



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 78-2005

TO : ALL EXECUTIVE JUDGES AND CLERKS OF COURT

SUBJECT : En Banc Resolution A.M. NO. 01-1-07-SC dated 16 October 2001, prescribing the Guidelines in the Accreditation of Newspapers and Periodicals seeking to Publish Judicial and Legal Notices and Other Similar Announcements and in the Raffle thereof

The Office of the Court Administrator has been receiving numerous anonymous letters that there are still some Clerks of Courts who are not complying with En Banc Resolution A.M. NO. 01-1-07-SC dated 16 October 2001, particularly under Section 10 of the said resolution, that is:

“SEC. 10. Requirement of raffle.- All notices, announcements and advertisements subject hereof shall be distributed for publication to accredited newspapers or periodicals by raffle. No such notices, announcements and advertisements may be assigned for publication without being raffled.

The raffle of judicial or legal notices for publication shall be included in the regular raffle of cases, provided that special raffles may be conducted for notices that need to be published before the regular raffle could be conducted.

The **posting** of judicial notices for publication, the raffle procedure and the publication of the results thereof shall be conducted in the same manner as the raffle of cases as provided in the Manual for Clerks of Court. All accredited newspapers or periodicals shall as much as possible be assigned an equal number of notices to publish but the same must be done thru raffle.” (Emphasis supplied.)

Considering the importance of the publications of judicial notices and other similar announcement, it is incumbent upon the judiciary to implement regulations to see to it that the conduct of the same including the raffle thereof should therefore be protected and guarded against from any attempt of scheming parties to manipulate its conduct and implementation.

With this in mind, our Supreme Court has issued circulars and other issuances regulating the publication of judicial notices, advertisement for public biddings, notices of auction sales and other similar notices to ensure uniform compliance and to protect the interest of the public, in general, and of litigants, in particular.

For that matter, all Executive Judges and Clerks of Court are again reminded to take special attention to En Banc Resolution A.M. NO. 01-1-07-SC dated 16 October 2001, prescribing the Guidelines in the Accreditation of Newspapers and Periodicals seeking to Publish Judicial and Legal Notices and Other Similar Announcements and in the Raffle thereof.

STRICT COMPLIANCE HEREWITH IS HEREBY ENJOINED.

29 July 2005.

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