

SUPREME COURT

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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.)

Re: The Palau Judiciary is pleased to welcome on-island two Court Counsel, Ms. Hannah Morrissy and Mr. William B. Davis

Hannah Morrissy comes to Palau from Washington, DC, where she obtained her Juris Doctor, cum laude, from American University Washington College of Law. She was born in Chicago, Illinois, where winters average -6° C, so she is looking forward to the paradise temperatures of Palau. During law school, Hannah worked in her school's Gender Justice Clinic where she represented victims of domestic violence, helped clients navigate the immigration and naturalization process, and worked in various areas of family and poverty law. She has experience clerking for the US federal government,



as well as for Washington, DC's trial court. Hannah is looking forward to soaking up as much of Palau as she can during her stay.



Will comes to the Palau Judiciary from St. Petersburg, Florida. Will received his Juris Doctor from Stetson University College of Law in 2022 with a concentration in Environmental Law and received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science with certificate in Intelligence and National Security from the University of Central Florida in 2019. While in law school he was an Article Editor on the *Journal of International Wildlife Law & Policy*. He has dedicated his early career to advocating for the rights of the indigenous peoples of the Pacific

from Hawai'i to American Samoa and has written and been published on the protection of Hawaiian ancestral land and traditional and customary rights. While in Palau Will looks forward to adding Palauan to the list of languages he knows, visiting the Island of Peleliu and sailing on the water.