



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 80 - 2008

**TO :** ALL EXECUTIVE JUDGES OF REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, PRESIDING JUDGES AND CLERKS OF COURTS/BRANCH CLERKS OF COURTS OF REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS HANDLING DRUGS CASES

**SUBJECT :** EXEMPTION OF THE PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (PDEA) FROM PAYMENT OF FEES FOR COPIES OF TRANSCRIPT OF STENOGRAPHIC NOTES (TSN)

**WHEREAS**, Rule 141 of the Revised Rules of Court, provides that:

"SEC. 11. *Stenographers.* - Stenographers shall give certified transcript of notes taken by them to every person requesting the same upon payment to the Clerk of Court of (a) TEN (P10.00) PESOS for each page of not less than two hundred and fifty words before the appeal is taken and (b) FIVE (P5.00) PESOS for the same page, after the filing of the appeal, provided, however, that one-third (1/3) of the total charges shall accrue to the Judiciary Development Fund (JDF) and the remaining two-thirds (2/3) to the stenographer concerned."

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a resolution of the Court *En Banc* dated June 3, 2008 in A.M. No. 08-4-9-SC, the Court resolved to "**NOTE** and **GRANT** the request of (Ret.) Gen. Dionisio R. Santiago, Senior Undersecretary/Director General, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) to allow the PDEA to acquire copies of Transcripts of Stenographic Notes (TSN) free of charge from Drug Courts."

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) is now exempted from the provisions of Sec. 11, Rule 141 of the Revised Rules of Court and is, henceforth, allowed to secure copies of the Transcript of Stenographic Notes taken during the proceedings of drugs cases free of charge.

August 13, 2008

  
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