

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

IN RE: AMENDMENT TO RULE
26, RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE LAND COURT

ORDER

Pursuant to the Supreme Court rule-making authority under Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution, and 35 PNC § 1304(d), which permits the Land Court to refer claims to the Trial Division of the Supreme Court, referral Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations of the Land Court is hereby amended as follows:


The Land Court may refer disputed claims to the Trial Division if it deems that consideration of such claims will seriously interfere with the accomplishments of the Land Claims Reorganization Act of 1996. The Land Court must state the reasons why it believes referral is necessary and submit the claims to the Presiding Justice of the Trial Division. If the Presiding Justice accepts the referral, the claim(s) shall be filed on the date of the referral as a civil action with a new caption showing that the claim originated from the Land Court and is now a Trial Division case via virtue of the referral. The rules of evidence and civil procedure shall apply to these referrals.

The new caption shall maintain the Land Court caption with respect to the land and claimants, except that “Trial Division” is substituted for “Land Court” and the referral is evidenced by notation listed under the Civil Action Number as illustrated by Exhibit A attached.

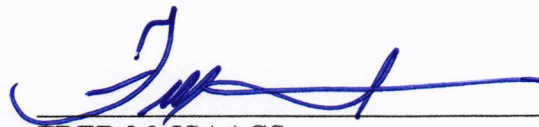
SO ORDERED this 15th day of September 2023.



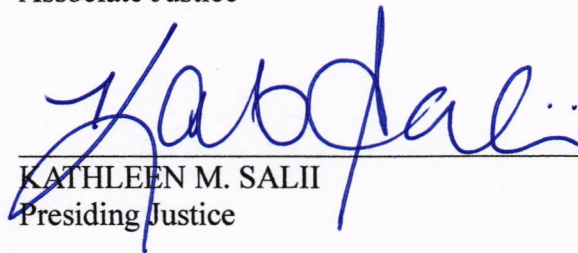
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Chief Justice



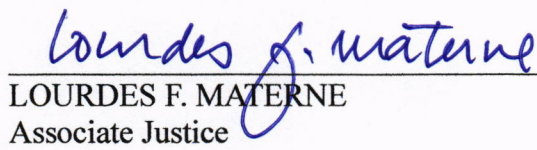
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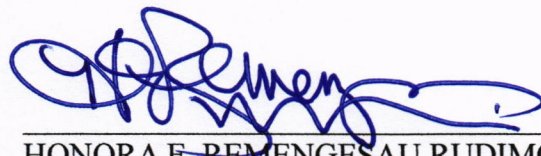
FRED M. ISAACS
Associate Justice



KATHLEEN M. SALII
Presiding Justice



LOURDES F. MATERNE
Associate Justice



HONORA E. REMENGESAU RUDIMCH
Associate Justice

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

In the matter of the ownership of certain lands located in *Ngerkesoaol Hamlet* of Koror State described as ***Omkateltelol or Bitalchereomel, Tochi Daicho Lot 404-part of 474***, and depicted as **Lot 20B04-001 & Lot 20B04-002** on the BLS Worksheet No. 2020 B 04.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-102
(LC Referral No. LC/B 21-00097)

Claimants:

LLOMES IGNACIO YADA *for "Kebliil"*
NGERMELLONG CLAN *by R. Santos Olikong*
TMETBAB CLAN *by Tadashi Shiobo Ichikawa*
TMETBAB LINEAGE *by Jones Ngoriakl and Itpik Martin*

ITPIK MARTIN
LALII MARKUB
Koror State Public Lands Authority (KSPLA)

Exhibit A