transfer.



SDU Team from left: Erlyn Pama, Cory Mantanona, Jennifer Snover, Shirley Gagan, Terri Villagomez, Yolanda Salalila, Julie Mendiola, Ysmael Ciencia

Child Support Division

Investigators and paralegals are found within the **investigations** section where the bulk of case management takes place. This section has the most contact with the public and their duties include the establishment and enforcement of support obligations using administrative and judicial enforcement. The average investigator caseload is 817 cases.

The **accounting** section is responsible for financial accuracy of case files. Accounting technicians are tasked with ensuring that all child support orders are entered correctly into APÅSI. This section is also responsible for the transfer of tax offsets to custodial parents, reimbursement on TANF cases and for preparing manual declarations of arrears.

The **records** section is responsible for the maintenance of all child support case files. The main duties of the legal clerks include the processing of all legal documents, filing documents in their respective case files, retrieving case files for court, and mailing documents and sending them out for service of process. This section is also responsible for reviewing the court calendar for scheduled court hearings and ensuring the files are retrieved. They are also responsible for initial interviews of all non-TANF child support applicants and the creation of new files.

The **systems** section ensures that APÅSI is always operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The computer systems analyst also acts as a liaison between child support staff and the systems vendor.



CSED Supervisors from left: Wilfred Paulino, Erlinda Uson, Pauline Chaco, Yolanda Salalila, Diane Benavente and Vincent Nelson

Child Support

Case Overview & Collections

Overview :

- A total of \$10,844,043.00 was collected in 2010, which amounts to a little over \$900,000.00 per month for Guam's children
- CSED initiated and receives between 800-1,000 calls per day, with the bulk of the questions for payment information and requests for enforcement
- Assisted a total of 8,635 walk-in clients, with an average of 719 clients per month
- Processed 3,362 wage withholding orders to employers
- Over 9,000 new hires reported by employers
- Initiated 103 driver's license suspensions against delinquent non-custodial parents
- Approximately 6,500 child support hearings

2010 Caseload Profile

*25% of all children under 18 have a case with the CSED.

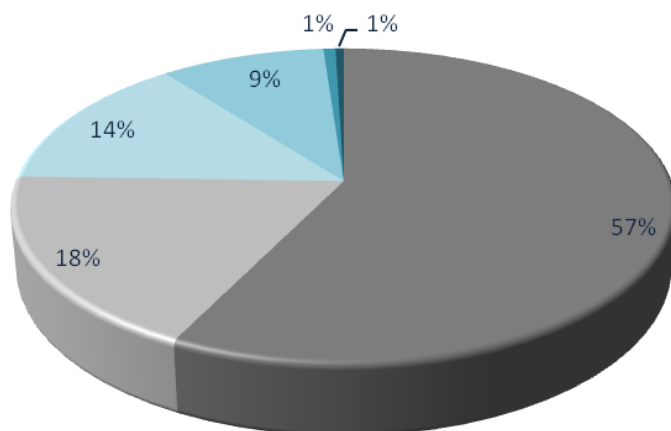
TANF Caseload 2,041

Non-TANF Caseload 4,497

Total Caseload 6,538

Child Support Collected

Total: \$10,844,043.00



■ Via Employers-\$6,915,250.00

■ Non-Custodial Parents who self-paid-\$2,185,622.00

■ Intercepted Federal and Local Tax Refunds-\$1,686,412.00

■ TANF reimbursement returned to the government-\$1,128,542.00

■ Passport Released-\$83,329.00

■ Lien Process-\$56,320.00

Civil/Solicitors Division

J. Patrick Mason serves as the Deputy Attorney General for both the Civil Litigation Division and the Solicitors Division. Although each division performs separate tasks, both continue to remain under one deputy as a cost saving measure for the government and people of Guam.



The **Civil Litigation Division** handles all civil actions in which the government of Guam is an interested party. This includes both bringing and defending actions on behalf of the government in both the trial and appellate courts of Guam and the United States. The Litigation Division is also tasked with bringing actions, when necessary, to insure compliance by government agencies, officials and private parties with the regulatory laws of Guam. In matters regarding the protection of public interest, the Litigation Division brings action on behalf of the people of Guam. Examples of the types of cases handled by the Litigation Division include: environmental protection cases; government employees discipline and grievance cases; wage and hour disputes; property damage; personnel injury and wrongful death cases; maritime law enforcement; contract disputes; procurement disputes; civil rights cases; land condemnation



J. Patrick Mason
Deputy Attorney General
Civil/ Solicitor's Division

cases; cases determining the extent of government authority and the legality of government actions; cases resolving the interpretation; organicity and constitutionality of laws; and representing the government of Guam in regulatory actions brought by the federal government.

Pursuant to the Administrative Adjudication Law and other legal mandates requiring administrative hearings, the Litigation Division is tasked with providing hearing officers to government agencies and over thirty boards and commissions. This includes providing a hearing officer for appeals involving federal programs such as the food stamp program.

Civil Litigation

Litigation Requests



Shown from Left to Right: Maria Blas, Donald San Agustin, Assistant Attorneys General Deborah Rivera, Laura Mooney, John Weisenberger and Fred Nishihara.

Action	Total Requests Per Category	Status	
		Open	Closed
Administrative Proceedings	183	85	98
Court Proceedings	130	68	62
Government Claims	99	28	71
Requests for Action	20	5	15
Change of Status: Administrative Proceedings to Court Proceedings	2	2	0
Change of Status: Government Claims to Court Proceedings	3	2	1
Total :	437	190	247

Civil/Solicitors Division

Another function that is performed under the Litigation Division is the investigation and processing of claims filed against the government pursuant to the Government Claims Act. Claims filed under the Government Claims Act include property damage, personal injury, wrongful death and contract claims. The Claims Unit also handles claims for the return of funds turned over to the government under the Dormant Bank Account Law.

The **Consumer Protection Unit** is housed under the Litigation Division and is charged with enforcing various consumer laws including the Deceptive Trade Practice Act. These laws protect against false, misleading and deceptive practices by both local and off-island businesses. The Unit handles consumer complaints and publishes press releases to increase public awareness of consumer scams.

The **Solicitors Division** provides legal services to the agencies, boards, commissions and other instrumentalities of the executive branch. The Division also writes legal opinions and legal memoranda for executive agencies, the legislature and mayors. Some of the legal tasks performed by the Solicitors Division include: researching and writing attorney general opinions and legal memoranda; giving either verbal or written legal information and guidance to executive agencies; reviewing documents and preparing opinions regarding bond issues; drafting, reviewing and approving proposed agency rules and regulations; acting as agency legal counsel at administrative hearings; drafting and/or reviewing procurement contracts; assisting agencies with procurements; assisting agencies with responses to Sunshine Act requests; assisting in administrative matters relative to the Commission on Post-Mortem Examiner and providing a full-time tax attorney to the Department of Revenue and Taxation.

The **Notary Unit** is under the Solicitors Division. The Notary Unit administers and enforces the Model Notary Law. This includes administering notary tests, responding to inquiries from notaries and members of the public, auditing notary journals and issuing certificates of notary certification when requested by the public. Public Law 30-59, enacted in November of 2009, raised notary application fees from \$50 to \$100 and raised Certificate of Authority fees from \$25 to \$50. Government notary fees are waived and all amounts are paid to Treasurer of Guam and are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Solicitors

Notary Report & Solicitors Request

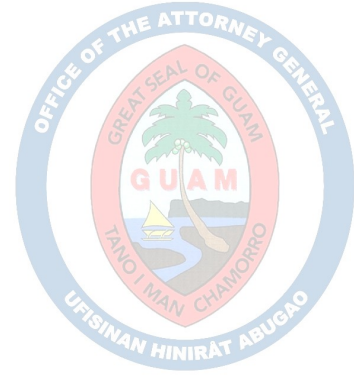
Notary Income for 2010			
Action	Private	Government	Income
New Notaries	59	2	\$5,700.00
Renewal Notaries	69	7	\$6,150.00
Certificate of Authority Requests	50	0	\$2,500.00
Total	168	9	\$14,350.00

Jay Fejeran, Notary Unit Contact



Solicitor's Request breakdown for 2010			
Category	Total Requests	Status	
	Per Category	Pending	Closed
Administrative Proceedings	64	23	41
Administrative Rules & Regulations	23	4	19
Attorney Assistance	381	100	281
Contract Review	665	45	620
*Opinion & Legal Guidance Requests	*77	19	58
Procurement	82	36	46
Total :	1,292	227	1,065

Family Division



The **Family Division**, headed by Deputy Attorney General Carol Hinkle-Sanchez, handles all matters relating to juveniles in our island community. This includes cases involving juveniles who commit criminal acts that involve drugs and alcohol, non-drug and alcohol related offenses and delinquency matters. The Family Division also represents Child Protective Services (CPS) in cases brought to court involving children that have been subjected to abuse and neglect by their parents or caretakers, as well as cases where juveniles are deemed ‘beyond control’ by their parents or caretakers.

The goals of the Family Division are: to vigorously represent the government in special juvenile proceedings, juvenile delinquency cases, and other matters before the Family Court of the Superior Court of Guam; to vigorously represent Child Protective Services in child abuse and neglect cases; to adequately staff and fund personnel and provide training to juvenile staff to

update their skills and knowledge; to establish and consistently conduct community outreach activities and participation in educational and social meetings dealing with juvenile issues; and to promote legislation that will significantly impact juvenile activities and other matters relevant to the mandates of the Family Division.

Although the challenges are many when dealing with the island’s youth, the Division is dedicated to providing our children with a safe and nurturing environment free from danger and harm and continues to take an active approach in educating the community about making healthy choices for future generations.



Carol Hinkle-Sanchez
Deputy Attorney General
Juvenile/ Family Division

Total Cases received for Juvenile Division	
Drug Cases	84
Special Proceedings	75
Pre-Adjudicatory- Diversionary Program	5
Delinquency	235
TOTAL	399

Family Division

Juvenile Drug Caseload

Drug Court Cases

Possession of Schedule I Controlled Substance (Marijuana)	40
Possession of a Scheduled I Controlled Substance in a Drug Free School Zone	40
Possession and Consumption of Alcohol	37
Possession of Scheduled II Controlled Substance (Meth/Ice)	2
Inhalants	2
Distribution of a Scheduled I	2
Tobacco	1

Other Offenses Committed with Drug Court Cases

Complicity (Theft of Property-Motor Vehicle)	7	Aggravated Assault	1
Public Drunkenness/Intoxication	7	Attempted Aggravated Assault	1
Theft of Property	7	DUI	1
Beyond Control	6	Open Container	1
Disorderly Conduct	6	Reckless Conduct	1
Assault on a Peace Officer	5	Unauthorized Entry	1
Assault	4		
Criminal Trespass	4		
Resisting Arrest	4		
Complicity (Criminal Mischief of a Motor Vehicle)	3		
Curfew	3		
Family Violence	3		
Burglary	2		
Criminal Mischief	2		
Criminal Mischief of a Motor Vehicle	2		
Conspiracy (Theft of Property)	2		
Harassment	2		
Rioting	2		

** It is important to note that the number of cases filed will not correlate with the number of charges because each case filed may have multiple charges.*

Family Division

Special Proceedings & Diversion Program

Special Proceedings Cases	
Persons in Need of Services	43
Beyond Control	32
Total	75

Pre-Adjudicatory Diversionary Program (PADP)

The PADP is a prevention program and unlike court cases, it is an informal process that allows for the Family Division attorneys to divert particular cases into the program. For example, juveniles who are first-time offenders that have committed crimes deemed as petty misdemeanor offenses may be considered for this program. In 2010, the Family Division successfully diverted 5 juveniles into the prevention program.



Family/ Juvenile Division: Eliseo M. Florig Jr., Julie Salas, Amber Wood, Eloise Bejosano, Carol Hinkle Sanchez and Thomas M. Parker
(not shown: Dominic S. Terlaje)

Family Division

Juvenile Delinquency Caseload

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Breakdown of Delinquency Caseload

Theft of Property	92	Complicity (Theft of Property)	8
Burglary	48	Disorderly Conduct	8
Theft of Property (Motor Vehicle)	47	Second Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct	7
Criminal Mischief of a Motor Vehicle	38	Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	6
Graffiti	36	Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Valid Driver's	5
Criminal Mischief	34	Complicity (Criminal Mischief of a Motor Vehicle)	5
Curfew	33	Assault on a Peace Officer	5
Assault	30	Ordinary Escape	5
Conspiracy (Theft of Property-Motor Vehicle)	25	Criminal Facilitation	4
Terrorizing	23	Resisting Arrest	4
Conspiracy (Burglary)	18	Complicity (Burglary)	4
Family Violence	18	Complicity (Criminal Mischief)	4
First Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC)	17	Assault (Mutual Combat)	3
Conspiracy (Theft of Property)	15	Fourth Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct	3
Conspiracy (Criminal Mischief of a Motor Vehicle)	15	Conspiracy (Graffiti)	3
Beyond Control	15	DUI	3
Criminal Trespass	15	Illegal Possession of a Schedule I (Marijuana)	3
Harassment	15	Imprudent Driving	3
Conspiracy (Assault)	13	Public Drunkenness	3
Alcohol	13	Reckless Conduct	3
Aggravated Assault	12	Robbery	3
Crime Against the Community	12	Unauthorized Entry	3
Complicity (Theft of Property-Motor Vehicle)	10		

Family Division

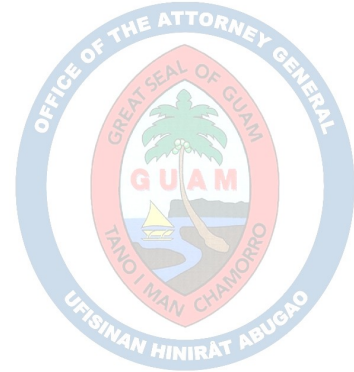
Juvenile Delinquency Caseload cont.

Breakdown of Delinquency Caseload

Arson	2
Graffiti (possession of a Spray Paint can by a Minor)	2
Graffiti (Possession of a Broad Tipped Indelible Marker by a Minor)	2
Possession and Use of a Deadly Weapon in the Commission of a Felony	2
Reckless Driving	2
Complicity (Graffiti)	2
Breaking of a Glass Window to Gain Access	1
Assault with the Intent to Commit CSC	1
Destruction of Evidence	1
Felonious Restraint	1
Operating a Bicycle Equipped with a Motor Vehicle	1
Insufficient Clearance	1
Attempted Robbery	1
DUI (Beyond Alcohol Limit)	1
Possession of Tobacco	1
Attempted Theft of Property	1
Stalking	1
Unsworn Classification	1
Conspiracy (Robbery)	1
Conspiracy (Criminal Mischief)	1
Complicity (Arson)	1
Complicity (Assault-Mutual Combat)	1

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Prosecution Division



The **Prosecution Division** plays a critical role in Guam's criminal justice system as its mission is to seek justice and enhance the safety of the island community. Its main responsibility is to charge all adult felony and misdemeanor cases. There were 230 charged felony cases and 1,010 charged misdemeanor cases. The division is also responsible for prosecuting criminal cases involving criminal sexual conduct, drugs, domestic violence, property, firearms, homicides, white collar or public integrity, government corruption, and other violent crimes heard before the Superior Court of Guam.

The Division is also comprised of the **Criminal Investigations Unit** who is responsible for conducting independent investigations and follow-up investigations in support of on-going prosecutions.

The Prosecution Division continues to improve its operations in pursuit of justice for victims of crime and to increase its efforts to meet the demands of a steadily increasing caseload despite limited personnel and other resources.

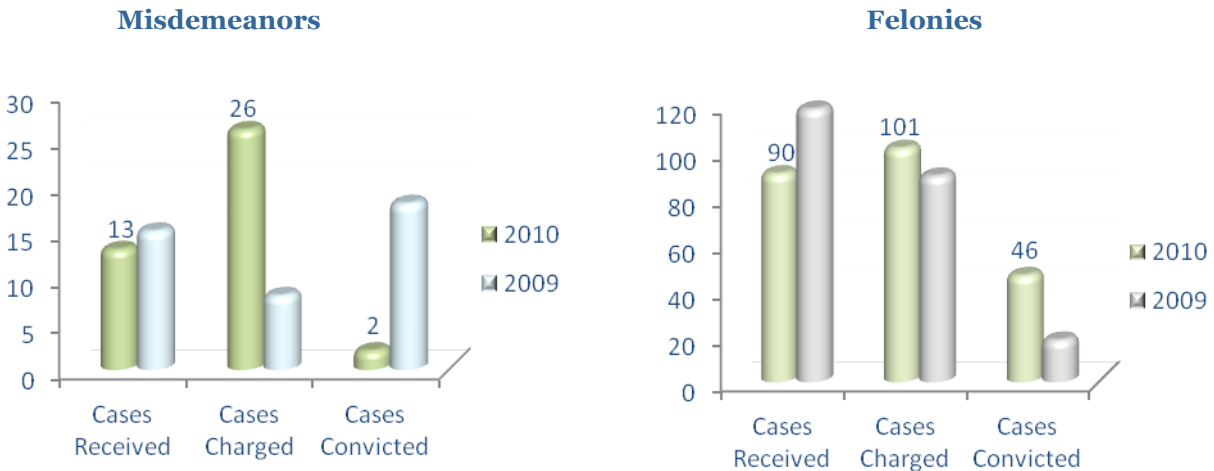


J. Basil O'Mallan III
Chief Prosecutor
Prosecution Division

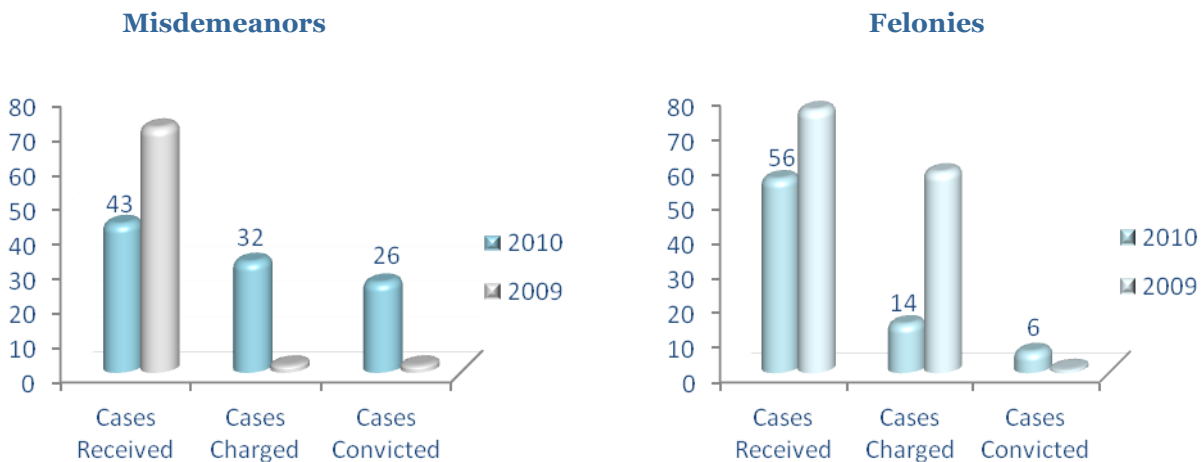


The Investigators Unit

Criminal Sexual Conduct Cases



Child Abuse Cases

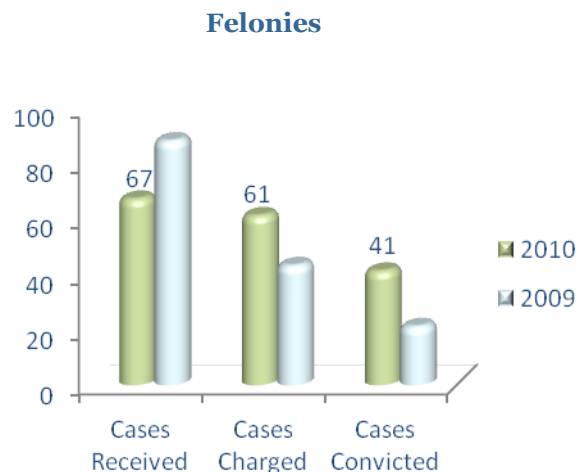
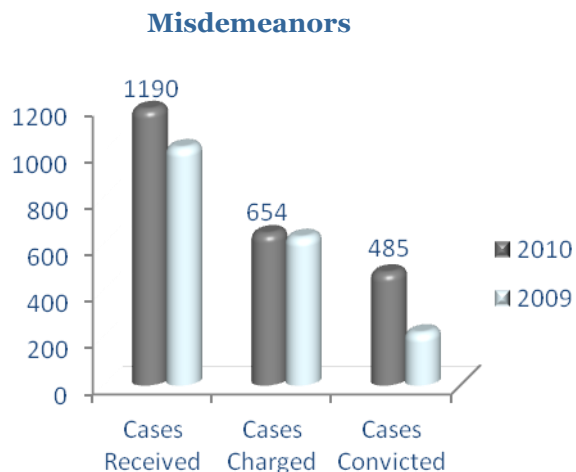


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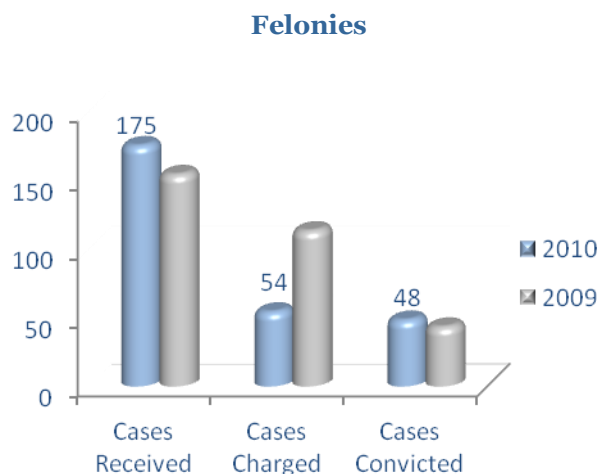
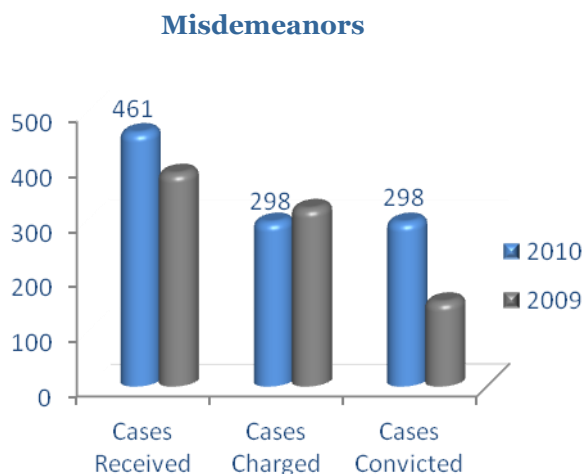
Prosecution

Caseload Statistics

Driving While Under the Influence (DWI) Cases



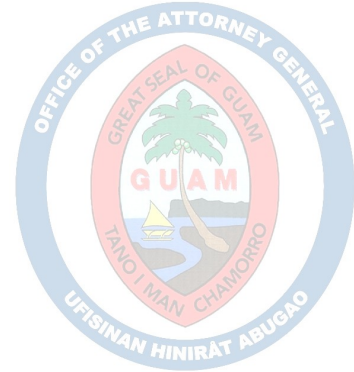
Family Violence Cases



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Administration Division

The **Administration Division** plays a crucial role within the Office of the Attorney General. They provide administrative services to all the Divisions within the Office, including the preparation and monitoring of the annual budget. Integrated within the Division are personnel who coordinate the Office's efforts in community outreach and communications with the public.



The Office of the Attorney General, like other government of Guam agencies, faced financial constraints and unanticipated costs for its operations during fiscal year 2010. The Office has, as in previous years, managed to both operate and stay within the fiscal year budget. The Office has instituted and improved the financial oversight of all the operations and related costs and expenditures of its various divisions. This has included providing timely financial information which is available to the public for review on its website at www.guamattorneygeneral.com. The Office has also implemented and enforced cost-cutting measures throughout its operations. Nonetheless, the Office continued to seek alternative sources of funding other than local general fund monies for the recruitment and hiring of much needed attorneys and support staff to meet the high caseload numbers and growing demands for legal services for the various government of Guam agencies.



Phillip J. Tydingco
Chief Deputy Attorney General



Terry Ascura
Acting Chief of Administration

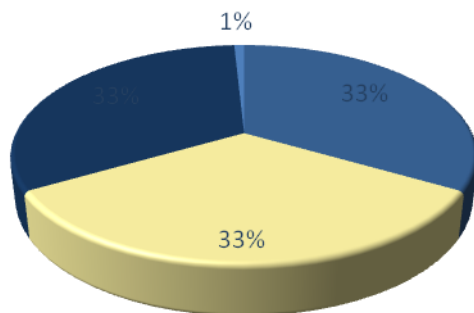
Administration

Office Staffing & Funding

Office of the Attorney General 2010 Staffing Pattern	
Attorneys	41
Investigators	20
Support Staff	80
Total	141

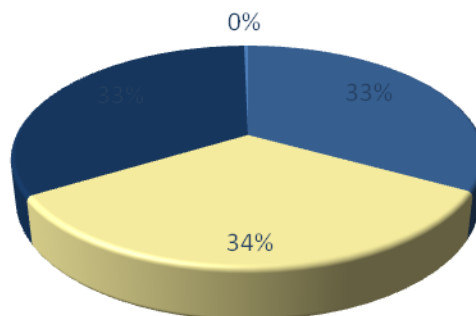
General Fund

■ Original: \$7,089,626.00 ■ Final: \$7,089,626.00
 ■ Actual: \$6,914,318.00 ■ Variance: \$175,308.00



Federal Fund

■ Original: \$4,036,916.00 ■ Final: \$7,089,626.00
 ■ Actual: \$4,075,885.00 ■ Variance: \$38,969.00



Victim Witness **VWAS** Ayuda Services Unit

The **Victim Witness Ayuda Services (VWAS) Unit** has well trained advocates who provide support services to victims and witnesses of crimes. The advocates help crime victims restore their sense of dignity, self-esteem and coping mechanisms while the Prosecution Division pursues criminal charges against perpetrators.

The VWAS Unit was created to assist victims as the case goes through the court system. VWAS provides victims with emotional support, court accompaniment, transportation, if necessary, to court appointments related to the case, childcare while victims are in court or meeting with a prosecutor; refer victims to counseling or other services if requested; assist victims in filing claims with the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission; notify victims of trial dates; case-related information and case dispositions; advocate for the victim if restitution is requested; and assist victims in their requests for parole notification.

VWAS is completely funded by the Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA), passed by congress in 1984.



Meet the **VWAS Team** from left to right: Lorraine Rivera, Joann Augustine, Cristine Pervez-Cruz, Joe Bamba, Rica Garrido, Lucil Guerrero, Connie Merei, Mirta Walters, Marie Cruz, Sheri Batungbacal

2010 Highlights



2010 Employee Association Members (left to right): Member-at-Large Lynette Flores, Advisor Erlinda Uson, President Brenda Aguon, Treasurer Frank Honorario, Secretary Lucilla McDonauld, Vice President Cristine Pervez– Cruz and Advisor Vivian Nisperos.

MagPRO Nomination for Employee Association Award

- Congratulations to the 2010 Office of the Attorney General’s Employee Association for their nomination in the 2011 MagPRO Employee Association Award! Although the Association came in second place for the MagPro Award for Excellence, their continued effort to build and fortify interoffice morale and sense of community has won them first place in the eyes and hearts of their colleagues here at the Office of the Attorney General.

An excerpt from the 2011 MagPRO Awards nomination letter:

A couple times a month, overworked, tired and hungry attorneys, paralegals, secretaries, investigators and support staff look forward to the “biiing” sound the elevator makes followed by the “eeeyi eeyi” sound of a metal cart being pushed out by cheerful women announcing a sweet relief from the days toil.

“Support our office and buy some treats, take a break and fill your bellies!” they call.

The Employee Association of the Office of the Attorney General tirelessly works year round to enhance the sense of camaraderie and kinship within the office. This group spends time outside of their busy work schedules and family life planning, organizing, preparing, and executing activities that build the morale and sense of family within the AG’s office.

2010 Highlights

Prosecution

- In September, the Office implemented its new management information system, JustWare Prosecutor Information Systems, which replaced the old system, File-maker. JustWare was implemented by New Dawn Technologies and allowed the Prosecution Division to better manage workflow, case management, tracking, document automation, and data reporting. The new system also provided for timely input of data on a daily basis, timely charging of criminal events and ensured that real time data was generated for the benefit of all Guam's law enforcement entities.

Child Support

- In December, a law passed making it mandatory to receive child support payments by electronic funds transfer. The Kids First Card debit card program saw an increase of about 500 new clients as a result. Kids First Card is the direct deposit program whereby payments of child support are automatically loaded into a custodial parent's savings or checking account. The benefits of this program include reduction in the time for payments to reach the families, convenience and safety to clients, and prevents delay or loss of payments.
- CSED collaborated with the Guam Memorial Hospital, Office of Vital Statistics, Saguia Mañagu Birthing Center and Naval Hospital to educate putative fathers and unwed mothers about the benefits of acknowledging paternity at or near the time of the child's birth. Signing a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity allows a father to have his name placed on the child's birth certificate. This is especially vital since research indicates that the earlier fathers become involved in the lives of their children, the better the chance there will be a lasting connection.

2010 Highlights

Family

- The Family/ Juvenile Division played an instrumental role in the drafting of the legislation for the Sex Offenders Registry Notification Act (SORNA) which is a site for keeping track of convicted sex offenders and classifying each offender so that the public can receive information about dangerous sex offenders who live and work within a community. The Office partnered with the Guam Judiciary, the Guam legislature and other law enforcement agencies to ensure the island does not become a hiding place for sex offenders and child molesters.
- Under the leadership of then Governor Felix Camacho, the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Commission (JJDPa) was formed. The Family Division saw the commission as an opportunity to improve the on the lack of services available to juveniles. As with any commission, task force, or group, research and discussion plays a critical role in the planning process and 2010 was dedicated entirely to the early planning and research phases to revamp the current laws.

Civil

- With the enactment of Public Law 72-30, the Civil Division is required to act as legal advisor during all phases of solicitation and procurement contracts that result in an award of \$500,000 dollars or more. The review of all stages of procurement applies to procurements by every executive branch agency, autonomous agency instrumentality or public corporation of the government. In July 2010, P.L. 5GCA §5150, was further amended (P.L. 30-157) to allow the OAG the ability to delegate the review authority of procurement contracts over \$500,000 to the Special Assistant Attorney General assigned to government agencies , thereby expediting the process and allotting the Assistant Attorneys General of the Civil Division to focus on other pressing matters.