



Judicial Nominating Commission

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VACANCY FOR ONE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE PALAU SUPREME COURT

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The Republic of Palau Judiciary is seeking applicants for one Associate Justice position who will be assigned to the Trial Division of the Palau Supreme Court. The Trial Division of the Supreme Court has original and exclusive jurisdiction over all matters affecting Ambassadors, other Public Ministers and Consuls, admiralty and maritime cases, and those matters in which the national government or a state government is a party and concurrent jurisdiction in all other cases with the National Court.

Eligible applicants are those who have been admitted to practice law before the highest court in which they have been admitted for at least five (5) years preceding their appointment. The Judiciary prefers applicants with backgrounds in both criminal and civil law, who demonstrate strong research and writing skills. The Judiciary values superior work ethic and job performance, commitment to the law, and unimpeachable integrity in professional and ethical conduct. All applicants must disclose any disciplinary proceedings to which they have been a subject.

An Associate Justice receives a salary of approximately \$85,000 (USD). For an off-island appointee and his or her dependents, the position includes free round-trip economy transportation and housing subsidies of up to \$900.00 a month for a single person or \$1,000.00 for a married couple and shipment of household and personal effects (up to \$900 for a single Justice or \$1,000.00 for a married couple, each way).

Applicants should submit an application consisting of a cover letter, resume, list of references (including contact information), a writing sample, and any professional achievements or awards. Applications may be sent by email or by First Class United States mail (the postage rate is the same as to any U.S. state) to the attention of:

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Emailed applications may be sent to jnc@palausupremecourt.net with "Associate Justice Application" in the subject line. The deadline for submitting applications is July 31, 2023, (postmarked if sent by mail). Please address any questions to Ms. Lue Dee 'Dechol' Kotaro, Chambers Administrator to the Chief Justice, at the contact information found on the letterhead above, or lkotaro@palausupremecourt.net.