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*(It is our duty at the Judiciary to inform the people what we do.
This Press Release is one way to achieve that responsibility.)*

The Republic of Palau Judiciary is pleased to publicly announce and welcome Associate Justice Honora E. Remengesau Rudimch. Following her appointment by President Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., on February 8, 2021, the Justice took her oath of office on March 12, 2021, and is assigned to the Trial Division of the Palau Supreme Court. To acquaint you with the Justice's background, legal education, experience, and accomplishments, a brief curriculum vitae for her is provided below.



Honora E. Remengesau Rudimch was appointed to the Court of Common Pleas in 2005 and has been the only judge in this court for the last 15 years. She presides over civil cases where the amount claimed does not exceed \$10,000 and criminal misdemeanors, petty misdemeanors, and violations against adults and juveniles. She also presides over small claims cases, family law cases, and domestic abuse cases.

Over the years, the Court of Common Pleas has become the busiest court with cases almost doubling from 600 cases to over 1,000 cases heard per year. With numerous judicial training, improvements in technology, efficient hard-working staff, and her hands-on management of the case flow of cases, the number of back-logged cases has been reduced significantly and maintained at a minimum.

After the Family Protection Act was enacted in 2012, and the Court of Common Pleas designated as the first instance court for civil protective order cases, she has worked with other stakeholder agencies in the implementation of this Act, conducting public outreach with other various stakeholders on the prevalence of domestic violence in Palau, raising awareness about domestic violence, and coordinating assistance and training between NGO's and first responders.

She received her Juris Doctorate Degree from William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Prior to coming on the bench, she worked at Micronesian Legal Services – Palau Office, interned at the Olbiil era Kelulau Senate Legal Counsel's Office, and the Domestic Violence Clearing House in Honolulu, Hawaii.

She is the youngest daughter of the late former Madrengebuked Thomas O. Remengesau and the late Ferista Esang Remengesau. She is married to Eyos Rudimch and they have two children, Yliana and Rsei.