

**FSM SUPREME COURT PRESENTED ACCESS TO JUSTICE AWARENESS RAISING AT POHNPEI
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ON MARCH 3, 2022**



Ms. Carleila Carl Edgar, Staff Attorney for the FSM Supreme Court, gave a presentation on Access to Justice. Access to Justice is a project the FSM Supreme Court has been conducting, in partnership with FSM, State and Local Government, Courts, civil society, Non-governmental organizations, women organizations, people with disabilities, and youth, for the past four years. The goals of the initiative are to gauge the general public on common perceptions of the courts in the FSM in order to determine and to dispel the public misconceptions of the courts, to educate the people on the FSM Supreme Court's roles and duties to society, its relationship with other branches of the government and its general jurisdictions. Identifying common barriers that often impede or disable the general public in accessing justice and generating awareness of legal rights enshrined in the FSM Constitution and general principles of due process were discussed.