

## SUPREME COURT

## THE JUDICIARY REPUBLIC OF PALAU

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The Palau Judiciary, in collaboration with the Pacific Justice Sector Programme (PJSP), held a two-day workshop for staff for the Palau Judiciary, Victims of Crimes Office (VOCA), Ministry of Health & Human Services (MHHS) Staff and the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) on "Interviewing Family Violence Petitioners and Assisting People with Disabilities." The workshop was held on 25-26 August 2022 at the Koror State Government Constitution Hall.

The workshop is a result of the Judiciary's updated Family Protection Act (FPA) Guidelines executed in April 2022 where the Judiciary, pursuant to authority authorized under 21 PNC 823(d), designated VOCA and MHHS, both nonjudicial agencies, to assist persons who need assistance in completing applications for protective orders. There were about 35 participants from the different agencies.

The Palau Judiciary thanks the PJSP and Dr. Carolyn Graydon for helping to make this workshop possible, as well as, MHHS, MOJ, and Vice President/Minister of Justice Uduch Sengebau Senior for their support and commitment.

