

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION  
RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF A  
MORATORIUM INVOLVING  
CIVIL AND DOMESTIC CASES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-12**

- WHEREAS,** the American Bar Association has established guidelines involving the number of cases an individual attorney can handle in order to provide appropriate and adequate service to all clients; and
- WHEREAS,** the Public Defender Service Corporation (PDSC), as with other Government of Guam entities, continues to experience serious budgetary constraints while its caseload continues to increase; and
- WHEREAS,** this situation has required, and continues to require the PDSC to limit the number of cases that each attorney is handling, or face the possibility of malpractice suits with regard to some cases; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Public Defender Service Corporation, in its meeting of August 28, 2012, imposed an indefinite continuation of the previous moratorium involving non-criminal cases (with certain exceptions); and be it further
- RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Public Defender Service Corporation recognizes that certain exceptions (i.e., uncontested guardianships, burial of expired bodies, and domestic cases involving violence or the threat of violence) exist. Cases of this nature may continue to be accepted by the PDSC (within the Corporation's prescribed eligibility criteria), through December 31, 2012, whereupon this matter will be reviewed for further action.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.



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Chief Justice F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO,  
Chairman



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BERNADETTE S.N. CHARGUALAF  
Secretary