



**Supreme Court of the Philippines
Manila**

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION OF COURTS

CIRCULAR NO. 68-94

T O : JUDGES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'A DISTRICT COURTS, METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS AND SHARI'A CIRCUIT COURTS

SUBJECT : STRICT OBSERVANCE OF SECTION 1 OF P.D. 1818 ENVISIONED BY CIRCULAR NO. 13-93 DATED MARCH 5, 1993 AND CIRCULAR NO. 20-92 DATED MARCH 24, 1992

There have been reports that despite Circular 13-93, dated March 5, 1993, some courts are still issuing temporary restraining orders and/or preliminary injunctions even in cases, disputes, or controversies involving government infrastructure projects in violation of Section 1 of P.D. 1818, which provides:

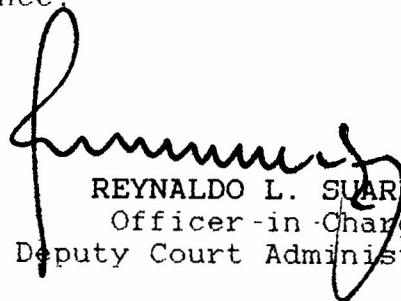
"Section 1. No court in the Philippines shall have jurisdiction to issue any restraining order, preliminary injunction, or preliminary mandatory injunction in any case, dispute, or controversy involving an infrastructure project, or a mining, fishery, forest, or other natural resource development project of the government, or any public utility operated by the government, including among others public utilities for the transport of the goods or commodities, stevedoring and arrastre contracts, to prohibit any person or persons, entity or government officials from proceeding with, or continuing the execution or implementation of any such project, or the operation of such public utility, or pursuing any lawful activity necessary for such execution, implementation or operation."

In order to obviate complaints against the indiscriminate issuance of restraining orders and court injunctions against government public utilities and infrastructure projects in gross violation of the aforesaid Presidential Decree, the provision of Circular No. 13-93 issued on March 5, 1993 is hereby reiterated for your strict compliance.

All Clerks of Court are hereby directed to immediately furnish this Office copies of any restraining order(s) and/or writ(s) of injunction against government corporations and public utility firms.

For strict compliance.

November 3, 1994.



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