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# EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 008 - 2020

# AN ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 001-2019 TRANSFERRING OPERATIONAL AND LOGISTICAL CONTROL OF THE RULE REFORM PANEL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

# Section 1: Authority

This executive order is hereby issued in accordance with the powers and authority granted to the Governor by Article IV, Sections 6 and 7 of the Revised Constitution of American Samoa, and the American Samoa Code Annotated, Section 4.0111 (b).

### Section 2: Purpose

The Rule Reform Panel (Panel) is tasked with acting in an advisory capacity to assist departments and agencies of the American Samoa Government with repealing, replacing, formulating, and modifying rules to promote efficiency.

The initially delegated chairperson for the Panel was chosen from within the Office of the Governor. The logistical and operational functions of the Panel, however, were set to be physically housed and administered within the offices of the Administrative Law Judge.

Given the legal significance of the Panel's mandate as well as preserving the judicial integrity of the Administrative Law Judge, the purpose of this Executive Order is to amend the previous order's designation of the Chairperson and clarify the responsibilities of the Office of the Attorney General

# Section 3: Amendment of Executive Order 001-2019

Section 6 (b) of Executive Order 001-2019 is hereby amended as follows:

# Section 6: Rule Reform Panel

(b) The chair of the panel will be the Attorney General of American Samoa and the vice chair shall be selected by the membership. Administrative, logistical, and operational functions of the Panel will be placed under the authority of the Attorney General.

#### Section 4: Effective Date

This Order shall be effective upon the date of execution.

Date: September 15, 2020

Lolo M. Moligi

Lolo M. Moliga Governor of American Samoa