



# SUPREME COURT

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#### **PRESS RELEASE # 153** **November 15, 2022**

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

Re: The Palau Judiciary is pleased to welcome its new Administrative Director Kenneth T. Uyehara and Court Counsel, Ms. Alexane Welsch.



Kenneth Uyehara was born in Medalaih, Koror, to Marianne Teiko Uyehara from Angaur and Harry K. Uyehara, from Hawaii. Ken and his family left Palau in the 1960s due to his father's job.

Ken graduated from Hawaii Prep Academy and went on to Coe College in Cedar Rapids Iowa, graduating with a BA in Business Administration, Biology, and General Science. He earned his MBA from the University of Guam. Ken returned to Palau in 2004 after retiring from the United States Air Force/Air National Guard, not only to enjoy the lifestyle of island life, but to serve according to God's will. Since Ken returned to Palau, he has owned and operated his own real estate appraisal company. Being a sole proprietor of the company has allowed Ken to answer calls to serve Palau in different capacities. Included in his service is membership in Palau Chamber of Commerce, serving as President for 8 terms; board member of the FIC; PPUC General Manager; Angaur State Governor.



Alexane Welsch, Esq. comes to Palau Judiciary from her native Montpellier, France. She obtained a L.L.B. from the University of Essex, a Master's degree from the Université Paris Nanterre, France. She also graduated *summa cum laude* from the American University Washington College of Law. While in law school, Alex participated in the International Human Rights Law Clinic where she worked on diverse immigration matters and advocated against the inhumane practice of solitary confinement in front of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. She wrote her thesis on the protection against inhumane conditions of incarceration in regional human rights systems. Out of law school, Alex served as a law clerk to the Honorable Lisa M. Lorish in the Court of Appeals of Virginia. She is a member of the Washington D.C. bar. Alex is looking forward to living in Palau, and hopes to learn a lot about Palauan culture.