## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU

Re: Adoption of the Oaths of Admission

## ORDER ADOPTING OFFICIAL OATHS OF ADMISSION

Pursuant to Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution, which confers authority upon the Supreme Court to promulgate, *inter alia*, rules governing the legal profession, and Rule 8 of the Rules of Admission for Attorneys, which commands that an applicant meeting all requirements for admission shall have one year after receipt of the certification letter to take the Oath of Admission, the adoption of three official Oaths of Admission is hereby **ORDERED**.

Each Oath shall serve a particular purpose that is dependent upon the applicant's proposed admission status. The first Oath is available for any attorney seeking admission to practice in the Republic of Palau under Rule 2 of the Rules of Admission for Attorneys. The language of the first Oath is as follows:

I, **Name of Attorney**, do solemnly swear that as an attorney and counselor at law duly admitted to the practice of law before the courts of the Republic of Palau, I will support and defend the Constitution of the Republic of Palau and the constitutions of the states thereof; I will conduct myself with integrity, civility, and maintain the respect due to judicial officers, court staff, and my fellow professionals; I will adhere to the Admission and Disciplinary Rules for attorneys to practice before the courts of the Republic of Palau; and I will at all times faithfully and diligently discharge the duties of an attorney and counselor at law to the best of my knowledge and ability.

The second Oath is provisional in nature and is available for any attorney seeking admission to practice in the Republic of Palau under Rule 3(a) of the Rules of Admission for Attorneys. The third and final Oath is also provisional in nature and is available for any law graduate seeking admission to practice in the Republic of Palau under Rule 3(b) of the Rules of Admission for Attorneys. The language of the second and third Oaths for provisional

admission are as follows:

I, Name of Attorney/Law Graduate, do solemnly swear that as an attorney and counselor at law, provisionally admitted to the practice of law before the courts of the Republic of Palau, in accordance with Rule 3(a)/(b) of the Rules of Admission, I will support and defend the Constitution of the Republic of Palau and the constitutions of the states thereof; I will conduct myself with integrity, civility, and maintain the respect due to judicial officers, court staff, and my fellow professionals; I will adhere to the Admission and Disciplinary Rules for attorneys admitted to practice before the courts of the Republic of Palau; and I will at all times faithfully and diligently discharge the duties of an attorney and counselor at law to the best of my knowledge and ability.

SO ORDERED this \_22 4

day of March 2023.

**NGIRAIKELAU** OLD

Chief Justice

JOHN K RECHUCHER

Associate Justice

FRED M. ISAACS Associate Justice

KATHLEEN M. SALII Presiding Justice, Trial Division

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