



Republic of the Philippines  
Supreme Court  
Office of the Court Administrator  
Manila

**OCA CIRCULAR No. 123-2013**

**TO : THE CONCERNED JUDGES**

**SUBJECT : FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION (FGD) ON THE CASE CARRYING CAPACITY OF LOWER COURT JUDGES ON OCTOBER 24 – 25, 2013 AT SARABIA MANOR HOTEL, SAN FELIX, ILOILO CITY**

The Supreme Court, with the assistance of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), thru the Asia Foundation, is conducting a study of the case carrying capacity of Lower Court judges. This study will enable the Supreme Court to assess the needs OF courts and judges based on judicial workloadS and case complexities by establishing a reasonable caseload for them. The establishment of the reasonable caseload will provide a rational basis for the determination of: (1) how many courts and judge positions are needed in order to ensure efficiency and timeliness of court operations and outputs; (2) where courts are needed; (3) how many cases judges should be expected to handle annually; and (4) establish timeliness for different types of cases.

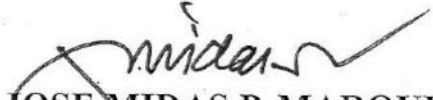
In connection therewith, the following judges are hereby authorized to attend the said focus group discussion on **OFFICIAL TIME/OFFICIAL BUSINESS**, chargeable to local funds, if authorized and available, provided their court calendars are properly managed and the parties notified in advance of any cancelled hearing. Still, the Asia Foundation will provide meals and accomodation during the event and properly documented transportation expenses will be reimbursed.

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For strict compliance.

Issued this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2013.

  
**JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ**  
 Court Administrator