

FSM Supreme Court Introduced Enabling Rights & Unrepresented Litigants to Pohnpei Farmers Association

On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, the FSM Supreme Court gave a presentation on Enabling Rights & Unrepresented Litigants to the Pohnpei Farmers Association, a non-governmental organization in Pohnpei.

Enabling Rights & Unrepresented Litigants is a joint project by the FSM Judiciary and the Pacific Judicial Strengthening Initiative that addresses Access to Justice. Discussions were focused on the Roles of the Court, Judicial Powers and Jurisdictions, Common Barriers to Accessing Justice, Unrepresented Litigant, Civil Rights & Due Process and Code of Ethics.

Deacon Adelino Lorens, on behalf of the Pohnpei Farmers Association, thanked the FSM Supreme Court for an informative and valuable presentation. "This is the first time that the Pohnpei Farmers Association has been given the opportunity to learn about the justice system", says Lorens. "Many people have the misconception that the role of the court is to put people in jail", says another participant. The presentation ended with questions and answers by the participants. The presenters were Staff Attorney Enlet Jr. Enlet and Director of Court Administration Emeliana Musrasrik-Carl. A similar presentation was provided to the Pohnpei Women Council during the International Women's Day celebration in March 2018.

The FSM Supreme Court will be conducting a 2-day workshop on Enabling Rights & Unrepresented in the FSM. The workshop is intended for court staff, service providers, NGOs, women and youth groups, faith based organizations, people with disabilities, community and civil society members.

Yap: April 18-19, 2019 Venue: The Marina

Chuuk: April 22-23, 2019 Venue: Kurassa

Kosrae: May 8-9, 2019 Venue: Governor's Conference Room

Pohnpei: May 14-15, 2019 Venue: Governor's Conference Room

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