



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 56-2015

TO : THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'A DISTRICT COURTS, METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'A CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE STATE PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT : BAR MATTER NO. 850 (RE: RULES ON MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES)

In the Resolution of the Court *En Banc* dated February 17, 2015 in the above-cited administrative matter, the Court acted upon on the Letter dated January 13, 2015 of Hon. Bernardo P. Pardo, Chairperson, MCLE Governor, submitting for the Court's approval the MCLE Governing Board Resolution No. 007-2014, the full context of which is reproduced below, to wit:

The Court Resolved to **REQUIRE** all members of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines to file a **written entry of appearance indicating their MCLE exemption or compliance number** for the current or immediately preceding compliance period and **date of issuance thereof** before appearing as counsel or engaging in oral argument in open court or before a quasi-judicial body. However, counsels who affixed their signatures in their pleadings and indicated their MCLE exemption or compliance number in their pleadings **need not file a separate entry of appearance. Henceforth, all counsels, including partners of law firms whose names appear in said pleadings, shall also indicate their MCLE exemption or compliance number.** (Emphasis supplied)

The resolution was published in the Philippine Star last March 14, 2015, and it took effect on March 1, 2015.

Any prior circular from the Office of the Court Administrator on this matter which is contrary to the foregoing is hereby superseded.

For your information, guidance and strict compliance.

March 17, 2015


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Court Administrator