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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 Counsels, Ms. Anika Maan and Ms. Isabella A. Anderson.



Anika Maan is from the Washington, D.C. area and obtained her Juris Doctor from Washington and Lee University School of Law in Virginia. During her time at W&L, she was the Managing Editor of the German Law Journal, the President of the International Law Society, and a research assistant focused on U.S. immigration law matters. Anika has previously worked with several key U.S. government agencies, including the Securities and Exchange Commission, the DOJ, and the Department of Commerce. In each of these roles, she contributed to international legal assistance programs, gaining insight into legal systems around the world. In 2022, she interned for the United Nations

Office on Drugs and Crime in Suva, Fiji, where she conducted an internal assessment through Fiji's, Palau's, and Kiribati's court records. Anika has written academia on land use and water rights within the Native, Asian, and Pacific Islander communities, focusing on the influence of international human rights norms on domestic legal systems. She hopes to continue her research in the Asia-Pacific region, advocating for the implementation of legitimate history and tradition as evidence within the legal system. Anika is thrilled to be back in the Pacific and ready to contribute her skills and knowledge to the Judiciary as Court Counsel. In her free time on island, she hopes to explore Palau and one day gather the courage to dive in shark city!



Isabella A. Anderson joins the Supreme Court of Palau from West Virginia, where she obtained her Juris Doctor from West Virginia University College of Law in 2021 with a concentration in International Law and the Order of Barristers distinction. During law school, Isabella served as Executive Editor of the West Virginia Law Review, President of the International Law Students Association, and as a Student Attorney in the United States Supreme Court Clinic. She also worked as a research assistant to several professors and as a Dean's Fellow for Legislation & Regulation. Isabella competed for two years in the Jessup International Moot Court competition, and as Team Captain she placed in the Top 20 Oralists at U.S. National Rounds and was ranked in the Top 500 Oralists in Global Rounds. Following law school, Isabella returned to coach the Jessup team and worked in private practice. She has spent the last two years working in the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia, completing term clerkships for the Hon. Frank W. Volk and the Hon. Irene C. Berger. Isabella previously lived in Montreal, where she obtained her B.A. in Political Science from McGill University and had the honor of serving as an NGO Representative to the 62nd United Nations Commission on the Status of Women as well as interning at the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies. Originally from Southern California, Isabella is excited to live near the ocean once again and learn more about the history and culture of Palau.