

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO



NOTICE FROM THE CLERK

No. 12-03

The Court Mourns the Passing of John M. García-Nokonechna
United States Magistrate Judge 1972-1977

The Court mourns the passing of John M. García-Nokonechna who served the United States Judiciary with distinction as United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Puerto Rico from 1972 to 1977, after which he undertook the private practice of law.

Mr. García-Nokonechna was the first full-time Hispanic United States magistrate judge to be appointed under the Federal Magistrates Act of 1968, which abolished the office of the United States Commissioner. A 1970 graduate of the University of Puerto Rico School of Law and member of the Law Review, prior to his appointment as United States Magistrate Judge he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Hiram R. Cancio, United States District Judge (1965-1974). He further served the Judiciary as a member of the Advisory Committee on Rules for the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit from 1995 to 1997.

The Judges of this Court and the Court staff extend their condolences to Mr. García's family.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 22nd day of March, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frances Rios de Moran". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

FRANCES RIOS DE MORAN, ESQ.
CLERK OF COURT

c Mr. García's Family
All members of the Bar