

MEMBER PROFILE

# VANTAGE POINT

## GERALDINE CEPEDA

- COMPILER OF LAWS
- SUPREME COURT OF GUAM
- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/LIBRARIAN
- GUAM LAW LIBRARY
- HAGATNA, GUAM

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?**

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**IF YOU COULD BE ANY CHARACTER IN FICTION, WHO WOULD YOU BE?**

Anne Shirley of *Anne of Green Gables* fame. Anne loved to read and was full of imagination and ambition. Her adventures on Prince Edward Island entranced me when I was growing up on another, very different island.

**SUPERPOWER YOU WISH YOU HAD AND WHY?**

Allspeak—the ability to understand, and be understood, in any language. I live in a culturally and ethnically diverse community, and this superpower would remove a significant barrier to communication.

**A SKILL YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN?**

I'd like to be fluent in Filipino (Tagalog). At home, my family spoke our hometown dialect, and not the national language. Fluency would mean I could easily assist Filipino-speaking court and library patrons and deepen my connection to my roots.

**WHAT INSPIRES YOU MOST?**

Preserving and providing access to the documents of Guam's legal history. As a territory, Guam has a unique relationship with the United States, and much of the island's history is reflected in federal and local legal documents, from statutes, court decisions, and even the proceedings of two constitutional conventions. I want to make sure these documents are protected and accessible to future generations.