



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 79-2006

TO : THE JUDGES AND CLERKS OF COURTS OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS AND THE MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS

SUBJECT : SUBMISSION OF OBSERVATIONS, COMMENTS AND PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RULE ON GUIDELINES TO BE OBSERVED BY TRIAL COURT JUDGES AND CLERKS OF COURTS IN THE CONDUCT OF PRE-TRIAL AND THE USE OF DEPOSITION-DISCOVERY MEASURES


On 13 July 2004, the Court in its Resolution in A.M. No. 03-1-09-SC re: "PROPOSED RULE ON THE GUIDELINES TO BE OBSERVED BY TRIAL COURT JUDGES AND CLERKS OF COURT IN THE CONDUCT OF PRE-TRIAL AND USE OF DEPOSITION AND DISCOVERY MEASURES," approved the said Guidelines. The same took effect on 16 August 2004.

The Guidelines seek to abbreviate court proceedings, ensure prompt disposition of cases and decongest court dockets through the maximum use of pre-trial and deposition-discovery measures.

After more than a year of implementation and to address concerns that OCA stakeholders may have with respect to the said Guidelines, you are hereby directed to submit to the Office of the undersigned not later than 31 May 2006 your observations, comments and problems encountered in the implementation of the Guidelines.

For strict compliance.

16 May 2006.


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Court Administrator