



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 52-2020

TO : ALL FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS

SUBJECT : RESOLUTION DATED 26 NOVEMBER 2019 IN A.M. NO. 19-08-14-SC (RE: THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR ADMIRALTY CASES [DESIGNATION OF PILOT ADMIRALTY COURTS TO HEAR, TRY, AND DECIDE ADMIRALTY CASES])

For information, guidance and strict observance, appended herein as Annex "A" is the Resolution dated 26 November 2019 in A.M. No. 19-08-14-SC (Re: The Rules of Procedure for Admiralty Cases [Designation of Pilot Admiralty Courts to Hear, Try, and Decide Admiralty Cases]), the dispositive portion of which reads as:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Court resolves to:

1. REVOKE the designation of the Special Commercial Courts to try and decide cases involving Admiralty and Maritime laws, pursuant to the April 12, 2005 *en banc* Resolution in A.M. No. 05-4-05-SC (*Re: Request for the Designation of Special Courts to Take Cognizance of Cases Involving Admiralty and Maritime Laws*), provided that pending admiralty cases and those filed before the effectivity of *The Rules of Procedure for Admiralty Cases* shall be retained and heard by the Special Commercial Courts having jurisdiction over them; and
2. DESIGNATE the following first- and second-level courts as pilot Admiralty courts to hear, try, and decide Admiralty cases arising within their respective judicial regions:

PORT	COURT	JUDGE
Port of Manila	Br. 37, RTC, Manila	Hon. Virgilio V. Macaraig
	Br. 4, MeTC, Manila	Hon. Eriza P. Pagaling-Zapanta

PORT	COURT	JUDGE
San Fernando International Seaport (Poro Point Freeport Zone)	Br. 66, RTC, San Fernando City, La Union	Hon. Victor O. Concepcion
	Br. 1, MTCC, San Fernando City, La Union	Hon. Imelda P. Cosalan
Port of Subic Bay (Subic Bay Freeport Zone)	Br. 75, RTC, Olongapo City, Zambales	Hon. Raymond C. Viray
	Br. 4, MTCC, Olongapo City, Zambales	Hon. Esmeralda B. David
Port of Cebu	Br. 85, RTC, Mandaue City	Hon. Dalisay D. Chavez-Ohdate
	Br. 3, MTCC, Mandaue City	Hon. Amy Rose A. Soller-Rellin (<i>sic</i>) Hon. Ivy C. Ruiz-Regis
Port of Davao	Br. 14, RTC, Davao City	Hon. Jill Rose S. Jaugan-Lo
	Br. 2, MTCC, Davao City	Hon. Marie Estrellita S. Tolentino-Rojas

These shall take effective on January 1, 2020.
(*emphasis supplied*)

10 February 2020


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