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EDITORS' NOTE

Greetings and Talofa lava!

Welcome to the second edition of the Legislative Drafting Division's Newsletter for 2016. This edition reports on many new beginnings—from the welcoming of our Attorney General to the commencing of parliamentary sittings for the new Parliament. This edition will also provide important updates on work relevant to the Legislative Drafting Division, Parliament and the Attorney General's Office ("AGO").

From the Attorney General and the Legislative Drafting Division, we wish you all a safe and wonderful mid year!

Leitu Moananu and Terina Sefo
(Editors)

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PARLIAMENT UPDATE

Bills in Parliament

	BILLS	STATUS
1.	Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016	Completed First reading, Second reading and referred to Select Committee on 27/06/16.
2.	Coroners Bill 2016	Completed First reading, Second reading and referred to Select Committee on 27/06/16.
3.	Village Fono Amendment Bill 2016	Completed First reading, Second reading and referred to Select Committee on 27/06/16.
4.	Bankruptcy Amendment Bill 2016	Completed First reading, Second reading and referred to Select Committee on 27/06/16.

Acts passed from April to June 2016

- Supplementary Appropriation Act (No.2) 2015/2016**
Passed: 24 June 2016
Commencement: Date of assent
- Appropriation Act 2016/2017**
Passed: 24 June 2016
Commencement: Date of assent
- Excise Tax Rate Amendment Act 2016**
Passed: 27 June 2016
Commencement: 1 July 2016
- Landing Limited Act 2016**
Passed: 27 June 2016
Commencement: 4 January 2016

REMAINING PARLIAMENTARY SITTINGS FOR 2016

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>
AUGUST	23
OCTOBER	18
DECEMBER	20
JANUARY	24

Subsidiary legislation made from April to June 2016

- Ombudsman (Special Investigation Unit) Regulations 2016**
Signed: 11 May 2016
Commencement: 11 May 2016
- Prisons Weekend Release Regulations 2016**
Signed: 17 May 2016
Commencement: 17 May 2016
- General Price Order (No.2) 2016**
Commencement: 6 May 2016
- Special Price Order (No.1) 2016**
Commencement: 1 July 2016



PARLIAMENT UPDATE

SUMMARIES OF ACTS PASSED

APPROPRIATION ACT 2016/2017

The Act provides the Appropriation for the 2016/2017 financial year. It authorises the issuing of certain grants and appropriations out of the Treasury Fund and the Public Trustee Account. The grant and appropriation of **\$492,306,167** is approved to be issued out of the Treasury Fund for outputs and sub-outputs delivered by Ministries or Departments, or outputs to be delivered by third parties, or for transactions on behalf of the State. Another grant and appropriation of **\$14,796,185** is also issued out of the Treasury Fund for Unforeseen Expenditures.

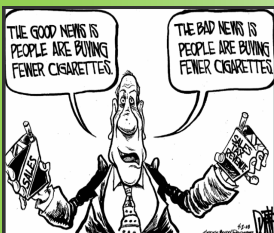
The grant and appropriation of **\$501,966** has been approved to be issued out of the Public Trustee Account for the use of the Public Trust Office (outputs and sub-outputs, salaries and other outgoings, charges and expenses lawfully incurred or payable in administering the Public Trust Office for the financial year 2016/2017).



EXCISE TAX RATES AMENDMENT ACT 2016 ("Amendment Act")

The Amendment Act amends the Excise Tax Rates Act 1986 ("Act"). The purpose of the Amendment Act is to support Revenue measures to assist lowering the Government's budget deficit to 3.5%. This deficit is lower than that of last year's budget (4.8%); therefore requires the Act to be amended. The objects of the Amendment Act are to provide:

- for new excise rates for alcohol, tobacco products and health excises on selected sugary and salty products; and
- for the revised excise rates for Petroleum Levy and Terminal Fees.



The Amendment Act was tabled under a Certificate of Urgency, passed by Parliament on 27 June 2016 and commences on 1 July 2016.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ACT (NO.2) 2015/2016

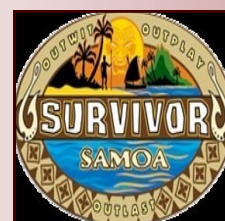
This Act contains the Second Supplementary Appropriation for the 2015/2016 financial year. It authorises the issuance of **\$8,973,976** out of the Treasury Fund and apply to outputs or sub-outputs delivered by Ministries and Departments, outputs provided by third parties and transactions on behalf of the State for the 2015/2016 Financial Year. The Act further provides for the reduction of amounts earlier appropriated for particular Ministries and Departments in the Second Schedule which is equivalent to **\$3,686,100** and re-appropriated such funds in the manner set out in the First Schedule.

Landing Limited Act 2016 ("Act")

The Act seeks to legislate the terms and arrangements that have been agreed to between the Government of Samoa and the Endemol Shine Australia PTY Ltd in relation to the production and filming of the Australian Survivor Television Series 1 in Samoa (Australian Survivor). The object of the Act is to provide for tax, duty and rebate incentives for the production of the Australian Survivor in Samoa. These incentives include:

- cash rebate;
- income tax exemption;
- exemption of fees for work and immigration permits; and
- exemption of goods imported for purposes of the Act.

The Act commenced retrospectively on 4 January 2016.



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WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

LEXISNEXIS TRAINING AGO CONFERENCE ROOM, 8 APRIL 2016

The AGO participated in a training conducted by Peter Adamson (of LexisNexis NZ) via webinar on 8 April 2016. The training focused on the newer solutions from LexisNexis which our Office is not subscribed to. These include platforms like Linxplus, Lexis Practical Guidance and Lexis Draft.

Of particular interest was Lexis Draft, a tool which provides assistance in reviewing documents. The 4 main strands of Lexis Draft are:

1. Research: allows users to check citations and connect to LexisNexis resources while staying in Microsoft Word or Outlook;
2. Legal Editing and Proofreading: users can scan their documents and flag terms which may need to be defined and even defined terms which are not used in a document;
3. Editorial Review: checks formatting, punctuation and even numbering; and
4. Collaboration and Information Exchange: allows users to flag sections which are incomplete, this avoids duplication of work and focuses the efforts of individual team members.

Think Microsoft Word *Level 100* allows users to correct references to New Zealand laws and cases, checks language, page references, definitions and even paragraph numbering. It allows documents (including written documents) to be converted from PDF format which is also readable in MS Word. The only downside is that it is not linked to the Samoan legislation databases although through closer work with the people at LexisNexis NZ who knows what the future holds.

For agencies interested in having a webex training please contact:

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Legislative Drafting Monthly Trainings

AGO conference Room

The Legislative Drafting Division holds monthly trainings on legislative drafting conducted by Legal Advisor and co-ordinator for the Professional Diploma in Legislative Drafting programme, Mr. Rupeni Nawaqakuta.

These trainings cover various matters of legislative drafting from understanding policy formulation and dealing with drafting instructions, fundamental principles affecting the drafting of legislation safeguarded under the Constitution and other Acts, discussions on technical drafting issues as well as actual drafting to name a few.

The trainings are for members of the Legislative Drafting Division. However, lawyers from other Divisions and in-house counsels are always welcome to attend. The next training will be on 13 July 2016.

Stakeholder Consultations on EPC's Proposal & Multi-Year Tariff Review

The Office of the Regulator ("OOTR") as part of its review of the Electric Power Corporation's ("EPC") proposed changes to electricity tariffs for the 3 years 2015-2018 (a requirement under PART IV of the Electricity Act 2010), hosted a stakeholder consultation on 14 June 2016 at the TATTE Conference Centre.

The aim of the consultation was to gauge the views and comments from the invited stakeholders on the electricity tariff proposal by EPC before a final decision is made by the OOTR. Presentations on EPC's proposal were conducted by senior Officers from both the OOTR and EPC. This was followed by questions and comments from the invited stakeholders which were responded to and noted down by a panel consisting of the Regulator and the General Manager of EPC. At the conclusion of the half-day consultation, the attendees approved the proposal by EPC which was left to the OOTR for their final endorsement.

State Solicitor Mearold Viliamu of the Legislative Drafting Division attended on behalf of the AGO.

The Legislative
Drafting Team



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PILON SEXUAL GENDER BASED VIOLENCE WORKING GROUP MULINUU COURT HOUSE, CONFERENCE ROOM 3-6 May 2016

The Working Group of the Pacific Island Law Officers Network (PILON) meeting on sexual gender based violence (SGBV) started with participants observing the operation of a family court sitting in Samoa. Justice Leilani Tuala-Warren allowed the participants to sit in and observe a family court proceeding for one hour so that participants may be able to fully appreciate what is involved in the operation of a family court on a daily basis. An analysis was then presented by the Chief Legislative Drafter of the Office of the Attorney General, Loretta Teueli on SGBV legislation available in the different member country jurisdictions. As a result of almost two days of discussions in the operation and the effectiveness of the family court in Samoa, members of the SGBV PILON working group resolved and agreed as follows:



- ♦ Working Group members observed with interest the operation of the family court and alcohol and drug therapeutic programme and agree to consider any relevant application of these courts in their own respective jurisdictions.
- ♦ Samoa agrees to share with the working group relevant monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of the court and the programme as this information becomes available.
- ♦ Working Group members acknowledge that for a family court to be successful it becomes a team effort between the Judiciary, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and social welfare workers (if any).
- ♦ Working Group members recommends for their jurisdictions to review their legislation to include emergency protection orders, police safety orders or other like orders.

A concern in sentences imposed for SGBV to effectively deter such crimes in the Pacific was presented in the PILON meeting last year in the Solomon Islands. Therefore, one and half day of the Working Group meeting in Samoa focused on approaches by the different jurisdictions in imposing sentences. This involved a presentation by Justice Vui Clarence Nelson on sentences, the importance of prosecution submissions and victim impact reports, in assisting judges in delivering the sentencing decision. Five different jurisdictions were randomly given the same fact scenario of a rape case in a domestic violence scenario of which the prosecutors from those different jurisdictions participated in moot court presided by Brenda Heather-Latu. One jurisdiction in accordance with the case laws showed that such facts would attract a sentencing of 4 years imprisonment, whereas the other three jurisdictions showed that such facts would attract a sentencing of 8 to 11 years imprisonment, whereas in Samoa such facts would attract a sentencing of 15 to 18 years imprisonment. The different approaches in the different jurisdictions was discussed and observed with interest by the members of the Working Group and the discussions resulted in the Working Group agreeing to the following resolutions concerning sentences:

- ♦ Working Group members considered sentencing charts as a useful tool to assist courts and recommended that jurisdictions who do not have a sentencing chart to adopt this tool.
- ♦ Working Group members noted that there are some jurisdictions that do not file victim impact reports or statements with the court and strongly recommend that victim impact statements or reports are to be applied in sentencing. It was acknowledged in the discussions that these were important to give the victim a voice in the criminal justice system.
- ♦ Working Group members to consider the design of the PILON website to assist in having access to leading cases from Pacific jurisdictions to be loaded onto the website for PILON members.

Concern on quality of police files is continually reiterated by the prosecutors in past PILON meetings. One day of the meeting was therefore focused on mechanisms used in Samoa to address this issue. The Commissioner of Police presented on the police focus in addressing this issue. Superintendent Peter Timson of the Australian Federal Police Mission Commander in Samoa presented on the way forward for the police in utilising a programme to control the quality of police files forwarded to NPO for prosecutions. The Head of the Professional Standards Unit for Police presented on capacity building within PSU to improve its work in addressing these issues and Muriel Lui, Assistant Attorney General presented on the MOU between police and the Ombudsman Office.



As a result of these discussions and presentations, the Working Group resolved in relation to quality of police files as follows:

- ♦ Working Group observes the importance of good communication and relationship between police and prosecution offices to ensure SGBV crimes are properly dealt with in the criminal system.
- ♦ Working Group recommends that respective jurisdictions consider effective mechanisms for independent oversight such as Samoa's Police MOU with the Ombudsman.
- ♦ Working Group encourages prosecutors to proactively involve themselves in police training and encourage law enforcement agencies to have effective supervisions by in charges or heads of relevant divisions within the law enforcement agencies.

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PILON WORKSHOP CONTINUED...

Legal issues and practical issues of evidence were also discussed in the meeting. Particular attention was given to vulnerable witnesses such as child witnesses. The Working Group had resolved on these issues as follows:

- ♦ Working Group has created a sub-working group to work in conjunction with the Pacific Prosecutors Association to develop a best practice document for Pacific jurisdictions in dealing with child or vulnerable victims or witnesses. The sub-working group consists of representatives from Cook Island, Nauru and Tonga and the sub-working group is to present a draft document in the Pacific Prosecutors conference hosted by Nauru in September this year.
- ♦ Working Group recommends for the PILON Secretariat to put together a list of Pacific friendly experts to be made available to Pacific Prosecutors given the lack of experts within the different Pacific jurisdictions.

The Working Group meeting in Samoa was a result of members of the Law & Justice Sector coming together to support and provide assistance and work together with PILON to enable this meeting to take place. The members of the Law & Justice Sector were the Ministry of Justice & Courts Administration, the Judiciary of Samoa, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Police, the AGO and the National Prosecution Office.

PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA IN LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING (“PDL”) WORKSHOP

29 - 30 JUNE 2016, Suva, Fiji

The USP PDL Workshop saw students from the Pacific region taking the PDL Course attend the compulsory on-site segment of the Course.

The Workshop was conducted by the Course coordinator, Mr. Rupeni Nawakaquta, who is also the Legislative Drafting Legal Advisor for the AG's Drafting Division. Three members of the AGO attended the Workshop, 2 of which are with the Drafting Division. Also present from Samoa were a number of in-house legal counsel from other ministries. The Workshop focused on engaging and sharing in putting together of legislation plans after receiving drafting instructions and the drafting of legislation. The PDL Course will be available again next year for lawyers interested in developing legislative drafting skills and pursuing this area as a legal career.

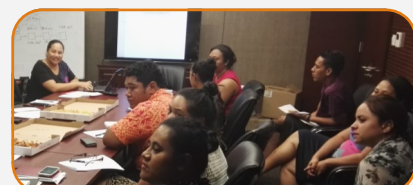


PDL CLASS OF 2016

TAKING OF LAND FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES TRAINING AGO CONFERENCE ROOM

27 MAY 2016

Kalameli Seuseu, a recent former lawyer of the Civil Division, conducted an in-office training on 27 May 2016 relating to the taking of freehold land and customary land, for a public purpose. This training focused primarily on the process of Taking of Land under the *Taking of Land Act 1964*, and on Compensation i.e. who is entitled to it; how is compensation calculated; and who and where compensation is paid to. Interactive discussions were developed throughout the training and interesting Samoan cases were utilized to illustrate principles or precedents set by decisions of the court. Those cases include: *Tupu v Samoa Tel [2009]* which confirmed that the delay in registration of the Proclamation does not affect the validity of the Proclamation; and also confirmed that land becomes vested in the State on the date of Proclamation (section 15(2) of the Act); and *Fuimaono Fereti v AG [2013]* which confirmed that the vesting of title of the land in the State of Samoa is not contingent on the payment of compensation; and also confirmed that the taking of land is a separate process from payment of compensation. The training was attended by lawyers of the Civil and Legislative Drafting Divisions.



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Time Management Training AGO Conference Room 26 May 2016

Leasomaletenari Solomona and Kome Siatulau of the Corporate and Finance Division of the AGO conducted a training on time management on the 26 May 2016 at the AGO Conference room. It focused on the reasons for time management, the benefits of time management, and also tips on how to manage time. Aside from the well prepared presentation by the trainers, group activities and sharing of ideas was another factor that further helped to explain the idea of time management. It was a fun and valuable training for new employees, given the new experience of dealing with the workload.



On the second day of the training, the Attorney General, Lemalu Hermann P. Retzlaff awarded the participants with their certificates for completion of the training. Jacek Tuala and Cata Seuli attended the training from the Drafting Division.



Professional Diploma in Legal Practice

The AGO hosted the pioneer PDLP (Professional Diploma in Legal Practice) online class of 2016 (first intake) from January to June this year. Beau Jacek Tuala of the AGO Legislative Drafting Division was one of the 9 Samoan students who were involved and completed the PDLP. The focus and the aim of the PDLP is to prepare law graduates before entry into legal practice. And for this lot, it was an enriching and an enjoyable experience for them as the new development for the PDLP has not only made it convenient to complete their law degrees from here in Samoa, but the focus of the PDLP has changed significantly on case laws and legislation from Samoa. In the past years, the PDLP was offered only on face to face mode of study in Fiji. Offering the PDLP here in Samoa this year was an initiative taken by the Samoan Government and the University of the South Pacific. The 9 students were very fortunate to have taken part and completed the PDLP, despite the usual issues of online mode of studying especially as it is the first time for PDLP to be offered online.



Regional Consultation on Gender and the Law 6 — 10 June 2016, Nadi, Fiji



State Solicitor of the Legislative Drafting Division, Ms. Kylie Wilson attended the Regional Consultation on Gender and the Law. The South Pacific Community through its Human Rights Programme (Regional Resource Response Team (RRRT)) hosted this annual consultation with the purpose to discuss human rights and gender issues in the Pacific region. The consultation consisted of 11 pacific countries with participants from government ministries (Justice and Police) and non-government organisations. The consultation provided an insight on domestic violence legislation and how important it is for Samoa to have in place an effective and well-structured implementation plan to execute this legislation effectually.

The five-day consultation was divided into the following sessions:

- human rights, gender quality and domestic violence;
- successes, challenges and best practices in implementing domestic violence laws;
- strengthening state accountability; when lawyers and other stakeholders act;
- linking domestic violence laws, criminal laws and family law; and a way forward (collaboration plans).

Ms. Wilson was also one of the key note presenters on the Specialised Courts in the Pacific, specifically on the Family Court in Samoa. The presentation provided an insight to the participants on the process and procedures of the Family Court, emphasising that it is a therapeutic and rehabilitative court to both victims of domestic violence as well as the perpetrators who commit the crimes. The various challenges faced by the relevant stakeholders as well as recommendations of resolutions among other topics were also presented.

The sharing of experiences and challenges each country provided throughout the discussions was very fruitful and beneficial to countries who are currently looking at finalising their domestic violence legislation. Samoa would once again like to thank the South Pacific Community, especially the RRRT for this invaluable experience.

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CHILD LABOUR FORUM HOTEL MILLENNIA, CONFERENCE ROOM

10 JUNE 2016

The International Labour Organisation (“ILO”) Office for the Pacific Island Countries in conjunction with the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour, and the Samoa Child Labour Taskforce hosted a one day National Forum on Child Labour (“Forum”). The purpose of this Forum is to commemorate the World Day against Child Labour and to reflect on the theme “*End child labour in supply chains: It’s everyone’s business*”. Discussions were focused on the previous and current developments in relation to child labour issues, particularly in the area of child vending as this is the more pressing issue in Samoa. The AGO also presented on the suitable legislation to deal with child vending in Samoa. At present, our Office is currently liaising with the relevant Ministries to work on amendments to the relevant legislation in order to address the issue of child vending, as the theme of the workshop emphasises that it is everyone’s business. Ms. Lizatalei Hakai, State Solicitor, and Ms. Titilua Aiono, Law Clerk, of the Legislative Drafting Division attended the Forum on behalf of the AGO.



EU-GIZ Adapting to Climate Change and Sustainable Energy (ACSE) Programme Planning Workshop for the Energy Bill & Sustainable Bioenergy in Samoa Project

Central Bank of Samoa Conference Room

8 April 2016

The Ministry of Finance together with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community under the EU-GIZ Programme for the Energy Bill and Sustainable Bioenergy in Samoa project hosted a stakeholder workshop.

The purpose of the workshop was to provide an open forum for all stakeholders to discuss the project in detail, roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders/ministries as well as creating a detailed work plan so that all parties have the same understanding regarding the direction of the project.

Collaboration from all stakeholders involved in the workshop is vital to ensure the project activities are completed within the timeframe allocated by the relevant ministries.

Mearold Viliamu, State Solicitor, attended on behalf of the AGO.



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OTHER EVENTS

THE NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL COMMENCES WORK

The AGO saw the beginning of a new era when it welcomed the new Attorney General ("AG"), Lemalu Hermann P. Retzlaff, as he started in Office on 18 April 2016.

During a short morning gathering, Noumea L. Teueli (Assistant AG–Legislative Drafting Division) welcomed the AG on behalf of the AGO staff as well as the National Prosecution Office staff.

The AG in giving his speech acknowledged the former AG, Aumua Ming Leung Wai, for his tremendous work for the last 9 years, including the work of Muriel Lui (who had taken on the role as Acting AG since the end of December 2015) and the Management.

The AG gave lasting words of wisdom and encouragement to motivate the AGO and urged everyone present to take heed of 3 things:

- * to put **God first** and remember that we can do all things through He who strengthens us;
- * to practice **Unity** and the need for everyone to stick together; and
- * to have a spirit of **Excellence**.

The AG also reminded his staff that the mission of the AGO is a mission of service to all the people of Samoa.

Once again, welcome Mr. Attorney General. We look forward to achieving and overcoming great things with you!

AG addressing the Office



"We are more than
conquerors through He
that loves us."



OFFICIAL WELCOMING

An official ceremony was held on 22 April 2016 where the AG and his good family officially greeted the AGO and the National Prosecution Office. The 2 Offices were then treated to an afternoon of thanksgiving followed by lunch at the Conference Centre, TATTE.

The purpose of the gathering was to commit the work of the 2 Offices to God. Pastor Fa'afetai Fata of Apia Harvest Church Centre prayed and encouraged the 2 Offices from the Word of God. A special performance from Annie Grace was also in store.



Pastor Fa'afetai

Ms. Annie Grace



Legislative Drafting Division



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OTHER EVENTS

FAREWELLS

The AGO bid farewell to 4 of its members in this quarter, 2 of which had served the AGO for quite a number of years.

Names	Commencement Date	Resignation Date
Muriel T. Lui	23 May 2006	23 June 2016
Kalameli Seuseu Soo	1 Dec 2006	22 April 2016
Darius Shahtahmasebi	20 April 2015	8 April 2016
Lydia Lemalu	18 April 2016	12 May 2016

Kalameli Seuseu-So'o started in the AGO as a Law Clerk in 2006 and departed as the Specialist in Commercial and International Relations for the Civil Division. Kalameli is now employed at the Ombudsman's Office.

Muriel T. Lui who has been the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division leaves the AGO after 10 years of great service. Her absence is felt within the whole of AGO. The AGO hosted an event in Ms. Lui's honour to commemorate her service and acknowledge her commitment for her excellent work to the AGO. Ms. Lui leaves the AGO with a challenge to the lawyers of the AGO to not just work for the betterment of one's self but work and strive for the betterment of the AGO. To always remember that working in the AGO is an honor, a privilege, and a responsibility.

We wish you all the very best Muriel and Kalameli. God bless.



We wish you well,
Minto!
Kind regards from the
Legislative
Drafting Division.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT CELEBRATION

In celebration of Mother's Day this year, the AGO through its Social Committee also celebrated and recognised not only mothers but all the women of the AGO for their hard work and dedication to the Office. The AGO's Social Committee organised a "Women Empowerment Day" which was a day for women in the AGO to be encouraged in their work and to continue to strive for the best in all aspect of their lives. To that end, it was only fitting that the women of the AGO be encouraged by a woman that personifies the skills which are essential to success in public service. The special speaker of the day was the Honorable Deputy Prime Minister, who is the first female Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister for Natural Resources and Environment, Afioga Fiaame Naomi Mataaafa.

The Honorable Deputy PM shared of her life as a young person and all the challenges that she faced growing up in a culturally male-dominant society. The stories of her struggle, overcoming of barriers, being strong in her culture and ever true to herself were very inspiring and commendable. It was an amazing experience listening to the life-story of a prominent figure in the history of Samoa's politics and how she continuously strives to defy the odds of life.



We wish the Honorable Deputy Prime Minister all the very best and God bless!

CONGRATULATIONS & UPCOMING EVENTS

ADMISSION TO THE SUPREME COURT OF SAMOA

Five new all female lawyers from the AGO were sworn in as barristers and solicitors of the Supreme Court of Samoa by the Honorable Chief Justice Sapolu on 18 May 2016.

Terina Eirenei Sefo, Angeline Seiuli, Elizabeth Kitty Tagi, Fa'alau Iupati Lagaia and Luaipou Ann Matalasi were moved by the Attorney General, Lemalu Hermann P.

Retzlaff and supported by the Secretary of the Samoa Law Society, Tafailagi Peniamina.

Congratulations on your admission ladies.

la manuia tou la'asaga uma!



"To become a truly accomplished lawyer requires commitment, perseverance and good character. You will find that to be truly effective in the practice of the law requires continuous study of the law."

Honourable Chief Justice Sapolu

Third place for the 2016 Reckitt Benckiser Business House Tournament #teamAGO



CONGRATULATIONS #TeamAGO!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Next Parliament sitting — 23 August 2016
- * Next Newsletter issue—end of September

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