



Travel Justification Report

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5 G.C.A. § 23112. Non-Employee Travel Justification Reports To Be Posted.

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In the event that an agency expends funds for travel for a person who is a non-employee of such agency, such as a board or commission member, or a consultant, and is not exempt, the agency head shall prepare and publish on the agency's website, a "justification statement". The justification statement shall include the reason(s) why a person, other than an agency employee, was required to travel at the agency's expense. For the purposes of this Section, non-employee means any person who is not listed on the staffing pattern of the agency at the time travel commenced. All reports required to be posted pursuant to this Section shall be posted within thirty (30) days following the return of the traveler.

As the head of the Guam Ethics Commission, I am writing to provide a justification statement regarding the necessary travel of Commissioners Christopher Cruz, Daphne Leon Guerrero, Shannon Murphy, and Margaret Tyquingco to the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws annual conference.

This conference presents a significant opportunity for our commissioners to engage with peers, experts, and leaders from various districts, all focused on enhancing ethical governance. As the newest government entity within GovGuam, participating in this event is crucial to gaining valuable insights into the best practices for ethical complaint adjudication and public official training.

Exposure to diverse perspectives and innovative strategies will empower our commissioners to implement effective ethical guidelines, ensuring that our commission upholds the highest standards of integrity. Moreover, this conference serves as an excellent platform for networking and fostering collaborations that could drive future initiatives.

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