



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

OCA CIRCULAR No. 132-2013

TO : THE CONCERNED JUDGES

SUBJECT : FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION (FGD) ON THE
CASE CARRYING CAPACITY OF LOWER
COURT JUDGES ON OCTOBER 25, 2013 AT
SARROSA INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, PRES.
QUIRINO ST., CEBU 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:

NAME	STATION
1. Hon. Norma M. Cardenas	RTC, Branch 19, Catarman, Northern Samar
2. Hon. Jose F. Falcotelo	RTC, Branch 22, Laoang, Northern Samar
3. Hon. Altone A. Miralles	RTC, Branch 8, Tacloban City
4. Hon. Constantino F. Esber	RTC, Branch 37, Caibiran, Biliran

5. Hon. Wenifredo C. Cuaton	MTC, Pastrana, Leyte
6. Hon. Jeanette Ngo Loreto	MTC, Palo, Leyte
7. Hon. Roselyn Corres Fallorina	MCTC, Villaba-Tabango, Leyte
8. Hon. Armando L. Rosadiño	MCTC, Pambujan-Silvino Lobos, Northern Samar
9. Hon. Nilo Y. De La Cruz	MCTC, Victoria-San Antonio, Northern Samar
10. Hon. Ritchie B. Reyes	MCTC, Daram-Zumarraga, Samar
11. Hon. Patrick M. Espere	MCTC, Sogod-Libagon-Bontoc, Southern Leyte

The Asia Foundation will provide meals and accomodation during the event and properly documented transportation expenses will be reimbursed.

For strict compliance.

Issued this 24th day of October 2013.


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
 Court Administrator