



BEFORE THE 2025 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
RESOLUTION NO. JC25-010

RELATIVE TO GRANTING THE 2025 HOSTISIA AWARD TO THE
HONORABLE ANITA A. SUKOLA

WHEREAS, in annual celebration of Law Month, the Judiciary of Guam presents the Hostisia Award, an award recognizing a community member or organization that has made outstanding contribution to improving the administration of justice and good government; and

WHEREAS, modeled after the American Bar Association’s Liberty Bell Award, the Guam Judiciary Hostisia Award is meant to honor those who contribute to the betterment of our island and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, in considering the criteria used in determining worthy recipients, specifically, a promotion of a better understanding of the rule of law, encouraging a greater respect for law, generating a sense of civic responsibility, and contributing to good government of the island, it is our district honor to grant this year’s Hostisia Award to retired Judge Anita A. Sukola.

Judge Sukola exemplifies the spirit of the Hostisia Award. Her remarkable career spans over 35 years, marked by unwavering dedication to justice and profound service to the people of Guam. More than half of those years, or 19 years, 10 months and 23 days, were service provided to the Judiciary of Guam.

Judge Sukola’s journey began in the classroom, where she inspired young minds as a teacher at Simon Sanchez High School in 1973 after she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Secondary Education from Washington State University. She later earned a Master’s Degree in School Administration from the University of Guam in 1975 and a Juris Doctorate from the People’s College of Law in Los Angeles, California in 1983.

Upon earning her law degree, Judge Sukola returned home with a fervent desire to serve the island community. She embraced various roles including Deputy Director of Education (1987 -1988); Director of Education (1989-1991); Attorney at the Public Defender’s Office; Legal Counsel for the Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors and the Chamorro Land Trust Commission; and Staff Attorney to Senator Don Parkinson (17th Guam Legislature).

In addition to her public service, Judge Sukola maintained a successful private practice for 11 years while she also served as a full-time Assistant Professor at the University of Guam. In 2002, Judge Sukola was appointed as Superior Court Judge where she presided over various general jurisdiction cases, including juvenile and drug courts. Her nearly 20 years of service on the bench significantly shaped Guam’s judicial landscape and left a lasting impact on the legal community and the lives of those she served.

While on the bench, she continued to give her time and skills to advancing the welfare of the people of Guam. Her involvement extended to several key subcommittees within the Judiciary, where she took on significant leadership roles. She co-chaired the Judiciary’s 2012-2015 and 2016-2019 Strategic Plan Focus Area on Access to Courts and Delivery of Services and co-chaired the 2017 Juvenile Justice Reform Strategic Plan Focus Area on Evidence-Based Practices. She also championed the Guam’s Immediate Violation Enforcement (G.I.V.E.) Program which was instrumental in providing swift, certain, consistent and proportionate consequences for misbehavior in an environment of caring support for adult drug offenders.

Judge Sukola’s exemplary approach to governance has not gone unrecognized; she was honored the Goodwill Ambassador Award for Juvenile Justice for her continued efforts in promoting the System of Care model and the associated professional and cultural sensitives in her courtroom in juvenile cases.

Judge Sukola’s tireless dedication inspires a sense of civic responsibility in the community and her commitment to fostering a better understanding of the law did not stop when she retired from the bench in March 2021. She continues to volunteer with the Judiciary of Guam as the chair of the Criminal Procedure Subcommittee within the Criminal Law and Procedure Review Commission. In this role, she brings her wealth of knowledge and experience gained over decades to lead the modifications and recommendations aimed at rewriting Guam’s Rules of Criminal Procedure. Her tireless efforts focus on creating a more just and efficient legal system that will benefit the community for years to come.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Hostisia Award is presented to the Honorable Anita A. Sukola in recognition of her dedication and unyielding pursuit of justice for the people of Guam.

DULY ADOPTED this 15th day of May 2025 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

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