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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 is pleased to welcome on-island Court Counsel Mr. Thomas Clatterbuck



Thomas Clatterbuck is from Jacksonville, Illinois and obtained his J.D. from the University of Illinois College of Law in 2024. During law school, he worked at the Land of Lincoln Legal Aid clinic in Champaign, focusing on Chapter 7 bankruptcies. He also interned with his local congressman and at the Illinois state senate. After graduating, he clerked for Justice Raymond Mitchell, a state appellate judge in Chicago. After a short hiatus from legal work where he completed his first novel, he is excited to be back to practicing law working for the Palau Supreme Court.