



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 129-2021

TO: ALL JUDGES AND CLERKS OF COURT OF FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS

SUBJECT: NATIONWIDE JUDGMENT WEEK PROGRAM ON 15-19 NOVEMBER 2021

On the occasion of the 46th Anniversary of the Office of the Court Administrator (OCA), and to underscore the continuing efforts to decongest court dockets and jail facilities, the Nationwide Judgment Week Program shall be conducted on **15-19 November 2021**, by all first and second level courts nationwide.

In line with this, you are **DIRECTED** to immediately conduct an inventory of civil and criminal cases, especially those involving persons deprived of liberty (PDLs), and set them for hearing on **15-19 November 2021**, with the objective of terminating these cases pursuant to existing laws, rules, and guidelines. This directive, however, should not prevent any court from promulgating judgments or releasing PDLs on an earlier date when warranted by circumstances.

For judges presiding over more than one court, or sharing prosecutors and public attorneys with other courts, appropriate coordination shall be undertaken and the proper notices timely sent to the parties and counsels, prosecutors, and the Public Attorney's Office.

At the conclusion of the Nationwide Judgment Week, all courts shall **IMMEDIATELY ACCOMPLISH** the survey/report form to be posted at the Official Announcements and Issuances Teams Channel in the Philippine Judiciary Office 365 platform. For questions on the form, kindly contact the Court Management Office, Office of the Court Administrator, through its official email address (ocacmo.sc@judiciary.gov.ph) or its Judiciary 365 Teams account.

All Executive Judges are further instructed to ensure that all courts within their supervision comply with this directive, and to coordinate with the concerned detention facilities to accommodate the videoconferencing schedules implemented by each court.

For strict compliance.

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