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## A free research tool for the law of Guam launches, built to make a public body of law genuinely usable

**HAGĀTÑA, Guam, June 8, 2026.** A new, free legal-research platform for Guam law went live today at territorialreview.org. It gives practitioners, government officials, self-represented litigants, students, and the public a single place to search, read, and get plain-English answers about the decisions of the Supreme Court of Guam and the Guam Code Annotated, at no cost.

The platform, called Territorial Review, was built by Karlo Dizon, a Stanford Law graduate, Guam-admitted attorney, and former Research Attorney at the Supreme Court of Guam. It is the first jurisdiction in a project to assemble the law of the five inhabited U.S. territories (Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Puerto Rico) into one clean, searchable, and free body of law.

The launch corpus for Guam is already complete. It carries the 792 Supreme Court of Guam opinions dating to the court's establishment in 1996, and the entire Guam Code Annotated, all 22 titles and close to 18,000 sections of statute. Both are searchable together, side by side.

### THE PROBLEM IT ADDRESSES

The appellate courts of the U.S. territories decide real cases for nearly four million people, yet their law is among the hardest in the country to find and use. Territorial opinions and codes are public record, but in practice they are scattered, inconsistently formatted, and rarely indexed together. The major commercial research platforms were built for the fifty states and the federal system, and where they reach Guam at all the coverage is partial. A lawyer doing research on Guam works under conditions a mainland lawyer rarely faces. And the people who most need the law, the solo practitioners and legal-aid offices and self-represented litigants, are the least able to pay for it.

*"The law of Guam matters enormously to the people it governs, and it is needlessly hard to find," said Dizon. "I saw that from inside the courtroom. The*

*goal here is simple. Make it free, make it complete, and make it trustworthy enough that a lawyer can actually rely on it."*

## **WHAT MAKES IT DIFFERENT : AN ANSWER ENGINE THAT CANNOT INVENT A CASE**

Territorial Review does more than search. Ask it a legal question and it returns a synthesized, plain-English statement of the doctrine, drawn only from Guam's own opinions and statutes, with every citation shown.

The platform was built directly against the best-known failure of artificial intelligence in law, the fabricated citation, the confidently invented case that has led to court sanctions on the mainland. Because Territorial Review owns and controls its corpus, it can do what most AI tools cannot. Every citation the system produces passes three independent, automatic checks before a reader sees it: that the citation belongs to Guam, that it corresponds to a real opinion actually in the database, and that the cited passage genuinely supports the point being made. A citation that fails any check is flagged on screen, not quietly dropped. The method is AI-assisted. The standard is human-accountable, under a named editor.

That standard reflects the founder's other work. Dizon serves on the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies, where the question of how the profession should use these tools responsibly is precisely the subject at hand.

## **FREE WHERE IT MATTERS**

The platform is free to use, with no account required. It is aimed first at the people for whom an unindexed reporter is effectively a closed door: solo and small-firm attorneys, the public defender and legal-aid community, self-represented litigants, and the students and clerks working on Guam and insular-law questions.

Purpose-built tools for three groups, law firms, government offices, and educators, are scheduled to follow. The public research tool is free and will stay that way.

## **AVAILABLE NOW**

Territorial Review is live today at [territorialreview.org](http://territorialreview.org). It runs hybrid search across cases and statutes, grounded answers governed by the citation firewall, a one-sentence holding for each opinion, clean reading pages with paragraph-level links to the official record, and the ability to ask questions of a single opinion.

Karlo Dizon is available for interviews, demonstrations, and questions. To arrange, contact Tessa Borja, Communications Director, at [comms@territorialreview.org](mailto:comms@territorialreview.org).

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## ABOUT TERRITORIAL REVIEW

Territorial Review is a free archive and research platform for the law of the American territories, beginning with Guam. It pairs a complete, normalized database of territorial appellate opinions and statutory codes with a research layer in which every AI-generated citation is verified against that database before it is shown. The project is editorially independent and human-accountable, led by founder and editor-in-chief Karlo Dizon, a Stanford-trained attorney admitted in New York, Guam, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, a former Research Attorney at the Supreme Court of Guam, and a member of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies. More at [territorialreview.org](https://territorialreview.org).