IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2

All decisions of the Trial Division shall be entered within sixty days of submission. If the decision is not entered within the sixty-day period, the Court shall, within five days of the expiration of the sixty-day period, inform the parties in writing of the reasons therefor. Thereafter, the decision shall be entered within thirty days.

Decisions of the Appellate Division shall be entered within ninety days of submission. If the decision is not entered within the ninety-day period, the Court shall, within five days of the expiration of the ninety-day period, inform the parties in writing of the reasons therefor. Thereafter, the decision shall be entered within thirty days.

If a justice or judge fails to comply with the requirements herein set forth, an immediate investigation shall be commenced by the Appellate Division and, if it is determined that such failure is without good cause, appropriate sanctions shall be imposed within thirty days of such failure. A record of such action shall be kept by the Appellate Clerk and shall be made available for inspection upon request.

This order is to take effect on July 1, 1988, and shall apply to all cases tried or heard from that date forward.

Dated on this Zandday of June, 1988.

Mamoru Nakamura
Chief Justice

Loren A. Sutton Associate Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong Associate Justice

Trederick J. O'Brien Associate Justice Pro