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(It is our duty at the Judiciary to inform the people what we do. This Press Release is one way to achieve that responsibility).

Re: The Palau Judiciary Welcomes M. Todd Osterloh as Associate Justice of the Appellate Division



M. Todd Osterloh has been appointed by President Surangel Whipps Jr. to serve as an Associate Justice on the Appellate Division of the Palau Supreme Court. Justice Osterloh brings prior experience with the Palauan judiciary to his new role. In 2005-2006, he served as Court Counsel to the Supreme Court of the Republic of Palau. After returning to Kentucky in 2006, he served four years as an attorney for the Kentucky Public Service Commission, followed by fifteen years with the Sturgill Turner law firm based in Lexington, Kentucky.

While in private practice, Justice Osterloh developed significant experience in energy and utilities law. He was at the forefront of solar energy development in Kentucky, representing more than a dozen energy companies in the construction of utility-scale solar projects throughout the state. In addition, his practice included representing cities and governmental entities in a broad range of constitutional, utilities, land use, and regulatory matters.

Justice Osterloh and his wife Kate were married in June 2006 at the Palau Royal Resort during his tenure as Court Counsel. Kate served as an educator - a schoolteacher and librarian in the United States for twenty-five years. They have two sons, Alex and Will.