

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION  
RELATIVE TO THE RECRUITMENT ABOVE-STEP FOR  
ATTORNEY AMY M. YACORZYNSKI**

**RESOLUTION NO. PDSC 11-17**

- WHEREAS,** Title 4 Guam Code Annotated (GCA), Chapter 6 §6205 provides for the Recruitment Above-Step for government of Guam departments/agencies; and
- WHEREAS,** the Public Defender Service Corporation (PDSC) has experienced challenges in recruiting and retaining seasoned attorneys with the experience and skill-set to immediately enter the courtroom for either trial and/or appeals; and
- WHEREAS,** over the past several years, the PDSC has lost five (5) Attorney Level 4 at Step 7 or higher and two (2) Attorney Level 3 at Step 2 or higher to either government transfers, retirement, resignations and promotions; and
- WHEREAS,** the PDSC continues to be in direr need to hire experienced attorneys to fill the void that exists as a result of the loss in seasoned as well as experienced Assistant Public Defenders to effectively handle the Corporation's caseload; and
- WHEREAS,** PDSC has received applications for attorneys who qualify for the Attorney Level 3, but without trial and/or appellate experience, PDSC needs experienced attorneys to handle complex litigation including any crime that involves a sentence for life imprisonment without parole; and
- WHEREAS,** based on the legal requirements and ramifications PDSC clients face, there is an immediate need to fulfill PDSC's mission of providing effective, efficient and adequate representation of indigent clients of Corporation; and
- WHEREAS,** PDSC needs to have the ability to attract talented and experience attorneys above the Attorney Levels 3 and 4, Step 1; and
- WHEREAS,** at the August 22, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting , a petition was submitted to have Amy M. Yacorzynski, Esq., to fill the vacancy of Attorney Level 3 under Job Announcement JA-03-17 , which was opened November 30, 2016 as Continuous and closed on February 9, 2017; and
- WHEREAS,** Attorney Amy M. Yacorzynski has close to 7-years of experience as a private criminal trial attorney providing services to the New Orleans' Public Defender Office – handling approximately 380 criminal cases of which 345 are misdemeanors and the remaining 35 are felony cases; and
- WHEREAS,** Attorney Yacorzynski has tried 4 to 5 bench trials per year and 1 to 2 jury trials per year; and

**WHEREAS,** she has extensive Appellate experience and in particular interlocutory supervisory writs regarding suppression of statements, evidence, or both, and conducted research and writing of briefs – which is of value to PDSC considering the fact that the Corporation’s appellate work as well as experience is limited; and

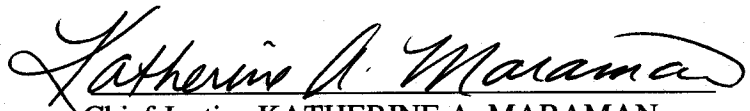
**WHEREAS,** Attorney Yacorzynski would like to concentrate a major part of her work experience on Appellate work so that she is able to share such experience with the PDSC team; and

**WHEREAS,** the PDSC submitted the Request for Recruitment Above-Step to hire Attorney Yacorzynski at Attorney Level 3 Step 3 at an annual salary of \$71,446; and

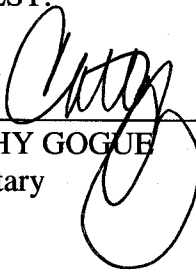
**WHEREAS,** the PDSC petitioned the Board of Trustees for final approval or rejection authority of all Recruitment Above -Step requests as outlined in Title 4 GCA, Chapter 6 §6205, Recruitment Above-Step; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Public Defender Service Corporation, in its duly-noticed meeting of August 22, 2017, hereby approves the Corporation’s Request for Recruitment Above-Step, pursuant to Title 4 GCA, Chapter 6 §6205, for Amy M. Yacorzynski, Esq., to Attorney Level 3, Step 3 at \$71,446 per annum after the completion of the required posting and press release to the media.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2017.

  
Chief Justice KATHERINE A. MARAMAN  
Chairwoman

ATTEST:

  
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CATHY GOGUE  
Secretary