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IN THE
SUPREME COURT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
SUPREME COURT RULE 53

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2018-ADM-0002-RUL

ORDER

¶ 1 On January 23, 2018, the attached proposed *Northern Mariana Islands Supreme Court Rule 53* was submitted to the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature for approval. Sixty (60) days have elapsed since submission and neither house of the Legislature has disapproved of the proposed rules.

¶ 2 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the *Northern Mariana Islands Supreme Court Rule 53*, attached as Exhibit A, is adopted as permanent pursuant to Article 4, § 9 of the NMI Constitution. Rule 53 became effective on March 26, 2018; and the former *Rule 18 of Northern Mariana Islands Rules of Practice*, which took effect on January 19, 2005, is hereby replaced by Rule 53.

SO ORDERED this 17th day of April, 2018.

/s/

ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO
Chief Justice

/s/

JOHN A. MANGLONA
Associate Justice

/s/

PERRY B. INOS
Associate Justice



Rule 53. PHOTOGRAPHING; RECORDING; BROADCAST

- (a) **Photographing, Recording, Broadcasting, and Webcasting Prohibited.** Except as provided in subsection (b) of this rule, proceedings in this Court and the Superior Court may not be photographed, recorded, broadcasted, or webcasted.
- (b) **Exceptions.**
- (1) **Voice Recording by Court Reporters Permitted.** Official court reporters are permitted to make voice recordings for the sole purpose of discharging their official duties.
 - (2) **Photographing, Recording, Broadcasting, Webcasting, and Archiving Permitted by the Court and Superior Court.** As public service, the Court and the Superior Court are permitted to photograph, record, broadcast, webcast, and archive trial and appellate court proceedings in accordance with the policies and procedures of this Court. This rule is not intended to provide an official record of proceedings. Webcast or broadcast may not be re-published in any manner by any person, in whole or in part, without the prior express written permission of the Court.