

Government Claims Unit

The Government Claims Unit received 74 claims in 2008. Most of the claims investigated and evaluated are breach of contract claims and tort claims. Tort claims range from automobile accidents and property damage, to student injury and wrongful death. A party making a claim must go through the claims process before initiating an action in Superior Court for monetary damages against the Government of Guam. The claims officer seeks to resolve claims administratively, saving the government and the claimant the time and expense of litigation. Claims resolution is a collaborative effort in which the claims officer is assisted by the Division's assistant attorneys general, investigators, and other legal professional staff. The government has 30 days to resolve automobile property damage claims and six months to resolve other claims, but the claims officer seeks to settle claims well within the required timelines.