

*ROP v. Chisato*, 1 ROP Intrm. 585 (1989)  
**REPUBLIC OF PALAU**  
**Appellant,**

v.

**LIBERIO CHISATO,**  
**Appellee.**

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 6-88  
Criminal Case Nos. 87-88 and 91-88

Supreme Court, Appellate Division  
Republic of Palau

Opinion and order  
Decided: April 12, 1989

Counsel for Appellant: Ernestine K. Rengiil

Counsel for Appellee: John S. Tarkong

BEFORE: MAMORU NAKAMURA, Chief Justice; EDWARD C. KING, Associate Justice;  
and FREDERICK J. O'BRIEN, Associate Justice Pro Tem.

PER CURIAM:

In these consolidated cases, the Government appeals from the Trial Court's sentencing order, which imposed seven and one half years imprisonment, but suspended the execution thereof provided, *inter alia*, that Defendant leave the Republic of Palau and go to live with his aunt in Saipan for the term of the sentence.

**1586** Before the Court, counsel for Defendant/Appellee offered the excuse that counsel for Plaintiff/Appellant had no opposition to an additional extension of time. The excuse was a considerably lame one, in that counsel for Defendant/Appellee well knows, as shown by his first request, that extensions of time are granted by the Court and not by opposing counsel.

Accordingly, the Court granted Plaintiff/Appellant's motion to strike Defendant/Appellee's brief.

The Court views the dereliction of duty of counsel for Defendant/Appellant as a serious matter, especially considering the number of past occasions when it has had to impose sanctions on him. Accordingly, the Court hereby sanctions John S. Tarkong, and orders him to pay to the Clerk of Courts a fine of \$100.00 forthwith.

SO ORDERED.