



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 65-2004

TO : ALL JUDGES AND CLERKS OF COURT OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS AND MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS

SUBJECT : FURTHER INCREASING THE JURISDICTIONAL AMOUNTS PRESCRIBED BY CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129


Section 5 of Republic Act No. 7691 prescribes that "After five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act, the jurisdictional amounts mentioned in Sec. 19(3), (4) and (8); and Sec 33(1) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129 as amended by this Act, shall be adjusted to Two hundred thousand pesos (P200,000.00). Five (5) years thereafter, such jurisdictional amounts shall be adjusted further to Three hundred thousand pesos (P300,000.00) x x x."

Thus, under Circular No. 21-99 dated 15 April 1999, the first adjustment took effect on 20 March 1999. The second adjustment became effective on 22 February 2004.

In the case of the Metropolitan Trial Courts, the jurisdictional amount remains at Four hundred thousand pesos (P400, 000.00).

For information and guidance.

13 May 2004


PRESBITERO J. VELASCO, JR.
Court Administrator