

# Tolentino sworn in as magistrate

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It was supposed to be a small ceremony, nothing elaborate.

But when friends, family and coworkers packed into the third floor courtroom of the Guam Judiciary building in Hagåtña, former Chief Deputy Attorney General Alberto Tolentino said it made him feel really good.

With his wife and 6-year-old daughter, Kristin Tolentino, holding the Bible in front of him, Al-

berto Tolentino was sworn in yesterday as a full-time magistrate judge for the Guam Judiciary's Northern Court Satellite in Dededo.

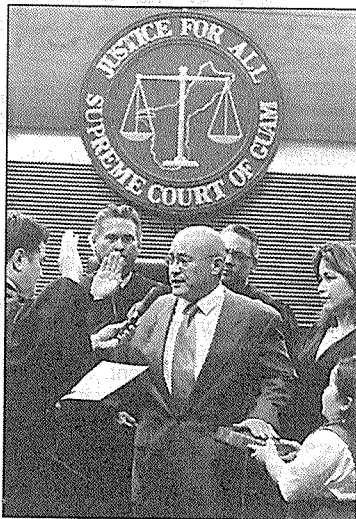
Until now the judges have been rotating to hold magistrate hearings at the Dededo branch that opened in August. Alberto Tolentino's appointment will relieve those judges of some of their caseload, he said.

"I'm anticipating getting a huge caseload from the judges because they've been doing everything right from the get-go," he said.

He said he was particularly looking forward to contributing to the

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**Oath:** Alberto Tolentino takes the oath of office as magistrate judge of the Guam Judiciary, while Supreme Court of Guam Chief Justice Robert Torres administers the oath at the Guam Judicial Center yesterday. Tolentino's wife, Doris Tolentino, and their 6-year-old daughter, Kristin, hold the bible.

community. Becoming a magistrate judge was rewarding because he would be able to return to the judi-

ciary while also drawing from what he's learned at the attorney general's office and as an ethics prosecutor at the Supreme Court of Guam for five years, he said.

"I got to see both sides of a lot of issues. I was a defense attorney as well," Alberto Tolentino said. "I think at this particular stage in my life, being able to do the duties of a magistrate is helpful to the community."

Those duties will include presiding over preliminary hearings for arraignments, bail hearings, and initial appearances, as well traffic court, small claims, and even some civil cases.

Although his mother was not in the audience because she is not on island, Alberto Tolentino said both his parents taught him the benefits of hard work. Meanwhile his wife, Doris L.G. Tolentino, and children have helped keep him grounded, he said.

His family members may be the ones keeping him rooted, but Doris L.G. Tolentino said she is overwhelmed by the heights her husband has reached. Already, his 18-year-old stepson, Brandon Moylan, wants to follow in the new judge's footsteps.

"He's good at what he does," Doris Tolentino said.

The Tolentino couple's other two daughters, Angela Moylan, 16, and Tamineh Tolentino, 22, were unable to attend the ceremony.