



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 06-2019

TO: ALL JUSTICES, JUDGES AND COURT OFFICIALS OF THE JUDICIARY

SUBJECT: EXPEDITED PROCESSING AND RELEASE OF CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO BEAR, CARRY AND TRANSPORT FIREARMS FOR PURPOSES OF THE MAY 13, 2019 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

Quoted hereunder is an excerpt from the minutes of the regular *en banc* meeting of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) held on 19 December 2018:

"18-_____. IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF THE SUPREME COURT IN THE APPLICATION OF CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO BEAR, CARRY, AND TRANSPORT FIREARMS FOR PURPOSE OF THE MAY 13, 2019 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS (NLE) AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL GOVERNMENT LANE

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Considering the foregoing opinion of the Law Department, the Commission **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to **approve** the request of the Supreme Court (SC), through the Committee on the Ban on Firearms and Security Personnel (CBFSP), for the issuance of a Certificate of Authority (CA) to bear, carry, transport firearms of the Chief Justice, Justices of the Supreme Court, Justices of the Court of Appeals, Sandiganbayan, and Court of Tax Appeals; and Judges of the Regional Trial Courts and Municipal /Metropolitan/Circuit Trial Courts under Section 6 (E), Rule III of COMELEC Resolution No. 10446, subject to the herein

procedures recommended by the Law Department to fast track and make easy the issuance of Certificate of Authority (CA) by making the above-quoted Section 7 (a), Rule III of COMELEC Resolution No. 10446 not applicable with respect to their applications for CA.

Hence, the following shall be observed:

1. The Office of the Court Administrator (OCA) shall endorse to the CBFSP, through a list, the names of all judges and justices who wish to apply for a CA, which shall be certified by the Court Administrator;
2. The form to be used for the said certified list is attached hereto as Annex "A";
3. The CBFSP shall then transmit to the OCA all issued CA, who in turn, shall be the one responsible to distribute the same to the concerned judges and justices; and
4. The Honorable Justices and Judges are allowed to carry, transport a maximum of two (2) firearms.

RESOLVED, moreover, to **approve** the establishment of special government lanes in applying for the issuance of Certificates of Authority for Law Enforcement Agencies (CA-LEA) in order not to cause disruption in the performance of their law enforcement and/or security mandate. Further, the CBFSP shall give preferential attention to government law enforcement bodies in the evaluation of applications and issuance of CAs, provided they submit all the requirements and valid documents.

This Resolution supplements COMELEC Resolution No. 10446 promulgated November 21, 2018.

Let the Law Department implement this Resolution.

SO ORDERED."

Pursuant to the foregoing, all qualified members of the judiciary who wish to avail of the above expedited procedure for the issuance of a Certificate of Authority (CA) to bear, carry and transport firearms may file their respective requests with the Court Administrator, who shall forthwith endorse the same to the Committee on the Ban on Firearms and Security Personnel (CBFSP).

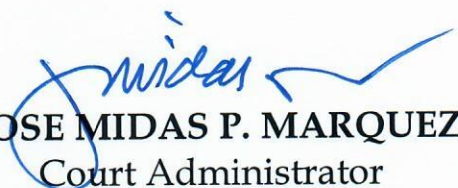
Considering that the Court Administrator is required to certify that the concerned members of the judiciary are duly authorized and sanctioned by the Philippine National Police, Armed Forces of the Philippines, or Supreme Court to bear, carry and transport firearms in the exercise of their judicial functions, and that said firearms are duly registered and covered by duly issued and valid Permits to Carry Firearms Outside of Residence (PTCFORs), those concerned shall fill out the **Request Form for Expedited Issuance of Certificate of Authority to Bear, Carry, and Transport Firearms (Annex "A")**, which shall be attached to their respective letters of request.

Request letters with completed Request Forms shall be delivered personally or via private courier service to the Office of the Court Administrator at the address below:

Office of the Court Administrator
3rd Floor Supreme Court Old Building
Padre Faura Street, Ermita, 1000 Manila

Advance copies of requests may be emailed to oca@sc.judiciary.gov.ph, but will only be processed and endorsed to the CBFSP upon receipt of the duly-signed hard copy.

11 January 2019


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator



EXPEDITED ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO BEAR, CARRY & TRANSPORT FIREARMS

REQUEST FORM

PART A: REQUESTOR IDENTIFICATION

Name	Position/Rank
Court/Station/Office	Mobile Phone Number
Office Address (<i>Building No., Street, Barangay, Municipality/City, Province, ZIP</i>)	Office Phone Number
	Office Email Address
Home Address (<i>Building No., Street, Barangay, Municipality/City, Province, ZIP</i>)	Home Phone Number
	Personal Email Address

PART B: DETAILS PERTAINING TO FIREARMS

License To Own and Possess Firearms (LTOPF) ID No.:

Kind/Description of Issued Firearm with Serial No.	Caliber	Firearm ID No.	Permit to Carry Firearms Outside of Residence (PTCFOR) Control No.
1.			
2.			

Signature	Request Date
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