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Supreme Court Issues Child Support Guidelines

On April 6, 2020, the Supreme Court issued an Order adopting the Child Support Guidelines. The Guidelines provide uniformity in child support awards, maintenance of financial security, and a reduction in litigation and costs in child support disputes, as well as encourage equitable settlement between parents. The Guidelines were drafted through the collective effort of a committee comprised of representatives from the Judiciary, the Office of the Attorney General, Micronesia Legal Services, the Nutritional Assistance Program, and the Department of Commerce.

“I am thankful to Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja, Attorney General Edward P. Manibusan and the Office of the Attorney General, the Family Court Division, and everyone else involved in ensuring the CNMI finally has Child Support Guidelines,” said Associate Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio. “A determination of child support should not be arbitrary, and these Guidelines will clearly show which factors, such as income, expenses, and other costs, that are factored into determining child support.”

The Guidelines may be found on the Law Revision Commission’s website at www.cnmilaw.org. In addition to the Guidelines, there are a series of worksheets, instructions, and supporting documents to assist those seeking or providing child support.

For further information, contact the Supreme Court at 236-9800.