



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 149-2006

**TO : ALL JUSTICES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS,
SANDIGANBAYAN AND COURT OF TAX APPEALS,
JUDGES OF THE LOWER COURTS, LAWYERS IN
THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE, INTEGRATED BAR
OF THE PHILIPPINES AND OFFICE OF THE
SOLICITOR GENERAL**

SUBJECT : AMENDMENT OF RULE 139-B

The Court En Banc in its resolution dated September 12, 2006 in B.M. 1645, Resolved to AMEND the second paragraph of Section 1, Rule 139-B of the Rules of Court, clarified by Circular No. 3-89 dated February 6, 1989, as follows:

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“The IBP shall forward to the Supreme Court for appropriate disposition all complaints for disbarment, suspension and discipline filed against incumbent Justices of the Court of Appeals, Sandiganbayan, Court of Tax appeals and judges of lower courts, whether or not they are charged singly or jointly with other respondents, and whether or not such complaint deals with acts unrelated to the discharge of their official functions. The same procedure shall be observed with respect to complaints filed against retired justices and judges. All similar complaints against lawyers still in the government service, whether filed directly with the IBP or transmitted to the IBP by the Office of the Solicitor General, shall first be referred to the Court for appropriate action.

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The amendment took effect on October 2, 2006 following its publication in the Manila Bulletin on September 15, 2006.”

October 31, 2006.


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Court Administrator