

**IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU**

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

**ORDER AMENDING
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
RULE 5.1**

Pursuant to Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution, Rule 5.1 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure, dated February 1, 2014, is amended to read as shown below. The amended Rule 5.1 shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

RULE 5.1. MINOR CRIMINAL OFFENSES.

(a) Minor Offense Defined. A minor offense is any crime or offense defined by statute as a misdemeanor, petty misdemeanor, or violation.

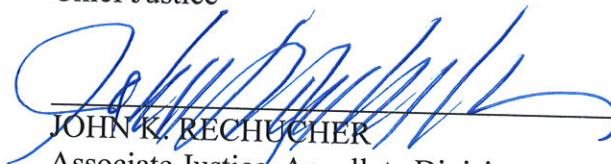
(b) Charging Document and Venue. A minor offense may be prosecuted by information, complaint, or citation. Any information, complaint, or citation charging only minor offenses shall be filed and tried in the first instance in the Court of Common Pleas.

(c) Appeal. Unless a notice of appeal is filed, the order or judgment of the Court of Common Pleas shall become final. All appeals from judgments or orders of the Court of Common Pleas shall be to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, pursuant to the Rules of Appellate Procedure.

SO ORDERED, this 27 day of June, 2017.

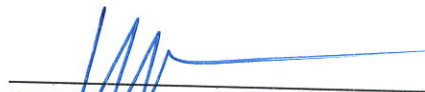


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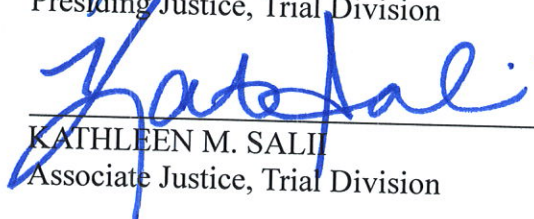


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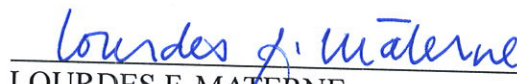
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