



# JUDICIAL COUNCIL *of* ASUCR

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**W17-ZZ-01**

Notification of Strikes Assigned to Justice Kathryn Yip

Decided February 22, 2017

CHIEF JUSTICE GBUJAMA delivered the opinion of the court:

In a 5-0-1 decision, motioned by Chief Justice Jo Gbujama and seconded by Justice Kathryn Yip, the ASUCR Judicial Council has issued one strike to Justice Kathryn Yip for failing to uphold her responsibility as a Justice and releasing information discussed in closed session to the public.

Pursuant to the Judicial Rules of Procedure Title IV, Section 4:

- a. Strikes are a way of assigning differing levels of corrective action based on the severity of a breach of the rules. Therefore, the Judicial Council does not have strike allocation guidelines, as the allocation will be based on the facts of the matter.*
- b. Strikes will most often be assigned as a result of a guilty verdict in a case against a member of ASUCR. However, the Judicial Council has the authority to assign strikes in other situations when it feels it is necessary and proper. In situations where strikes are assigned as a result of something a guilty verdict, the notification of strikes assigned will be accompanied by a written explanation.*

During an open session Judicial Council meeting, Justice Kathryn Yip made a statement during old business. In this statement, Justice Yip announced that the Judicial Council accepted one of two cases in the prior meeting. The cases she referenced were discussed in closed session and as such that information was not to be disclosed to the public.

According to Justice Yip, it would be a violation of the responsibilities of a Justice to talk about information discussed in closed session to people not on the Judicial Council. The Judicial Council agrees. Because Justice Yip talked about the cases discussed in closed session in open session meeting with a decently sized public audience, the Judicial Council finds that she has violated her responsibilities as a Justice and deserves one strike from the ASUCR Penal system for the offense