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# Law Library News

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## New Year, New Look

*Change is the law of life.  
And those who look only  
to the past or present are  
certain to miss the future.*

President John F.  
Kennedy



*The first law library building.*

In 1978, the Territorial Guam Law Library was established with the enactment of Public Law 14-55. A year later, construction began and the first Guam Law Library was born. The library building still sits on the same location on San Ramon Street, behind the Judiciary of Guam complex.

Over the last 35 years, the changes, both outside and inside the library, have been dramatic.

During the last several months especially, there have been changes to the staff and leadership, and new implementation of

*The first law library newsletter.*



new policies. But it was not a matter of change simply for the sake of change.

With guidance from the Board of Trustees, we have been offering more resources and new programs for our patrons.

We anticipate even more improvements in 2013, starting with a fresh look for our website, [www.guamlawlibrary.org](http://www.guamlawlibrary.org). We also hope you enjoy

the newsletter (although it is a bit late this month). Soon, our energy efficiency retrofit projects will be completed, and patrons will benefit from a new lighting and a/c system. We also plan to hold more CLE events throughout the year.

We hope you will join us this year as we celebrate 35 years of service to the legal community and the public.

## Library Hours

**Weekdays**  
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Saturdays**  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Sundays**  
Closed

**Holidays**  
Closed, except All Souls Day and Our Lady of Camarin Day

## News & Announcements

➤ The library plans to launch a new card access system in February 2013. GBA members who have keys will be contacted by library personnel, in order to return the key, sign out an access card

and review and sign the new after-hours access policy and agreement.

➤ Energy efficiency retrofit projects continue, and we appreciate your understanding as we change our a/c units and

upgrade our lighting system.

➤ The library will be open its regular hours on Monday, February 18, 2013 (often referred to as President's Day).

## New Books



### Immigration Procedures Handbook, 2012-2013

By Austin T. Fragomen Jr., Careen Shannon, Daniel Montalvo

Last Updated: 12/4/2012

Contains explanations of how, where, and why to present specific types of petitions and applications under today's immigration laws. This detailed sourcebook also contains analysis of current law, as well as recent changes

that affect immigration practice and procedure, to assist you in determining the most effective method of proceeding with a case.

This handbook offers creative alternatives to help expedite the immigration process and provides details of the USCIS' expedited process program for business petitioners and Form I-907.

It also addresses:

- Line-by-line instructions for more than 70 forms.
- The effect of the Immigration Act of 1990 and recent policy changes and regulations.
- Rules on new nonimmigrant categories.
- Automatic acquisition of citizenship for foreign-born children.



### Federal Jury Practice and Instructions, Vol. 3A

By Kevin F. O'Malley, Jay E. Grenig, William C. Lee.

Last updated 11/20/2012.

Considered the bible on federal jury practice, *Federal Jury Practice and Instructions* is composed of volumes that are organized to follow the

course of a federal trial.

This set provides trial judges and trial lawyers with more than 1,870 model jury instructions for virtually every type of civil and criminal case, plus:

- Succinct, practical advice to successfully handle any jury issue

likely to arise.

- Detailed information on federal jury practice and instructions.
- Step-by-step guidance through every phase of a civil or criminal federal jury trial.
- Exhaustive case authority on all issues covered.

### Child Support Guidelines: Interpretation & Application, 2nd Ed.

by Laura W. Morgan, Esq.

Last Updated: 12/13/2012

The only comprehensive guidebook for determining child support awards that takes practitioners step-by-step through the interpretation and application of the guidelines and their worksheets in both the normal and exceptional child support case.

Important issues affecting

calculations are clearly explained, including:

- Definition of "income" under the guidelines
- The impact of divided custody, shared custody, split custody, and extended visitation
- Second household expenses, other dependents, subsequent children, and stepchildren
- Impact of a private contract on the court's

decision to apply the guideline amount

- Deviation from the guidelines for a high income parent
- Deviation from the guidelines to pay for medical expenses, private school, and child care expenses
- Imputed income
- Modification of prior awards

*This unique publication thoroughly covers each state's version of one of the three basic models for determining child support: the percentage of income model, the income shares model, and the Melson formula.*



## Board of Trustees

Since 1979, there have been more than 50 members who served on the Board of Trustees of the Guam Law Library, formerly the Guam Territorial Law Library.

The Board of Trustees was established by statute, and is charged with governance of the Law Library, a nonprofit educational corporation.

Although by statute, the law librarian serves as the administrative head of the law library and reports to the Board of Trustees, from 1997 to 2008, the law library lacked a sitting law librarian. For eleven years, the sitting Trustees themselves played an active role in day-to-day library operations.

Since 2008, the Compiler of Laws has served as the Executive Director/ Librarian of the Guam Law Library, and the Office of the Compiler of Laws is now located in the law library facility.



*Pictured L to R: Colette Gomoto, first Territorial Law Librarian; Trustees Tim Stewart, Jim Brooks, Ruth Hall, Alan Dear, Territorial Librarian Magdalena Taitano, Fred Black, Judge Cristobal Duenas, Judge Paul Abbate.*

The members of the Board of Trustees are appointed by the:

- Chief Justice of Guam (1 trustee)
- Chief Judge of the District Court of Guam (1 trustee)
- Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Guam (1 trustee)
- Judicial Council of Guam (1 trustee)
- Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary (1 trustee)
- Governor of Guam (1 trustee)
- President of the Guam Bar Association (2 trustees)

*The corporation is organized and shall be operated for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a law library.*

Article II , Guam  
Territorial Law Library  
Articles of Incorporation

## Librarians

➤ Colette Gomoto  
1980 to 1982  
*The first Territorial Law Librarian*

➤ Darlene Weingarth  
1983 to 1990

➤ David Gaarder  
1991 to 1993

➤ Bryan Carson 1994

➤ Alan Dear  
1995-1997

➤ A. Serge Quenga  
2008-2011

➤ Geri Amparo Cepeda  
2011 - present



*Alan Dear*



*Darlene Weingarth*

## Sweet e-Freedom

Turns out there are hundreds of legal and general productivity websites in cyberland just waiting to be discovered and used—all free of charge! The key is knowing which sites are junk and which are golden. Following are some productivity and legal websites that I frequently use.

- <https://join.me>

Join.me allows up to 250 people to be in on the same discussion at the same time (for free) and is compatible with both Windows- and Mac-based systems. Options available to participants include listening in on conversations via telephone, conducting Q&A sessions, and sharing control.

- [www.yousendit.com/compare-plans](http://www.yousendit.com/compare-plans)

How many times have you spent hours creating a presentation only to not be able to send the handouts via email because of file size restrictions? This happens to me all the time. But with YouSendit, you can send files up to 40 times larger than with standard email. File size is a problem no more as you can send files upward of a gigabyte in size and know (not just hope) it was received on the other end.

- [www.timebridge.com](http://www.timebridge.com)

Most people I know in business have outlook accounts at work and home, a smart phone, another phone somewhere, a Blackberry, a calendar on their computer, a paper desk calendar, [and] another paper calendar hanging on the wall in their kitchen. TimeBridge takes all of those dates and keeps them organized in one central place so you won't be running all over the place the next time you have a deadline to meet or a meeting to schedule, and it won't break your budget because TimeBridge does it all for free.

- [www.zamzar.com](http://www.zamzar.com)

The problem with cyberspace these days is that there are so many different file formats. You've got bmp, dwg, emf, eps, gif, ico, jpg, pcx, png, tga, tiff, wbmp, webp, doc, and txt, not to mention the hundreds more that no mere mortal can keep track of. Zamzar is another free service that can convert any image, document, or video file for free. Simply identify the file you wish to convert, select the desired conversion format, enter your email address, and click "convert" to have the converted file emailed to your inbox. Is that easy or what?! Can I get an amen?!

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## Beyond the Stacks



*The cliffside across the law  
library.*