

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

IN RE THE MATTER OF COMMONWEALTH JUDICIARY FEE SCHEDULE

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2006-304

ORDER CLARIFYING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW FEES

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On October 3, 2006, the proposed Commonwealth Judiciary Fee Schedule became effective by operation of Article IV, § 9 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. There has been some uncertainty about the applicability of fees for filing and/or recordation services provided to the various agencies, instrumentalities, and municipalities of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands. Historically, the only fees the Government was required to pay were those associated with the Commonwealth Recorder's Office. *See*, General Order No. 2006-303, Exhibit A, p. 4, nos. 36-42. This practice will not change under the new rules.

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Commonwealth Judiciary Fee Schedule, with the exception of the Commonwealth Recorder Fees, does not apply to the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and municipalities.

So Ordered This 16 Day of October 2006.

LEXANDRO C. CASTRO ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

Miguel S. Demapan Chief Justice

JOHN A. MANGLONA ASSOCIATE JUSTICE