



BEFORE THE 2025 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM

RESOLUTION NO. JC25-013

**RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING MOCK TRIAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION AND ACHIEVEMENTS
IN THE 2025 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

- WHEREAS,** annually, the Judiciary of Guam in collaboration with the District Court of Guam, the Guam Bar Association, and the Guam Department of Education hosts the Guam High School Mock Trial Competition to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of the judicial system and the rule of law among Guam's youth, and this year marked the inaugural launch of Guam's Courtroom Artist and Journalist Contests, expanding opportunities for students to engage in legal education through creative art and writing; and
- WHEREAS,** under the guidance of their attorney and school coaches, the Okkodo High School Mock Trial Team, courtroom journalist Giada Meno from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam, and courtroom artist Angel Samaniego rose to distinction in the School Year 2024-2025 Guam High School Mock Trial Competition and earned the opportunity to represent Guam at the 2025 National High School Mock Trial Championship held in Phoenix Arizona; and
- WHEREAS,** Angel Samaniego, showcasing exceptional talent and artistry, earned Third Place in the People's Choice Contest of the National Courtroom Artist Competition, a proud achievement reflecting Guam's excellence in visual storytelling; and
- WHEREAS,** the Okkodo High School Mock Trial Team exemplified the highest standards of conduct and integrity, earning the Larry Bakko Award for Professionalism and Civility, an honor bestowed through the votes of their peers and awarded to the team that best demonstrates professionalism, civility, integrity, and fair play, both inside and outside the courtroom and throughout the competition; and
- WHEREAS,** the award is named after Larry Bakko, a long-time educator and pioneer in mock trial who developed the program's current scoring system and whose commitment to fairness, education, and the spirit of the law continues to inspire generations of students and educators; and
- WHEREAS,** the achievements of the student participants not only highlight their extraordinary skills and virtuous character but also reflect the strength of our community's commitment to fostering youth leadership and civic education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Judicial Council hereby recognizes and commends the Okkodo High School Mock Trial Team, courtroom journalist Giada Meno, and courtroom artist Angel Samaniego, for their exemplary representation of Guam at the 2025 National High School Mock Trial Championship held in Phoenix, Arizona and for their outstanding achievements in receiving the Larry Bakko Award for Professionalism and Civility, and securing Third Place in the People's Choice Contest in the Courtroom Artist Competition.

DULY ADOPTED this 17th day of July, 2025.


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