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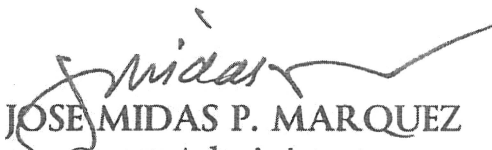
TO : ALL FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS

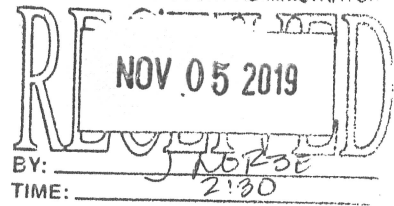
SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 74-2019 DATED 04 NOVEMBER 2019 OF HON. DIOSDADO M. PERALTA, CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE PHILIPPINES, ENJOINING ALL LOWER COURTS TO (A) COMPLY WITH THE RULES ON SESSION HOURS AND HEARING DATES, INCLUDING THE REGLEMENTARY OR PRESCRIBED PERIODS TO RESOLVE PENDING CASES AND INCIDENTS; AND (B) OBSERVE THE PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF CELLULAR OR SMART PHONES WHILE THE COURT IS IN SESSION

For the information, guidance and strict observance of all first and second level courts, appended herein as Annex "A" is the Memorandum Order No. 74-2019 dated 04 November 2019 issued by the Honorable Chief Justice Diosdado M. Peralta enjoining all lower courts to comply with the rules on session hours and hearing dates, including the reglementary or prescribed periods to resolve pending cases and incidents, as provided for under the Constitution, the laws, rules of procedure, guidelines and other administrative issuances.

Particular attention should be given to the strict prohibition on the use of cellular or smart phones while the court is in session in order to maintain the orderly court proceedings and trial.

06 November 2019


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
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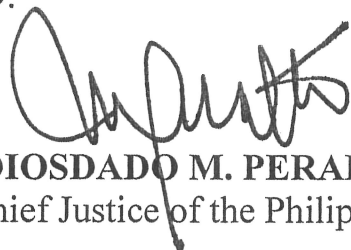
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In accordance with the eighth item of the Ten-Point Program of the Chief Justice, as regards the monitoring of performance of all courts, all lower courts are strictly enjoined to comply with the rules on session hours and hearing dates, including the reglementary or prescribed periods to resolve pending cases and incidents, as provided for under the Constitution, the laws, rules of procedure, guidelines and other administrative issuances.

In order to maintain the orderly court proceedings and trial, and in the best interest of the service, the use of cellular or smart phones while the court is in session is strictly prohibited. The use of other electronic communication devices not related to the ongoing proceedings or trial is likewise prohibited.

Strict compliance is hereby enjoined.

City of Manila, 4 November 2019.


DIOSDADO M. PERALTA
Chief Justice of the Philippines