



# FSM Supreme Court Law Library(s) (FSMSCLL)

## ANNUAL REPORT 2018

### Kaselehlie, Ranallim, Mogethin, and Lenwo!

2018 was a year of substantial progress for the FSM Supreme Court Law Library. During the year our two main priorities were: expanding and improving our services to our customers, and expanding and improving our division capability to develop and deliver those services effectively and efficiently. Throughout the year, the FSMSCLL received positive feedback on its own website at <http://lawlibrary.wixsite.com/fsmscll> from users for continuing to deliver a range of essential and highly valued legal information services to the judiciary, legal profession and public throughout the FSM and beyond. The unique blend of services provided by our Law Libraries include, without limitation, service support of education, and providing inviting learning space for collaboration and research.

### OVERVIEW

#### About the FSM Supreme Court Law Library(s) (FSMSCLL)



The FSMSCLL is composed of a total of four libraries. The main library is located in Palikir, Pohnpei, and one library located in each of the three FSM Supreme Court Offices located in the states of Chuuk, Yap and Kosrae. The two law libraries located in both Yap and Kosrae are shared and operated by both the FSM and the State Courts.

With the generous donations and support received from members of the judiciary, legal profession, family members, and other law libraries in the Pacific, our collections of legal materials continue to grow. These materials enrich the library's legal collections and are used by researchers to improve users' collective understanding of FSM's laws and beyond. FSMSCLL gratefully acknowledges the generosity of its donors and benefactors who have supported our law libraries throughout the year.

This year, the FSMSCLL in Palikir, Pohnpei was re-arranged to create more friendly open study seating with new additional study-carrels and two new desktop computers with Wi-Fi for legal research.

The FSMSCLL is happy to share the new five year Strategic Plan for year 2018-2022. This Strategic Plan has five main goals that include:

1. *Goal: Develop the Library's Information Resources*
2. *Goal: Improve Access to Information Resources*
3. *Goal: Improve the Library Physical Facilities*
4. *Goal: Establish a Strong Presence and a Cooperative Relationship Within and With the Larger Community*
5. *Goal: Foster A Team-Based Workplace Environment*

## Library Strategic Plan



The Strategic Plan for 2018-2022 will serve as the FSMSCLL's navigational compass for its continuing voyage towards excellence. Users can access the 2018-2022 FSMSCLL Strategic Plan at

[https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/d7cb25\\_cb017d7301b74c52939ea296017304fb.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/d7cb25_cb017d7301b74c52939ea296017304fb.pdf)

## OUR LAW LIBRARY(S)



### Our mission

To ensure that the FSMSCLL provide current and comprehensive legal reference and information services to the judiciary, bar members and the general public throughout the four FSM States.

### Our vision

To assume the leading role in supporting the legal research activities of the judiciary, bar members, staff and its large community by:

1. Creating access to local, state, national, and international legal information;
2. Developing and publishing electronic and other legal information products for the benefit of judges, bar members, staff and the community;
3. Designing information and communication systems linking the FSM Supreme Court website(s) to

state, national, regional, and international sources;

4. Providing assistance to the Trial Counselors' Program and others in the process of legal research and information retrieval while utilizing a variety of methods and formats; and
5. Serving as the legal information resource center for the citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia.

## Our values

- **Customer focus:** we serve our customers by continually developing and improving services and collections to meet their changing needs
- **Professionalism:** we comply with professional standards and strive for excellence
- **Accountability:** we act with integrity, delivery cost-effective services, and are financially responsible and accountable to our stakeholders
- **Respect:** we treat everyone, including colleagues, fairly and with respect

## Our services

- Developing, maintaining and maximizing access to library collections
- Providing reference, research and training assistance
- Publishing judgments and other content produced by the FSM Supreme Court or the library to maximize access and usability
- Educating students and other community members about FSM legal system

## Information Services:

The library supports the information needs of the FSM judiciary and wider legal community by providing a range of services delivering timely and accurate legal information. The FSMSCLL study spaces continue to represent highly coveted spaces.

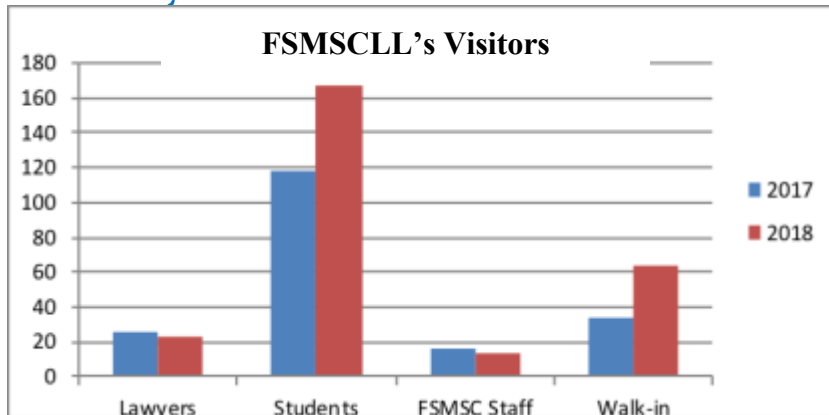
## Visitors:

Over the years the FSMSCLL has had the pleasure of having many visitors come on-site to have a tour of the law library. Tours of the Law Library include an orientation to the services and resources of the library, and information about the print and electronic resources available online.

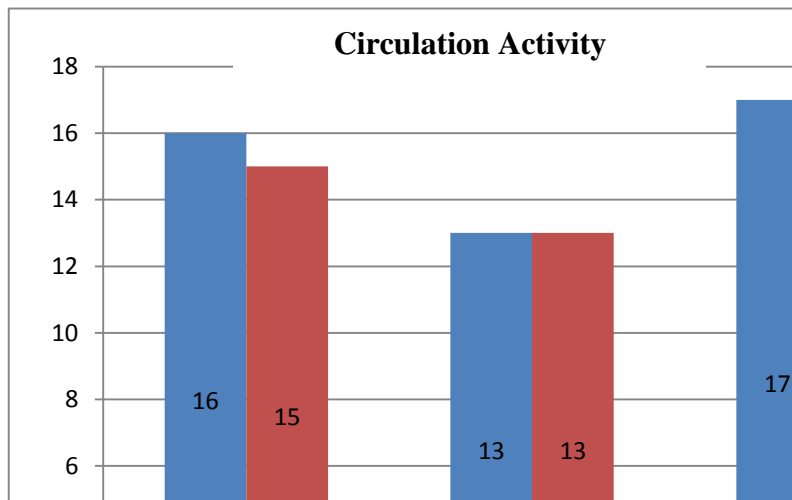
The results below reflect the number of individuals utilizing the services within the FSMSCLL.

**FSMSCLL Statistics:**

**Law Library Users Count:**



**Circulation Statistics**



**Collection development**

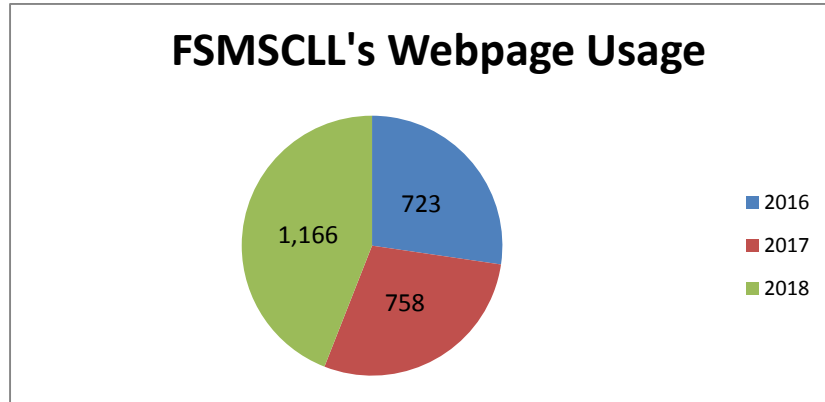
As online resources are now by far the most popular sources of legal information, the FSMSCLL continues to review the balance of print materials purchased against available online content. In 2018, budget savings were made by cancelling a small number of print subscriptions which were largely duplicated by online resources. Using these savings, the FSMSCLL expects to be able to provide access to an even greater range of online titles in 2019.

**Web services**

Since the FSMSCLL website was launched in 2014, over 3,466 people have accessed the library website. The website is the primary means of accessing FSMSCLL's information resources and services for the majority of our customers. In 2018 FSMSCLL continues to make improvements to its websites to improve the integrity of information and the usability of its public website, providing improved access to FSM Supreme Court

unreported decisions, online resources and judicial papers. There remain areas that need to be improved on the FSMSCLL's website for easy access and impact.

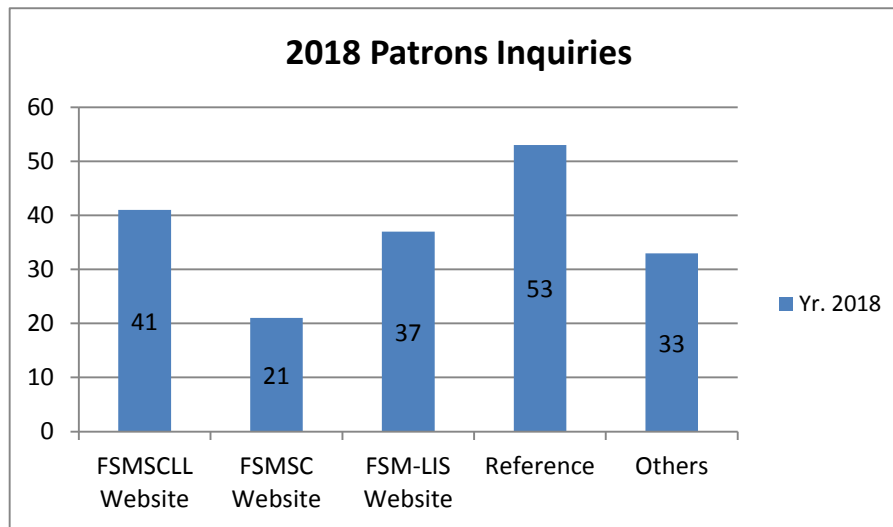
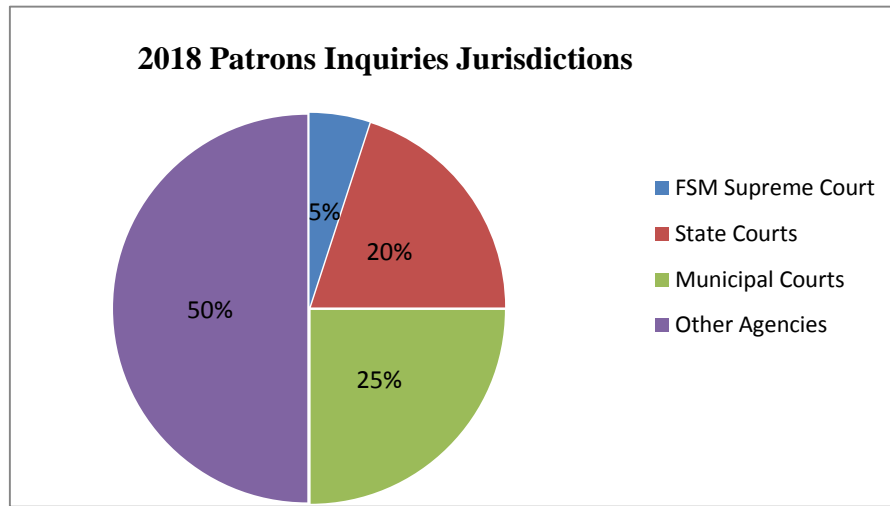
### FSMSCLL's Webpage Count



<http://lawlibrary.wixsite.com/fsmsccll>



Reference Statistics:



Donations



Significant donations for 2018 were a set of code from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, a copy of the constitution from Namoluk Island, in the State of Chuuk, and 12 boxes of print legal materials for both the FSM Supreme Court Law Library in Pohnpei and Kosrae that includes cases, statutes, court rules, secondary sources, desk books and case law books. These books were donated by the Commonwealth Revision Commission, Honorable Lander Elieisar, deputy mayor of Namoluk Island, Chuuk State and the U.S. Courts Library in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**2018 DONATIONS: Total volumes donated = 140**

TITLE	#	DONOR
CNMI Code 2018	5	Commonwealth Revision Commission
Namoluk Island Constitution (Chuuk State, FSM)	1	Honorable Lander Elieisar, Deputy Mayor
Marshall Islands Law Reports 1982-1993	11	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Federal Criminal Code and Rules (2018)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Federal Civil Judicial Procedure and Rules (2018)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Federal Civil Rights Act 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ed. By Smolla (2016)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Federal Reporter 3d (v.700-750)	50	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
U.S. Sentencing Commission Guidelines Manual 2017	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Federal Land Use and Litigation (2015)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Habeas Corpus Checklists (2015-2016)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Moore's Federal Practice and Procedure Pamphlets - Civil (2017)	33	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Summary Judgment: Federal Law and Practice (2016)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Alan Ellis Federal Prison Guidebook (2015)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Attorney-Client Privilege and the Work Product Doctrine, ABA (2007)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Guidelines for Drafting and Edition Court Rules	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
McCormick on Evidence, 6th ed. (2006)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Federal Sentencing Guidelines Handbook 2015-2016	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Defending Federal Criminal Cases (2010)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Federal Courts (2002)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Brief Writing and Oral Arguments by RE (1965)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Thinking like a Writer (1992)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
A Rhetoric and Handbook (1967)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
A Manual for Writers: Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations, 3d (1967)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Depositions (Law School and CLE Edition) (1990)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Trial Evidence, 2nd ed. (2001)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Pretrial Litigation: Law Policy and Practice, 3rd ed. (2001)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Electronic Discovery and Digital Evidence: Cases and Materials (2009)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Restructuring Justice: The Innovation of the 9th Circuit and the Future of the Federal Courts (1990)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Objections at Trial (1993)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Remedies in a Nutshell, 2nd ed	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Class Action in a Nutshell, 4th ed	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Trademark and Unfair Competition Law	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Art Law in a Nutshell, 4th ed. (2006)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Federal Appellate Practice and Procedure in a Nutshell (2008)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Immigration Law and Practice, 6th ed. in a Nutshell (2012)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Federal Income Taxation of Partners and Partnerships in a Nutshell, 4th ed. (2013)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Administrative Law and Process in a Nutshell, 5th ed. (2006)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
First Amendment in a Nutshell, 4th ed. (2008)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Real Estate Finance in a Nutshell, 6th ed. (2009)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Legal Ethics in a Nutshell, 4th ed. (2013)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Community Property in a Nutshell, 3rd (2014)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Landlord and Tenant in a Nutshell (2011)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
Hazardous Wastes and Substances in a Nutshell, 2nd (2001)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI
International Sales Law in a Nutshell (2016)	1	U.S. Courts Library, Honolulu, HI

**Sister Law libraries**

Print collections are maintained in the other three FSM courthouse libraries, with substantial holdings in Chuuk, Yap, and Kosrae.

**Ongoing Events and Programs**

FSMSCLL also participated at several annual and semi-annual workshops and conferences. Each year the chief law librarian attended the following:

- FSM Supreme Court monthly meetings
- Trial Counselors' Quarterly Orientation
- Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA) Annual Conferences
- FSM Judicial Conferences
- Regional & Local Library Associations Workshops

These events provide opportunities to distribute information about the FSMSCLL's services and resources to new staff, and members of the legal community.

## Workshops/Conferences attended

Attending on-island and off-island workshops and conferences is an ongoing goal for the FSM Supreme Court Law Library (FSMSCLL) to improve access to information resources with the objective to promote library resources, increase public understanding and increase public visibility-locally, regionally and nationally. All the workshops/conferences are in line with both the FSM Supreme Court and the FSMSCLL Strategic Plan.



### **Ke Au Hou - Generations of Pacific Librarianship 1-3 May 2018, Honolulu, Hawai'i.**

The goal of the conference was to remember those librarians who established the library profession in the region, connect that legacy to the work librarians are currently doing, and then discuss what librarians want their profession to be in the future. The conference was represented by librarians from every corner in the Pacific including (Palau, Marshall Islands, FSM, Guam, CNMI, American Samoa, Tuvalu, PNG, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, Tahiti, UCLA, UCSD, UNT, and Hawaii). Representing the law library coming from the FSM Supreme Court is

### **Pacific Libraries Summit & UN SDGs Advocacy Workshop, Pearl Resort, Fiji, May 31-June 1, 2018**

The two-day workshop and summit was a major gathering of key library stakeholders, leaders, practitioners, innovators and supporters representing governments, NGO's, regional and international aid agencies, embassies, libraries and archives from across the Pacific. It also highlighted and celebrated the contribution that libraries made to the social, educational, economic and cultural development of their communities. Together we explore and progress opportunities for utilizing the power of libraries to help deliver the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as detailed in the United Nation's





*Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* adopted by the United Nations Assembly in September 2015.

The Summit culminated in the first ever region-wide *Pacific Libraries Vision and Call to Action* to inspire Pacific collaboration in advancing the development of library services and to build and strengthen a supportive network that ensures libraries are resourced and equipped to undertake their vitally important work in communities.

## **Preparation and Refresher Training-of-Trainers Workshop, Pohnpei, 22-27 July 2018**

The Pacific Judicial Strengthening Initiative (PJSI) partnered up with the FSM Supreme Court to deliver a Training-of-Trainers Workshop on Activity Preparation & Refresher from July 22-27, 2018 at the Central Facility here in Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM.



Participants of the workshop received training to develop their confidence in leading, designing, delivering, monitoring and evaluating ongoing judicial and court

development activities.

## **28<sup>th</sup> PIALA Annual Conference, Kosrae State, 26-30 November 2018**

Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA) is a regional



association committed to fostering awareness and encouraging cooperation and resource sharing among libraries, archives, museums, and related institutions of the Pacific Islands. This year's conference theme was "Let's Work Together." The concept of "Let's Work Together" exemplified the PIALA mission to enhance the quality of leadership in order to support and strengthen libraries, archives, and museums across the

Pacific Islands. FSMSCLL is a long time and active member of this regional library association. During the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, I was elected to be the President of *the FSM Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (FSM-ALAM)*. FSM-ALAM is the national organization representing the interests of libraries, archives, museums and information professionals in the Federated States of Micronesia.

## **Improve Library Physical Facility**

With the new [FSMSCLL's Strategic Plan](#) Goal #3, work is in progress in Pohnpei for a plan on a separate building to be named the Judiciary Research/Training Center. This will house the law library and a training center for the Judiciary branch.



The FSM Supreme Court stands ready to provide additional information when needed and as requested.

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