

# MARIJUANA HITS THE SHORES OF GUAM & CNMI



## SAVE THE DATE

VIRTUAL SEMINAR

SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

GUAM TIME:  
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

2 CLE Credits  
for Bar Members.

Ethics CLE Credits  
will be offered for  
Bar Members.

Registration Fee  
TBD.

### PANELISTS:

**Milton Morinaga**  
CHAIRMAN,  
BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS,  
GUAM VISITORS  
BUREAU

**Mitch Kahn**  
FRONTLINE  
REAL ESTATE

**Attorney  
Vanessa Williams**  
RECREATIONAL  
MARIJUANA  
BOARD

### MODERATOR:

**Honorable  
Daniel P. Collins**  
JUDGE,  
UNITED STATES  
BANKRUPTCY  
COURT,  
DISTRICT OF  
ARIZONA

**BIOGRAPHIES OF  
PANELISTS &  
MODERATOR  
ATTACHED.**

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## **Bankruptcy Seminar Presenter Biographies**

**JUDGE DANIEL P. COLLINS (MODERATOR)** was appointed a Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona, effective as of January 18, 2013. He served as the Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Arizona from March 2014 to March 2018. Immediately prior to taking the bench, he was a shareholder of the law firm of Collins, May, Potenza, Baran & Gillespie, P.C., located in Phoenix, Arizona. He received a B.S. in finance and accounting (1980) and J.D. (1983) from the University of Arizona.

Dan is presently on the 9th Circuit's Bankruptcy Education Committee, is the Education Chair for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, will be NCBJ's President in 2022-3, is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Bankruptcy Institute, is on ABI's Education Committee and Diversity Committee, is on the Board of the Phoenix Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and is a member of the University of Arizona Law School's Board of Visitors. He is a founding member of the Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court. Dan and his wife Roseanne raised their 5 children in Phoenix, Arizona.

**VANESSA L. WILLIAMS, ESQ.** has been in private practice in Guam for over 10 years, with a focus on civil litigation. She has served as the Chairperson of the Cannabis Control Board of Guam since its inception in April 2019.

**MITCHELL KAHN** was the Co-Founder and CEO of Grassroots Cannabis, the largest private, vertically integrated, cannabis operation in the United States that was recently purchased by Curaleaf Holdings for almost \$1B. Mitch co-founded the company in 2014 and under his leadership, led over 1100 team members across 11 states and obtained more than 60 regulatory licenses in the emerging cannabis sector. Prior to Grassroots Cannabis, Mitch co-founded Frontline Real Estate Partners, a Chicago-based real estate investment and advisory company with expertise in the acquisition, development, management, disposition and leasing of commercial real estate properties throughout the United States.

In addition, to founding Grassroots Cannabis and Frontline, Mitch co-founded Hilco Real Estate, a leading real estate restructuring, disposition valuation and appraisal firm. Mitch served as President and CEO and grew the business to more than 30 employees and annual revenues in excess of \$15,000,000. Mitch began his career as a transactional attorney focused on both real estate and corporate M&A transactions. He is a graduate from the University of Wisconsin School of Business and received his JD from Northwestern University Law School. Mitch serves on multiple Boards and is actively involved in numerous charitable and community organizations. He actively serves as Chairman of Frontline Real Estate Partners and Fyllo; he sits on the Board of Directors at Wesana Heath and Curaleaf and Flower One.

**MILTON MORINAGA** has worked in the tourism industry for over 40 years and has substantial experience in the management of all areas in hotel operations. His career began in 1974 when he became Acting General Manager for a small hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii. He moved on to serve in various managerial positions in 1979 for large U.S. hotel chains such as the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Hawaii and Saipan.

He also served in different managerial and executive positions with the Southern Pacific Hawaii Corporation in 1989 to open, manage and operate a resort on the Big Island of Hawaii. He also spent time managing 688 acres of private golf courses and other hotel, residential and commercial properties. In 2000, Morinaga transitioned to W.B. Kukio Resorts LLC, where he worked as the Hospitality Project Construction Manager for W.B. Kukio Resorts, LLC. He was involved in the development of a luxury hotel and two golf courses. His position also involved negotiating with various government agencies and developing a community outreach. From Hawaii, Morinaga relocated to Guam in 2004 and became the Owner's Representative for the Hyatt Regency Guam until the hotel was sold in 2007. He then took a position as an Asset Manager, then Managing Director, and now is a Senior Advisor with P.H.R. Ken Micronesia, Inc. and P.H.R. Micronesia, Inc. ("PHRM").

He has served in the Guam Visitors Bureau Board of Directors for several years to share his experience and knowledge to better the island community. He served as the board chairman at GVB in 2017 and is again serving in the same capacity this year. Currently he serves as a Guam Chambers of Commerce Board of Directors, Employer's Council Board of Directors, FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association Vice President, and in 2013 awarded with Honorary Deputy Chief of Police for Guam Police Department. Morinaga went to school in Hawaii and Japan and is fluent in both English and Japanese. He enjoys riding motorcycles in his free time.