

Chief Justice Aliksa Bio:

Born May 30, 1951, Aliksa B. Aliksa was raised in Lelu, Kosrae in the Federated States of Micronesia. Having graduated from Kosrae High School in 1971, Mr. Aliksa traveled to attend college, first at University of Guam and then at Grand Valley State University, where he majored in Criminal Justice, with a minor in Legal Administration. In 1977, after obtaining his bachelor degree from Grand Valley State University, he became a Public Defender for the US Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. In 1982, five years after becoming a public defender, Mr. Aliksa switched sides, deciding to work as a State Prosecutor for the Kosrae Government. In 1996 he was offered the position as Acting Chief Justice of the Kosrae State Court, which he honorably held for 3 years.

Soon after, he became an Associate Justice for the court. While holding this position, he attended and graduated from Pacific Legal Institute in the Republic of Palau. However, it seems he was destined to be appointed Chief Justice because in 2005 he was asked to be Acting Chief Justice once again. Then in 2006, the Governor of Kosrae formally appointed him to Chief Justice, the position he currently holds to this day. Immediately after taking the position, newly appointed Chief Justice Aliksa began looking into Alternative Dispute Resolution as an option for claimants in his court. In 2007, just one year after being appointed, Chief Justice Aliksa wrote and signed an order creating the Kosrae Mediation Program. Today there are over 14 certified mediators for the Kosrae Court, with that number increasing every year.

On a personal note, Chief Justice Aliksa is married to Merinda Raynold Esau and they live in Lelu, Kosrae. They have four beautiful adopted children, two boys and two girls. They also have three grand children. He greatly enjoys playing tennis and tending to his farm.