OCA CIRCULAR NO. 185-2017

TO: **ALL JUDGES AND CLERKS OF COURT OF FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS**

SUBJECT: THIRD NATIONAL JUDGMENT DAY PROGRAM ON 17 NOVEMBER 2017

On the occasion of the 42nd Anniversary of the Office of the Court Administrator (OCA), and to underscore the continuing efforts to decongest court dockets and jail facilities, the 3rd National Judgment Day Program shall be conducted on 17 November 2017, Friday, by all first and second level courts nationwide.

In line with this, you are **DIRECTED** to immediately conduct an inventory of civil and criminal cases, especially those involving detention prisoners, and set them for hearing on 17 November 2017, with the objective of terminating these cases pursuant to existing laws and rules. This directive, however, should not prevent any court from promulgating judgments or releasing detention prisoners on an earlier date when warranted by circumstances.

In accordance with the Revised Guidelines for Continuous Trial of Criminal Cases, hearings on motions, arraignments and pre-trials, and promulgations of decisions shall be held in the morning. For judges presiding over more than one court, or sharing the prosecutors and public attorneys with other courts, the hearings may be conducted in the afternoon. Thus, appropriate coordination should be undertaken and the proper notices timely sent to the parties and counsels, the prosecutors, and to the Public Attorney's Office.

At the conclusion of the National Judgment Day Program, all judges shall **SUBMIT** to their respective Executive Judges a report using the form attached as Annex "A." Within five (5) days from the conduct of the program, all Executive Judges shall forward the reports to the OCA, together with a summary report using the form attached as Annex "B." The reports shall be sent via e-mail with "Subject: NJD2017 (*Court, Station*)" to **both**:

nationaljudgmentday2017@sc.judiciary.gov.ph
and
nationaljudgmentday2017@gmail.com

The Executive Judges are further instructed to ensure that all courts within their supervision comply with this directive.

For strict compliance.

4 September 2017

JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

NATIONAL JUDGMENT DAY
RESULTS
17 November 2017

Court	
Branch No.	
City/Municipality (Station)	
Province	
Region	
Presiding Judge	

Number of Cases Heard/Tried

Civil	Criminal	TOTAL
		0

Number of Cases Disposed

Civil	Criminal			TOTAL
	Acquittal	Conviction	Dismissal	
				0

Number of DETAINEES Ordered Released

Acquittal	Dismissal/ Provisional Dismissal	Bail/ Recognizance	Others	TOTAL
				0

Other Observations

Prepared by: _____

Noted by: _____
Presiding Judge

NATIONAL JUDGMENT DAY
SUMMARY REPORT
17 November 2017

Annex "B"

City/Municipality (Station)	
Province	
Region	
Executive Judge	

Branch	Number of Cases Heard/Tried			Number of Cases Disposed						Number of DETAINEES Ordered Released				
	No.				Civil	Criminal			TOTAL	Acquittal	Dismissal/ Provisional Dismissal	Bail/ Recognizance	Others	TOTAL
	Civil	Criminal	TOTAL			Acquittal	Conviction	Dismissal						
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Grand Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Other Observations

Prepared by:
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Noted by:
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Executive Judge