

MEMBER PROFILE

VANTAGE POINT

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- COMPILER OF LAWS
- SUPREME COURT OF GUAM
- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/LIBRARIAN
- GUAM LAW LIBRARY
- HAGATNA, GUAM

FAVORITE THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I'm never bored! I wear two hats as the Law Librarian and the Compiler of Laws, so I'm responsible for a wide variety of tasks and duties. A single workday might see me conducting a training session for new law clerks, preparing the library's annual budget for the library's Board of Trustees, and reviewing newly passed legislation for publication in the statutory code.

IF YOU COULD BE ANY CHARACTER IN FICTION, WHO WOULD YOU BE?

Anne Shirley of *Anne of Green Gables* fame. Anne loved to read and was full of imagination and ambition. Her adventures on Prince Edward Island entranced me when I was growing up on another, very different island.

A SKILL YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN?

I'd like to be fluent in Filipino (Tagalog). At home, my family spoke our hometown dialect, and not the national language. Fluency would mean I could easily assist Filipino-speaking court and library patrons and deepen my connection to my roots.

SUPERPOWER YOU WISH YOU HAD AND WHY?

Allspeak—the ability to understand, and be understood, in any language. I live in a culturally and ethnically diverse community, and this superpower would remove a significant barrier to communication.

WHAT INSPIRES YOU MOST?

Preserving and providing access to the documents of Guam's legal history. As a territory, Guam has a unique relationship with the United States, and much of the island's history is reflected in federal and local legal documents, from statutes, court decisions, and even the proceedings of two constitutional conventions. I want to make sure these documents are protected and accessible to future generations.