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IN THE  
SUPREME COURT  
OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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IN RE THE APPOINTMENT OF

*Judge Pro Tempore*

ALBERTO E. TOLENTINO,

TO SIT ON THE  
COMMONWEALTH SUPERIOR COURT.

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PAUL ATALIG MANGLONA, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS A CNMI SENATE  
MEMBER; CARMEN PATRICIA DELEON GUERRERO,  
AND BRUCE LEE JORGENSEN,  
Plaintiffs,

v.

SENATE OF THE 22ND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH  
LEGISLATURE; JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS CNMI  
SENATE PRESIDENT; AND KARL R. KING-NABORS, VICTOR B. HOCO, G,  
FRANCISCO Q. CRUZ, VINNIE V.F. SABLAN AND JUSTO S. QUITUGUA, IN THEIR  
OFFICIAL CAPACITIES AS CNMI SENATE MEMBERS,  
Defendants.

SUPREME COURT NO. 2022-ADM-0012-MSC  
SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL CASE NO. 22-0097

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**ORDER APPOINTING JUDGE PRO TEMPORE**

¶1 Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja has informed the Court that the sitting judges in the Superior Court have recused themselves from the above-referenced matter. Under the authority of Article IV, Section 9 of the NMI Constitution and in furtherance of the prompt and efficient dispatch of Court business, the Chief Justice may designate a judge *pro tempore* as necessary.

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IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

- a. The Honorable Alberto E. Tolentino of the Superior Court of Guam is hereby appointed to serve as judge *pro tempore* in this matter.
- b. A party shall file a motion to disqualify within 10 days from the date of this Order should they believe that reasonable grounds exist for the judge *pro tempore* to be disqualified from this matter. The motion shall state specifically the grounds for such disqualification.

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Unless the motion to disqualify is granted, Judge *Pro Tempore* Alberto E. Tolentino shall have full authority to serve as in this matter and shall carry out the duties and powers inherent with the appointment.

SO ORDERED this 17th day of May, 2022.

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ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO  
Chief Justice