



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 109-2004

**TO: ALL EXECUTIVE JUDGES AND CLERKS OF COURT IN THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS AND INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**SUBJECT: 2004 RULES ON NOTARIAL PRACTICE**

Quoted hereunder for your information is the resolution of the Court En Banc dated 24 August 2004 in A.M. No. 02-8-13-SC Re: 2004 Rules on Notarial Practice -

"The Court Resolved to **DECLARE** that:

- (a) Notaries Public who have been commissioned prior to 1 August 2004 can continue with their work until the expiration of their commission;
- (b) Incumbent Notaries Public should follow the new rules that can be complied with; and
- (c) *A contrario*, incumbent Notaries Public need not comply with the rules that cannot yet be enforced such as the use of new dry seals and seal image and new forms of notarial registers.

For your guidance.

14 September 2004.

  
**PRESBITERO J. VELASCO, JR.**  
Court Administrator