



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

CIRCULAR NO. 57-2000

**TO : THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARIA DISTRICT COURTS, METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS AND SHARIA CIRCUIT COURTS.**

**SUBJECT: A.M. No. 00-7-151-MTC. RE: CLARIFICATION ON THE INTERPRETATION OF SECTION 20(b), RULE 141 (LEGAL FEES), REVISED RULES OF COURT.**

Section 20 (b), Rule 141 of the Revised Rules of Court provides that :

For motions for postponement after the completion of the pre-trial stage, one hundred pesos (P100.00) for the first, and an additional fifty pesos (P50.00) for every postponement thereafter based on that for the immediately preceding motion; xxx "

In order to have a uniform interpretation of the said provision, the Third Division of this Court its resolution dated August 23, 2000 in A.M. No. 00-7-151-MTC, approved the interpretation followed by the MTC of Barili, Cebu as follows:

That for the first postponement, the fee to be collected is one hundred pesos (P100.00); one hundred fifty pesos (P150.00) for the second postponement; two hundred pesos (P200.00) for the third; two hundred fifty pesos (P250.00) for the fourth, and so forth.

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