

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

## CIRCULAR NO. 96-2001

**PRESIDING** JUDGES, **EXECUTIVE** : THE TO JUDGES, CLERKS OF COURT AND BRANCH CLERKS OF COURT OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL

**COURTS** 

SUBJECT: RULE IN CASE OF INHIBITION OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF A FAMILY COURT

For the guidance and information of all concerned quoted hereunder is a resolution of the Second Division of this Court dated 24 September 2001 in A.M. No. 01-8-478-RTC- Re. Designation of a judge to handle Crim. Case Nos. 14968 and 14969 to wit:

" xxx that in cases where the presiding judge of a Family Court, whether multiple or single sala, under A.M. No. 99-11-07-SC inhibits himself from trying a case, the same should not be raffled to other RTC Branches not so specially designated but should instead remain in the dockets and be taken cognizance of by the pairing judge or in his absence the executive judge. This rule should apply even where there are two or more special courts in a particular station."

Strict observance of the above quoted rule is hereby enjoyned.

December 14, 2001

PRESBITERO J. VELASCO, JR Court Administrator

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