



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

OCA CIRCULAR No. 135-2013

TO : THE CONCERNED JUDGES

SUBJECT : FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION (FGD) ON THE CASE CARRYING CAPACITY OF LOWER COURT JUDGES ON OCTOBER 30, 2013 AT HOTEL ST. ELLIS, RIZAL STREET, LEGAZPI 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:

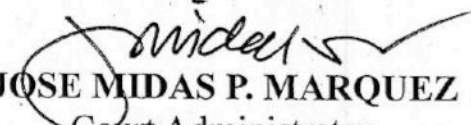
NAME	STATION
1. Hon. Pazlinda A. Villamor-Sanchez	RTC, Branch 44, Masbate City
2. Hon. Leo L. Intia	RTC, Branch 27, Naga City
3. Hon. Rofebar F. Gerona (APJ)	RTC, Branch 52, Sorsogon City
4. Hon. Jose C. Fortuno	RTC, Branch 48, Masbate City
5. Hon. Elmer M. Lanuzo	RTC, Branch 6, Legaspi City
6. Hon. Arnel A. Dating (APJ)	RTC, Branch 64, Labo, Camarines Norte

7. Hon. Margaret Nacional Armea	MTCC, Branch 2, Naga City
8. Hon. Jose Noel R. Rubio	MTCC, Branch 3, Legaspi City
9. Hon. Lorna O. Reyes	MTCC, Branch 1, Iriga City
10. Hon. Divinagracia G. Peñafiel	MTC, Vinzons, Camarines Norte
11. Hon. Manuel E. Contreras	MTC, Ocampo, Camarines Sur
12. Hon. Sarina Rosa G. Co	MCTC, Ragay-Del Gallego, Camarines Sur
13. Hon. Ave A. Alba (APJ)	MCTC, Baras-Gigmoto, Catanduanes
14. Hon. Fred A. Bien (APJ)	MCTC, San Fernando-Batuan, Masbate
15. Hon. Orlando A. Martizano	MCTC, Tigaon-Sagnay, Camarines Sur
16. Hon. Antonio E. De Vera	MCTC, Gubat-Prieto-Diaz, Sorsogon

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

For strict compliance.

Issued this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2013.

  
**JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ**  
 Court Administrator