



Restorative Justice:
Restitution, Rehabilitation, Reconciliation
Pohnpei
April 14 – 16, 2026

AGENDA

v.4 February 16, 2026

TUESDAY, April 14, 2026

Day 1: Introduction

7:30 a.m.

Transport to Venue

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Registration & Seating

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Opening Remarks & Welcome

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*The Honorable Robert J. Torres, Associate Justice,
Supreme Court of Guam and President, Pacific Judicial Council*

Welcome Remarks on the PJC & Restorative Justice

*The Honorable Alberto C. Lamorena III, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of Guam*

Introduction of Presenters

*The Honorable Maria T. Cenzon, Judge
Superior Court of Guam*

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Restorative Justice: Background and Overview for Judicial Practice, Part 1

*The Honorable Rohanee Zapanta, Judge
San Diego Superior Court*

In this session, Judge Zapanta introduces judicial officers to the principles, history, and applications of restorative justice. Rooted in traditions of community accountability and repair, restorative justice emphasizes healing relationships, addressing harm, and fostering dialogue between affected parties. Judges increasingly encounter restorative approaches in criminal, juvenile, and civil contexts, making a foundational understanding essential for informed decision-making. The course equips participants with the knowledge to evaluate restorative options, integrate them into judicial decision-making, and contribute to a justice system that values accountability, healing, and community well-being.

Objectives:

- Provide a historical and philosophical background of restorative justice, including its indigenous and community-based origins.
- Contrast restorative justice with traditional retributive models of justice.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Restorative Justice: Background and Overview for Judicial Practice, Part 2

Judge Rohanee Zapanta

In Part 2 of this course, Judge Zapanta will:

- Examine the core values and practices of restorative justice, such as accountability, repair, and reintegration.
- Explore how restorative justice is being implemented in courts, corrections, schools, and community programs.
- Discuss the role of judges in supporting restorative processes while safeguarding legal rights and ensuring fairness.
- Attendees will also have an opportunity to interact with each other in exercises designed to consider how their jurisdictions implement restorative justice programs through the courts

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Court and Community: A Case Study In Restorative Justice

Keith Camacho, Professor, University of California, Los Angeles

In this session, Professor Camacho will introduce the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care in New Zealand, which investigated widespread abuse in state and faith-based institutions, and which recommended a survivor-centered, independent redress system. Professor Camacho will discuss the Commission's application of restorative justice (dialogue, apologies, and accountability) through the Treaty of Waitangi, which emphasized partnership and the need for culturally appropriate redress, especially for Māori. The New Zealand judicial system is seeking to incorporate indigenous reconciliatory and restorative practices, as evidenced by recent use of the Commission and marae (Māori cultural meeting sites) to address crimes committed by youth. This session illustrates how restorative practices can be integrated into judicial processes to address harm, repair relationships, and strengthen community trust. The discussion will emphasize the collaborative role of courts in fostering dialogue, accountability, and healing beyond traditional adversarial models.

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Interactive Exploration of Restorative Justice Principles, Pt. 1

Judge Rohanee Zapanta

In this session, Judge Zapanta engages judicial officers in hands-on activities designed to illustrate the core values of restorative justice. By engaging in role-play scenarios, guided dialogue, and small group exercises, participants will experience how restorative practices foster accountability, repair harm, and strengthen community relationships.

Objectives:

- Build practical understanding of restorative justice through experiential learning.
- Explore the dynamics of victim-offender dialogue and community involvement.
- Reflect on how restorative approaches can be applied within judicial decision-making.

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Break

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Interactive Exploration of Restorative Justice Principles, Pt. 2

Judge Rohanee Zapanta

Continuing with the activity from Part 1, groups will report out to fellow attendees conclusions reached during the activity in Part 1. At the conclusion of the session, attendees will have created a visual guide that will serve as a prompt for action in their respective jurisdictions.

5:00 p.m.

Announcements and adjourn (Evaluations)

Transport to hotels

Dinner on your own

7:30 a.m.

Transport to Venue

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Check-in and Registration

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Panel Discussion: Tradition on Trial: Restorative Approaches to Cultural Practices and American Law

Moderator: Prof. Keith Camacho

The Honorable Lillian A. Tenorio, Associate Judge, NMI Superior Court

The Honorable James Limar, Judge *Pro Tempore*, Yap State Court and Traditional Chief on the Council of Pilung (COP)

Discover how restorative justice can transform cultural clashes into opportunities for healing and equity. In this session, moderated by Professor Camacho, Associate Judge Lillian A. Tenorio of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Judge *Pro Tempore* James Limar of Yap discuss how restorative justice principles can inform judicial responses when cultural traditions come into tension with American law. Judicial officers often encounter cases where practices rooted in heritage—such as family structures, community rituals, or dispute resolution customs—conflict with statutory frameworks. Rather than viewing these clashes solely through an adversarial lens, restorative justice offers pathways to honor cultural identity while upholding legal standards.

Judicial officers will gain insight into how restorative justice can transform cultural clashes into opportunities for healing, understanding, and equity. Participants will leave with frameworks for recognizing cultural influences, mitigating bias, and applying restorative principles to uphold both justice and community harmony.

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Break

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Restorative Justice Practices in Correctional Facilities*Judge Rohanee Zapanta*

In this session, Judge Zapanta examines how restorative justice is being implemented within correctional settings, including prisons and re-entry programs. The discussion will highlight successes, challenges, and the role of courts in supporting restorative initiatives behind the walls of correctional facilities.

Objectives:

- Understand the application of restorative justice in correctional environments.

- Explore how restorative practices impact rehabilitation, reintegration, and community safety.
- Identify opportunities for judicial collaboration with correctional institutions to advance restorative outcomes.

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Break

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Restorative Justice in Action: Juvenile Delinquency and Family Reunification

Judge Rohanee Zapanta

In this session, Judge Zapanta explores how restorative justice principles can be applied to cases of juvenile delinquency with a focus on strengthening family bonds and supporting reintegration. Judicial officers will examine how restorative practices—such as facilitated dialogue, accountability agreements, and community involvement—can address the root causes of delinquent behavior while promoting healing within families. The discussion will highlight the court’s role in fostering environments where young people are not only held accountable but also supported in reconnecting with their families and communities and discuss specifically how restorative justice techniques in court can be modified to address family reunification and youth psycho-social development.

Objectives:

- Explore strategies for involving families in restorative processes to promote reunification and resilience.
- Discuss the challenges and opportunities of balancing accountability, rehabilitation, and family healing.
- Identify judicial practices that encourage collaboration between courts, families, and community organizations.

Judicial officers will gain practical insights into how restorative justice can transform juvenile delinquency cases into opportunities for family healing and community strengthening. Participants will leave with tools to support reunification, reduce recidivism, and promote justice that prioritizes accountability, compassion, and long-term well-being.

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch and Group Photo

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

From Subculture to Community Healing: Gang Affiliation and Cultural Identity in Restorative Justice

Professor Keith Camacho

This session examines how gang affiliation, often understood as a subculture with its own norms, values, and identity markers, can be compared to cultural affiliation in the restorative justice space. Professor Camacho shares his research regarding the ways by which former Samoan gangs in California use restorative

justice - or more appropriately, tautua (service) - to address, heal, and restore relationships in their communities across Los Angeles in not-for-profit organizations such as Fa'atasiga O Uso (Gathering of Brothers). He will contrast how restorative justice is used in New Zealand through the Royal Commission on Inquiry compared to the organization efforts of former Samoan gang members of Los Angeles. Judicial officers will explore how recognizing gang involvement as a form of cultural belonging—though one that may perpetuate harm—can open pathways for dialogue, accountability, and transformation. By reframing gang affiliation through a cultural lens, restorative practices can foster understanding, dismantle cycles of violence, and promote healing within families and communities.

Objectives:

- Analyze the parallels between cultural affiliation and gang subculture, including shared identity, loyalty, and community ties.
- Explore restorative justice strategies that acknowledge these affiliations while addressing harm and promoting accountability.
- Discuss research where restorative approaches have helped youth disengage from gangs and reconnect with positive cultural and community identities.

Judicial officers will gain insight into how restorative justice can reframe gang affiliation as a cultural identity issue, creating opportunities for healing and reintegration. Participants will be asked to consider how judicial practices can further support community-based interventions and long-term healing in their communities, ultimately strengthening justice, equity, and community well-being.

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

What now: From Learning to Action

Judge Zapanta and Professor Camacho

In this session, we recap key themes from the previous days and focus on jurisdictional leadership and implementation of programs to start in their various jurisdictions. Facilitators will guide judges in considering how restorative justice principles resonate with their own jurisdictions and judicial responsibilities through the use of Identification Mapping (ID Map).

Through structured dialogue and reflective prompts, participants will identify themes that stood out most strongly, explore how restorative justice challenges traditional judicial approaches, and begin envisioning concrete steps for implementation. The session sets the tone for the rest of the conference by

shifting from theory to practice, ensuring that subsequent workshops and panels build on a shared foundation of commitment and clarity. Judicial officers should leave this session with a renewed sense of purpose and a clear orientation toward applying restorative justice in their own jurisdictions. By grounding the day in reflection, participants will be prepared to engage deeply in the interactive and solution-focused sessions that follow.

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Community Collaboration and Judicial Partnerships*Judge Zapanta and Professor Camacho*

This session highlights the critical role of community collaboration in sustaining restorative justice initiatives. Courts cannot implement restorative practices in isolation; they require strong partnerships with schools, correctional facilities, faith communities, and grassroots organizations. The presenters will discuss how the use of peers in engaging offenders in restorative justice programs to help them understand the impact of their criminal activities have harmed a victim will also be discussed.

Objectives:

- Examine models of successful court-community collaboration in restorative justice.
- Identify strategies for building trust and sustaining partnerships with diverse stakeholders, including peer specialists (e.g., former addicts, former gang members, former juvenile offenders, etc.).
- Explore the role of cultural awareness in strengthening restorative outcomes.
- Develop jurisdiction-specific action steps for engaging communities in restorative practices.
- Creation of a vision board of court and community programming in place to work from in their various jurisdictions

Judges will leave with a deeper understanding of how community partnerships enhance restorative justice, along with practical strategies to foster collaboration that promotes healing, equity, and long-term resilience.

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Break

9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Closing Session: Restorative Justice in Practice – Jurisdictional Challenges and Solutions*Judge Rohanee Zapanta*

This session focuses on the practical realities of implementing restorative justice within diverse judicial jurisdictions. Topics will include statutory limitations, funding constraints, community skepticism, and the complexities of balancing

restorative approaches with public safety concerns. Attendees will revisit the ID Map of Regional Restorative Justice Identity to set goals for implementing a restorative justice program in their jurisdictions.

Participants will engage in a facilitated discussion on how courts can adapt restorative justice principles to fit local contexts while maintaining fidelity to core values of accountability, repair, and reintegration. The session will emphasize problem-solving and innovation, encouraging judicial officers to identify actionable solutions that can be applied in their own jurisdictions.

Objectives:

- Understand common barriers to implementing restorative justice in courts.
- Explore creative solutions and policy adaptations that have proven effective.
- Learn from peers about jurisdiction-specific challenges and strategies.
- Develop a toolkit of approaches for overcoming resistance and building sustainable programs.

In this final session, judges return to their jurisdictional breakout groups from Day 1 and collaborate to draft action plans tailored to their jurisdictions. Participants should focus on practical steps: pilot programs, partnerships with community organizations, training and resource allocation. To close out the conference, groups present their program ideas to the attendees. Judges will leave with practical insights and tested strategies for navigating jurisdictional challenges, enabling them to move from theory to practice in advancing restorative justice.

11:00 a.m.

Final Announcements and Evaluations
Information on Travel Departure and Transportation to Airport for
Afternoon Flights