

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

## OCA CIRCULAR NO. 136-2021

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

## RE : PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE CONTAINING SEXUAL ABUSE PHOTOGRAPHS AND RECORDINGS

In line with the provisions of existing laws, rules and regulations, and taking into paramount consideration the welfare of women and children, all judges and branch clerks of court of the first and second level courts are hereby directed to ensure that evidence containing sensitive photographs and recordings, including sexual abuse images and sound recordings involving women and children, shall be only be presented through in-court proceedings and NOT through videoconferencing.

For strict compliance.

10 November 2021

JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ Court Administrator