

Presiding Judge

Judiciary of Guam

Administrative Office of the Courts Guam Judicial Center • 120 West O'Brien Dr • Hagåtña, Gu. 96910 Tel: (671) 475-3544 • Fax: (671) 475-3184



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 12, 2023

Torres Honored With "Making the World a More Just Place" Award

(*Hagåtña*, Guam) — Chief Justice Robert J. Torres was one of 11 distinguished honorees recognized for making a more just world during the National Judicial College's 60th Anniversary Celebration held at the renowned New York Athletic Club.

Themed "Being Heard and Ensuring Fairness," the event featured a series of discussion panels on access to justice, procedural fairness, and the fundamental importance of equal treatment under the law. In addition to receiving the award, Chief Justice Torres was featured as a panelist. The celebration drew hundreds of attendees, including former Senator Mary C. Torres and the President of the Guam Bar Association, Jacqueline T. Terlaje.

"I am thrilled by the National Judicial College's recognition and to share this honor alongside my friend, New York Chief Judge Rowan Wilson," said Chief Justice Torres. "I also share this with the 400 men and women of the branch who each play a role in delivering justice to the People of Guam every day."

Since his appointment to the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Torres has consistently championed greater access to justice within our judicial system. His advocacy played a central role in expanding court services with the opening of the Northern Court Satellite, employing wireless technology in the courtrooms, effecting videoconferencing in initial appearances, implementing e-filing, and adopting ethical and use standards for technology in the Judicial Branch. As a testament to his contributions, Torres was recently chosen to moderate the Chief Justices panel titled "Next Generation: Bench, Bar, and Bots" at the NJC's 60th Anniversary Celebration in Reno, Nevada later this month.

The National Judicial College is the nation's leading provider of judicial education, committed to upholding the highest standards of justice, promoting judicial excellence, and advancing the rule of law.

###