



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 173-2006

TO : ALL JUDGES AND CLERKS OF COURTS

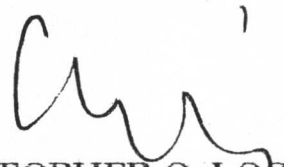
SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO ORDER THE REFUND OF FILING FEES PAID TO THE COURT

The Office of the Court Administrator has been receiving numerous requests for refund of filing fees paid to the court on account of Orders issued by the Judges for its refund.

Please be informed that it is only the Chief Justice who can authorize the refund/ withdrawal of filing fees paid in court (Administrative Matter No. 05-9-256-MeTC, 12 October 2005).

Henceforth, any request for refund of filing fees shall be referred to the Chief Justice through the Court Administrator.

29 December 2006


CHRISTOPHER O. LOCK
Court Administrator