



**WEBINAR REPORT FOR
PACIFIC COUNTRIES CENTRE FOR JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE 2021**

1) Introduction:

The webinar was hosted by the PCCJE and held on the 21st of October 2021 and titled:

“Judicial Ethics – practical case studies for Pacific Judges”

2) Program Objective (s)

The webinar was designed to develop a greater understanding of the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct by applying them to practical case studies within the Pacific region.

3) Targeted Audience

The target audience for this presentation was Judges. In total there were at least 34 participants {refer to List of Participants} that logged on to the webinar.

We were privileged to have the attendance of the following:

- Acting Chief Justice of FSM Honorable Beaulen Carl-Worswick Supreme Court of Federated States of Micronesia
- Honourable Justice Saunders – President of the Caribbean Court of Justice
- Chief Justice of the Marshall Islands Honourable Carl B Ingram

4) Venue

The webinar was presented by Dr Livingston Armytage AM. The presenter logged in from Sydney where he is based. Invitations were issued to the following countries: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tokelau, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

5) Presenter/ Facilitator

Dr Livingston Armytage AM is the Technical Director of the Pacific Judicial Strengthening Initiative (PJSI). Dr Armytage is Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Sydney and visiting fellow at the University of Cambridge.

Livingston is a justice reformer and judicial educator, with extensive experience working in the Pacific Region.

His PhD, “Reforming Justice: a journey to Fairness in Asia” was published by Cambridge in 2012. Other recent books include:

Educating Judges, Success in Justice Reform, Unseen Faces, Unheard Voices.

6) Highlights from Webinar

The webinar focused on a number of factual and practical scenarios (involving Judges) and the facilitator engaged with the participants to discuss their views in relation as to how they would have dealt with the situation if they were to find themselves in the very same predicament.

The reasoning behind the practical case study is to ensure Judges understand and adhere to a standard of ethical decision-making process and not allow themselves to be compromised by external factors.

This thought-provoking session brought about lengthy discussions from various Pacific Island judges in particular Chief Justice Ingham, from the Marshall Islands as to how they would have approached the situation.

7) Methodology

The method used in the webinar was a mixture of discursive with application and participation. Prior to the webinar participants were sent pre-reading materials which included a copy of the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct.

Participants were also tasked to obtain and read their own local Code of Judicial Conduct prior to attending the webinar.

8) Conclusion

The topic was extremely valid and provided them with a refresher on the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct. The relatively newly appointed PNG Judges and Magistrates also found the webinar extremely beneficial as it included practical real-life scenarios.

This particular topic is beneficial to all participants and should be held on a six-monthly basis as a re-fresher course for Judges on the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct.

. Attachments

- i. Webinar Flyer**
- ii. PowerPoint Presentation**
- iii. Participation List**

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