



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

**OCA CIRCULAR NO. 147-2021**

**TO : ALL ACCREDITED MEDIATORS AND MEDIATION PERSONNEL OF THE PHILIPPINE MEDIATION CENTER UNITS IN THE COURT OF APPEALS, COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS AND FIRST LEVEL COURTS**

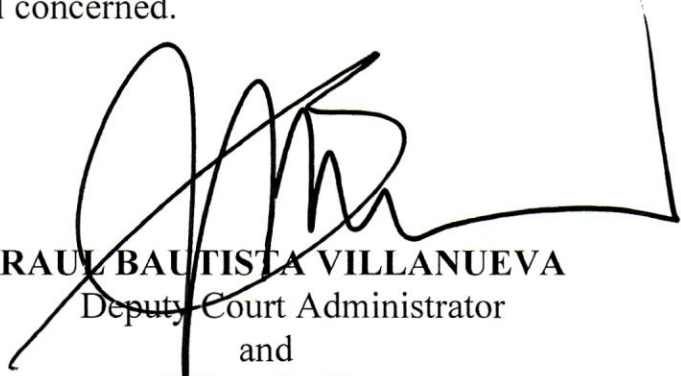
**SUBJECT : THE CONDUCT OF MEDIATION PROCEEDINGS THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCING IN ALL UNITS OF THE PHILIPPINE MEDIATION CENTER (PMC)**

In view of the adoption of videoconferencing as an alternative mode to in-court proceedings in “all actions and proceedings, including small claims, in whatever stage thereof”,<sup>1</sup> and considering that mediation proceedings is part of judicial proceedings, all concerned accredited mediators and mediation personnel of all units of the PMC may conduct mediation proceedings through videoconferencing using the Philippine Judiciary 365 platform, provided the confidentiality of the proceedings is ensured.

Any prior circular on the matter issued by the Office of the Court Administrator contrary to the foregoing is hereby superseded.

For the guidance and compliance of all concerned.

7 December 2021

  
**RAUL BAUTISTA VILLANUEVA**  
Deputy Court Administrator  
and  
Officer-in-Charge  
Office of the Court Administrator  
*(Per Memorandum Order No. 108-2021  
dated 17 November 2021)*

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<sup>1</sup> A.M. No. 20-12-01-SC dated 9 December 2020 (Guidelines on the Conduct of Videoconferencing)