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This Press Release is one way to achieve that responsibility.)*

RE: PALAU JUDICIARY RELEASES CITATOR OF PUBLISHED JUDICIAL DECISIONS

On Friday, April 11, 2025, the Palau Judiciary released the first version of the *Citator of the Published Judicial Decisions of Palau*. Associate Justice Kevin Bennardo, who is also a Clinical Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina School of Law, created the citator by reviewing and compiling data from Palau judicial decisions spanning over four decades.

A citator is a research tool that identifies what opinions have cited to a particular decision, which can be useful to find additional relevant opinions on specific research topics. While the citator, which is approximately 83% comprehensive, does not distinguish between positive and negative treatment, it can be used to determine whether cited opinions remain “good law.”

The citator was created using the opinions publicly available on the Judiciary’s website. The initial creation of the citator was funded by a research grant by the University of North Carolina School of Law. This citator is intended to be distributed free of charge to all who wish to use it.

The citator can now be accessed on the “Cases & Judgments” page of the Judiciary’s website by scrolling down to the “Citators” section. Justice Bennardo aims to update the citator at the beginning of each calendar year, though smaller updates may occur more frequently to patch errors and omissions.