



Judge Davidson Jajo from Ebeye reports back after a group breakout session.



The outer islands community court judges and their trainers pose for a photo at the Majuro courthouse where the workshop is happening. Photos: Isaac Marty



Court staff Item Note presents information to the judges at the workshop.

Training outer island judges

Seventeen Community Court judges from outer islands are engaged in a weeklong training with judges from Australia as well as RMI High Court, Traditional Rights Court, and District Court judges on issues including domestic violence, judicial ethics and court administration.

The training is sponsored by the Pacific Judicial Strengthening Initiative that is funded by New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and implemented by the Federal Court of Australia.

Topics covered include court administration, civil law, criminal

law, evidence, constitutional protections, domestic violence, judicial ethics and the RMI Code of Judicial Conduct, and decision making.

Faculty include Dr. Livingston Armytage and Judge Jane Patrick, both from Australia, RMI District Court Judges, TRC

judges, and court staff. Chief Justice Carl Ingram and Judge Colin Winchester come in to advise and assist when available, said Clerk of Courts Ingrid Kabua.

The outer island judges are getting the benefit of Armytage and Patrick's combined decades

of experience in law practice. The training continues through Friday this week.

Next week the Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT) of the Pacific Community (SPC) will be conducting a two-day training on domestic violence for the outer island judges.