

Obichang v. Estate of Tubeito, 6 ROP Intrm. 184 (1997)
ESUROI OBICHANG, et al.,
Appellants,

v.

ESTATE OF ROSAMUNDA TUBEITO, et al.,
Appellees.

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 6-97 & 7-97
Civil Action No. 285-94

Supreme Court, Appellate Division
Republic of Palau

Order

Decided: June 23, 1997

BEFORE: ARTHUR NGIRAKLSONG, Chief Justice; LARRY W. MILLER, Associate Justice;
and R. BARRIE MICHELSEN, Associate Justice.

PER CURIAM:

After the deadline for the filing of their brief had passed, we issued an order to show cause why the appeals of Lulk Clan, Odilang Clan, and Takako Sumang should not be dismissed. Appellants promptly responded, their counsel stating that he had confused a scheduling order issued in another appeal with this one, and requesting until June 15, 1997 to file his brief. Although the Court had not yet acted on his request, that brief was filed on June 13, 1997. We now grant appellants' motion *nunc pro tunc*, but sanction appellants' counsel in the amount of \$100.00 for his initial failure to timely file his brief. We have previously imposed more substantial sanctions on appellants' counsel and others for similar failures. In the current circumstances, where counsel has cured his prior error by filing his brief without undue delay and where, due to extensions granted to other appellants, there has not been any delay in the processing of these appeals, we believe a more modest sanction is in order.