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HIGHLIGHTS:

Lifelong orientation to public service and the public interest.

Engaged in the practice of law in the CNMI for over fifteen years with strong record of achievement of results for clients.

Over twenty-five years of business, managerial and supervisory experience. Experienced business consultant and owned and operated own businesses.

Undergraduate degree in economics and politics (double major). Several years experience performing economic analyses as a private consultant using own computer models.

Proven record of over 35 years working successfully in multi-cultural environments. Strong oral and written communication skills.

Over nineteen years of direct and indirect government service providing considerable experience and familiarity with government functions, operations, and dynamics, along with issues and needs and detailed understanding of political environment.

Proficient in the use of computers on both Windows and Macintosh platforms, including word processing, spreadsheet, email, web browsers, and a wide variety of other applications. Familiar with computer networking principles and techniques and other modern office management methods.

Previously taught computer courses at Northern Marianas College. As an undergraduate, was an R.E. Lee Research Scholar using low level computer language to program an IBM mainframe to reverse engineer the bootstrap loader for a PDP minicomputer.

EDUCATION

William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii, J.D., May 1994

University of Hawaii Law Review 1992- 94, Executive Editor - Production 1993-94

1993 American Jurisprudence Award for Excellence in Evidence

1992 Susan McKay Oral Advocacy Competition, Runner-up

National Moot Court Team 1992-93

American Inns of Court, Aloha Inn 1993-94

Phi Delta Phi

Pacific-Asian Legal Studies Student Organization/International Law Student Association 1991-94 ; President 1993-94

Student Representative, Library Committee 1992-93

Advocates for Public Interest Law

Pacific Islands Legal Studies Association

Washington & Lee University, Lexington, VA

B.A., Politics and Economics (double major), 1974

R. E. Lee Research Scholar

LEGAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE:

Supreme Court of the United States

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Commonwealth and Federal courts

Hawaii (inactive)

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

PRIVATE PRACTICE OF LAW , Saipan, Mariana Islands	2000 - present
Past and present clients include private individuals, corporations, public officials, the Mayor of Saipan, the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, and the Marianas Public Land Trust	
SENATE CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL , Legislative Bureau, Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	1998 - 2000 Saipan, Mariana Islands
SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL , Legislative Bureau, Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	1994 - 1998 Saipan, Mariana Islands
RESEARCH ASSISTANT , for Professor Jay Dratler, William S. Richardson School of Law University of Hawaii	1994 Honolulu, Hawaii
SUMMER LAW INTERN , Department of the Attorney General, Appellate Division, Honolulu, Hawaii	1993
RESEARCH ASSISTANT , for Professor Addison M. Bowman, William S. Richardson School of Law University of Hawaii	1992 - 1993 Honolulu, Hawaii

MAJOR PUBLISHED CASES

In Re: Petition of Maria Frica Tudela Pangelinan and Christina-Marie E. Sablan for Reapportionment and Redistricting, 2008 MP 12.

In Re: Petition of Maria Frica Tudela Pangelinan and Christina-Marie E. Sablan for Reapportionment and Redistricting, 2007 MP 14.

Atalig v. Inos, 2006 MP 1.

Rayphand v. Sablan, 95 F. Supp. 2d 1133 (D. Nor. Mar. I. 1999), *summarily affirmed sub nom. Torres v. Sablan*, 528 U.S. 1110, 120 S. Ct. 928 (2000).

Sablan v. Tenorio, 4 N.M.I. 351 (1996).

In re Status of Certain Tenth Legislature Bills, 1998 MP 3, 5 N.M.I. 155.

Northern Marianas Housing Corp. v. Marianas Public Land Trust, 1998 MP 1, 5 N.M.I. 150.

NON-LEGAL EMPLOYMENT & EXPERIENCE

OWNER-MANAGER , Pacific Vanguard, Saipan, Mariana Islands	1984 - 1991
Consulting practice: economic analysis, public policy analysis and development, public relations and advertising, business advising and management assistance, computer selection and support, research and writing.	
INSTRUCTOR , Computer courses, Northern Marianas College, Saipan, Mariana Islands	1990 - 1991
LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT Senate, Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature	1984 - 1991 Saipan, Mariana Islands
FOUNDER , Managing Director, Treasurer, Secretary Island Food & Beverage, Inc. (beachfront bar and restaurant)	1986 - 1989 Saipan, Mariana Islands
CHIEF CONSULTANT , Second Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention, Saipan, Mariana Islands	1985
ADVISOR , Task Force on Income and Sales Taxation and Business Incentives Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	1984 - 1985 Saipan, Mariana Islands
GENERAL PARTNER , Western Pacific Associates (management/consulting), Saipan, Mariana Islands	1982 - 1983
Major projects: demonstration public bus system; invitational kit for Peace Corps/Micronesia.	

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PURCHASING MANAGER Hyatt Regency Saipan (formerly Saipan Continental Hotel)	1979 - 1982 Saipan, Mariana Islands
FOOD & BEVERAGE CONTROLLER Saipan Continental Hotel (now Hyatt Regency Saipan)	1977 - 1979 Saipan, Mariana Islands
PROOFREADER , Congress of Micronesia, Saipan, Mariana Islands	1977
MANAGER , M.S. Villagomez Enterprises (import, wholesale, and retail), Saipan, Mariana Islands	1976
PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER , Commissioner's Assistant, Municipal Government, Saipan, Mariana Islands	1974 - 1976

PUBLICATIONS

- "Dekada aspirations equal CNMI's long-term best interest," SAIPAN TRIBUNE, June 19, 2005
- "A New Beginning" AMERICAN PACIFIC BUSINESS MAGAZINE, January/February 2002
- "Back to the Future?" AMERICAN PACIFIC BUSINESS MAGAZINE, November/December 2001
- "Dollars and Sense," AMERICAN PACIFIC BUSINESS MAGAZINE, September/October 2001
- "Politics and PSS," MARIANAS VARIETY, August 13, 2001
- "Crisis Economics and Workforce Development," AMERICAN PACIFIC BUSINESS MAGAZINE, July/August 2001
- "Facts about Leg. Initiative 10-8," MARIANAS VARIETY, Oct. 30, 1997 (analysis of proposed constitutional amendment revising and increasing the legislative budget ceiling)
- "What voters need to know about . . . Legislative Initiative 10-3," MARIANAS VARIETY, Oct. 27, 1997 (analysis of proposed constitutional amendment concerning the Commonwealth Judicial branch)
- "The 3rd Con Con and the Public," MARIANAS VARIETY, Feb. 5, 1996 through March 1, 1996 (critique of the work of the 1995 NMI Constitutional Convention, in a series of 20 columns appearing daily Monday-Friday)
- Henderson v. Professional Coatings Corp.*: Narrowing Third-Party Liability in Automobile Accidents, 15 U. HAW. L. REV. 353 (1993).
- "The 'CARABAO EXPRESS' had a short life," GUAM BUSINESS NEWS, May 1983, Vol. 1, No. 3

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Coach, CNMI Mock Trial Competition, Calvary Christian Academy team, 4th place, 2000 & 2002
- 1997-98 Executive Transition Committee, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, subcommittees on Passport Office, Board of Parole, Board of Elections & Board of Professional Licensing, and Office of the Public Defender, Office of the Attorney General, and Governor's Legal Counsel
- CNMI Council of PTA, 1997-98 School Year, Director - Northern Region, Chair, Constitution and By-laws Committee
- Tanapag Elementary School Parent Teacher Association, 1994-1998, President - 1997-98 School Year, Vice President - 1996-97 School Year
- Saipan Chamber of Commerce - Member, 1984-91; Government Relations Committee, 1984-88; Chairman, Infrastructure Subcommittee of Ad hoc Committee on Economic Development Priorities, 1986; Group Leader, Economic Development Priorities Conference, 1985
- Foreign Investment Practices Advisory Panel - Member, 1985-86, by appointment of the Lt. Governor

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association – Member (lapsed): Government & Public Sector Division; State and Local Government Section; General Practice, Solo and Small Firms Section
- Hawaii State Bar Association (inactive)
- Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Bar Association