



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 66-2009

TO : ALL JUDGES

SUBJECT : JURISDICTION OVER PETITIONS FOR
REVIEW OF DECISIONS OF THE
OMBUDSMAN IN ADMINISTRATIVE
CASES

It has come to the attention of the Court that there are judges who take cognizance of petitions involving Ombudsman decisions in administrative cases notwithstanding that jurisdiction thereon properly belongs to the Court of Appeals.

All judges are therefore hereby reminded of the ruling of the Supreme Court in *Macalalag vs. Ombudsman, et. al.*, G.R. No. 147995, 4 March 2004, citing the leading case of *Fabian vs. Desierto* (G.R. No. 129742, 16 September 1998), that:

“all appeals from decisions of the Ombudsman in administrative disciplinary cases are x x x to be taken to the Court of Appeals under Rule 43 of the 1997 Rules of Civil Procedures.”

Strict compliance is hereby enjoined.

2 June 2009.


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