

Judges' Biography

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Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja

Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja was born on July 17, 1955 on Saipan. He received his B.S. in Political Science from California Lutheran College in 1979 and graduated with his Juris Doctor from Gonzaga School of Law in 1982.

After receiving his law degree, Presiding Judge Naraja served as Assistant Legal Counsel to the CNMI Resident Representative to Washington, D.C. He subsequently worked as an Assistant Public Defender and then as an Assistant Attorney General. Presiding Judge Naraja has served both as the Chief Public Defender and as Attorney General. Thereafter, Presiding Judge Naraja ventured into private practice establishing his own law firm.

Presiding Judge Naraja ascended to the Superior Court and served as an Associate Judge from November 2001 to March 2003. He was sworn in as Presiding Judge on March 28, 2003. In January 2010, he began serving as a Designated Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, a position he still serves.

Since 2003, Presiding Judge Naraja has been serving, and continues to serve, as a member of the Pacific Judicial Council. He has served as the Chairman of the Child Support Guidelines Committee, the Chairman for the Juvenile Rules Committee, and the Chairman of the Juvenile Justice Task Force. Presiding Judge Naraja has begun re-organizing the Juvenile Justice Task Force.

Presiding Judge Naraja is a member of the Judicial Council of the CNMI Judiciary.