



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

**OCA CIRCULAR NO. 18-2017**

**TO : ALL PRESIDING/ACTING PRESIDING JUDGES  
OF COMMERCIAL COURTS**

**SUBJECT : DESIGNATING COMMERCIAL COURTS AS  
CYBERCRIME COURTS AND SUBMISSION OF  
REPORTS OF CYBERCRIME CASES**

In its Resolution dated 15 November 2016 in Administrative Matter No. 03-03-03-SC (*Designating Certain Branches of the Regional Trial Courts to Try and Decide Cybercrime Cases Under Republic Act No. 10175*), the Honorable Court en banc resolved to:

1. The Regional Trial Court branches designated as Special Commercial Courts in A.M. No. 03-03-03-SC dated June 17, 2003 are hereby **DESIGNATED** as “**Cybercrime Courts**” to try and decide cybercrime cases covered under Republic Act No. 10175, in addition to their designation as Special Commercial Courts;
2. The Cybercrime Courts in the judicial regions shall have territorial authority over the entire region where the Regional Trial Court is located for purposes of exercising the special jurisdiction granted herein. Accordingly, cybercrime cases shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court in the official station of the proper Cybercrime Court;
3. To ensure a fair and equitable distribution of cases, and pending determination of the actual volume of cybercrime cases that may be filed, the Cybercrime Courts shall continue to be included in the raffle of other cases and toward this end, the Executive Judge concerned shall adopt a procedure whereby every case assigned to a Cybercrime Court is considered as a case raffled and duly credited to such court;
4. The Office of the Court Administrator shall monitor the volume of cases filed with the Cybercrime Courts and report to the Supreme Court its findings within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Resolution.
5. Cybercrime Courts in Quezon City, Manila, Makati, and Pasig shall have authority to act on applications for the issuance of search warrants involving violations of Republic Act No. 10175, which search warrants shall be enforceable nationwide. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, the Cybercrime Courts in the judicial regions where the

violations of Republic Act No. 10175 occurred shall have jurisdiction to issue search warrants.

The Resolution dated 15 November 2016, appended herein as Annex "A", was published in the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* and the *Philippine Star* on 8 December 2016 and took effect on 23 December 2016.

Pursuant to the directive of the Honorable Court to the Office of the Court Administrator to monitor cybercrime cases, you are hereby **DIRECTED** to submit quarterly reports of cybercrime cases using the attached forms (downloadable from the Office of the Court Administrator website: [oca.judiciary.gov.ph](http://oca.judiciary.gov.ph)), on or before the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of the month following every quarter, through the Statistical Reports Division of the Court Management Office (SRD-CMO), or thru electronic email at [cybercrimecases@sc.judiciary.gov.ph](mailto:cybercrimecases@sc.judiciary.gov.ph).

For your strict compliance.

19 January 2017

  
**JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ**  
Court Administrator



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
Judicial Region \_\_\_\_\_  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
Branch \_\_\_\_\_  
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QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT OF CYBERCRIME CASES  
\_\_\_\_\_ Quarter

No.	Case No.	Nature of Cybercrime	Name of the Accused	PROFILE OF THE ACCUSED				Date Raffled	Date of Arraignment	Date of Pre-Trial	Date of Initial Trial	Date of last Trial	Status of the Case
				Age	Gender (M/F)	Detained/ Bonded/ At Large	Date of Detention	Date Filed					
1													
2													
3													
4													

Respectfully submitted

(Date)

Prepared by:

Noted by:

Branch Clerk of Court

Presiding/Acting Presiding/ Assisting Judge

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SUMMARY

Computer-related Offenses

Computer-related Forgery	Computer-related Fraud	Computer-related Theft
0	0	0

0

Content-related Offenses

Cybersex	Child Pornography	Unsolicited Commercial Communications	Libel
0	0	0	0

0

Other Offenses

Aiding or Abetting	Attempt
0	0

Respectfully submitted

TOTAL

0

0

(Date)

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EN BANC

**NOTICE**

Sirs/Mesdames:

*Please take notice that the Court en banc issued a Resolution dated **NOVEMBER 15, 2016**, which reads as follows:*

**"A.M. No. 03-03-03-SC**

**DESIGNATING CERTAIN BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL  
COURTS  
TO TRY AND DECIDE CYBERCRIME CASES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 10175**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10175 provides that "[t]here shall be designated special cybercrime courts manned by specially trained judges to handle cybercrime cases";

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 23 of *Batas Pambansa Bilang 129*, the Supreme Court has designated certain branches of the Regional Trial Courts as special courts to handle cases involving juvenile and family relations, dangerous drugs, environment and ecology, intra-corporate disputes, financial rehabilitation and liquidation, and intellectual property rights;

**WHEREAS**, a further special designation of another set of Regional Trial Court branches for cybercrime cases will concomitantly reduce the current total number of regular Regional Trial Court branches that handle regular cases country-wide, thereby creating distortions on case distribution, and raise issues on the over-all competence of handling judges who are expected to be generalists;

**WHEREAS**, the current number of Regional Trial Court branches designated as Special Commercial Courts dedicated to intra-corporate disputes, financial rehabilitation and liquidation, and intellectual property rights enforcement have generally low caseloads and are sufficiently spread geographically all over the country, thus rendering practicable their further designation as cybercrime courts in the interest of a speedy and efficient administration of justice;

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1. The Regional Trial Court branches designated as Special Commercial Courts in A.M. No. 03-03-SC dated June 17, 2003 are hereby further **DESIGNATED** as “**Cybercrime Courts**” to try and decide cybercrime cases covered under Republic Act No. 10175, in addition to their designation as Special Commercial Courts;
2. The Cybercrime Courts in the judicial regions shall have territorial authority over the entire region where the Regional Trial Court is located for purposes of exercising the special jurisdiction granted herein. Accordingly, cybercrime cases shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court in the official station of the proper Cybercrime Court;
3. To ensure a fair and equitable distribution of cases, and pending determination of the actual volume of cybercrime cases that may be filed, the Cybercrime Courts shall continue to be included in the raffle of other cases and toward this end, the Executive Judge concerned shall adopt a procedure whereby every case assigned to a Cybercrime Court is considered as a case raffled and duly credited to such court;
4. The Office of the Court Administrator shall monitor the volume of cases filed with the Cybercrime Courts and report to the Supreme Court its findings within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Resolution;
5. Cybercrime Courts in Quezon City, Manila, Makati, and Pasig shall have authority to act on applications for the issuance of search warrants involving violations of Republic Act No. 10175, which search warrants shall be enforceable nationwide. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, the Cybercrime Courts in the judicial regions where the violation of Republic Act No. 10175 occurred shall have jurisdiction to issue search warrants.

November 15, 2016

(on official leave)  
**PRESBITERO J. VELASCO, JR.**  
 Associate Justice

99th Congress - done



*(signed)*

**TERESITA J. LEONARDO-DE CASTRO**  
Associate Justice

*(signed)*

**ARTURO D. BRION**  
Associate Justice

*(signed)*

**DIOSDADO M. PERALTA**  
Associate Justice

*(signed)*

**LUCAS P. BERSAMIN**  
Associate Justice

*(signed)*

**MARIANO C. DEL CASTILLO**  
Associate Justice

*(signed)*

**JOSE PORTUGAL PEREZ**  
Associate Justice

*(on official leave)*

**JOSE CATRAL MENDOZA**  
Associate Justice

*(signed)*

**BIENVENIDO L. REYES**  
Associate Justice

*(signed)*

**ESTELA M. PERLAS-BERNABE**  
Associate Justice

*(signed)*

**MARVIC M.V.F. LEONEN**  
Associate Justice

*(signed)*


**FRANCIS H. JARDELEZA**  
Associate Justice

*(on leave)*

**ALFREDO BENJAMIN S.  
CAGUIOA**  
Associate Justice

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Very truly yours,

  
**FELIPA B. ANAMA**  
Clerk of Court