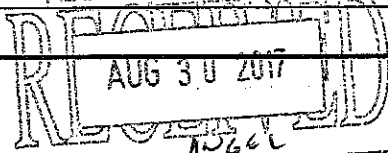
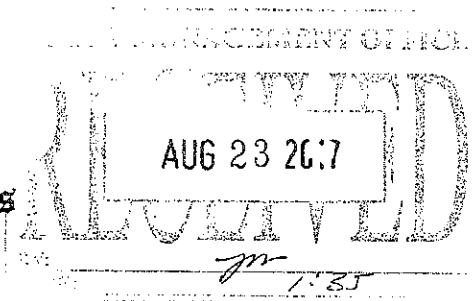


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“A.M. No. 17-06-02-SC (Re: Letter dated May 29, 2017 of Secretary Vitaliano N. Aguirre II, Department of Justice, to Chief Justice Maria Lourdes P. A. Sereno)”

DESIGNATING BRANCHES 70 AND 266, REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, TAGUIG CITY, AS SPECIAL COURTS TO HEAR, TRY, AND DECIDE CASES AND INCIDENTS ARISING FROM AND RELATED TO THE MAUTE GROUP TAKE OVER OF MARAWI CITY

WHEREAS, on 6 June 2017, the Court issued a Resolution designating the Regional Trial Court (RTC) of Cagayan de Oro City as the court to hear, try, and decide all cases and incidents arising from the Maute Group takeover of Marawi City; with Camp Evangelista, Patag, Cagayan de Oro City as the detention facility;

WHEREAS, on 27 June 2017, the Court issued a subsequent Resolution designating the RTC of the National Capital Region stationed in Taguig City, instead of the RTC of Cagayan de Oro City, to speedily act on all prosecutions and incidents arising from the violent incidents in Marawi City involving the Maute Group;

WHEREAS, there are seven (7) RTCs in Taguig City, three (3) of which are currently vacant, particularly Branches 69, 70 and 266;

WHEREAS, considering the highly-sensitive nature of the cases involving the Maute Group, two (2) of the seven (7) RTCs may be designated as special courts to hear, try, and decide all cases and incidents arising from the Maute Group takeover of Marawi City, regardless of the presence or involvement of minors in the said cases;

WHEREAS, Judge Elisa R. Sarmiento-Flores, Acting Presiding Judge, Branch 266, RTC, Taguig City, prefers to be designated as Acting Presiding Judge in Branch 69, RTC, Taguig City, considering her extensive training in family cases;

WHEREAS, the designation of Judge Sarmiento-Flores in Branch 266, RTC, Taguig City, may be revoked and in her stead, Judge Divinagracia B. Ongkeko, Presiding Judge, Branch 91, RTC, Sta. Cruz, Laguna, be designated therein;

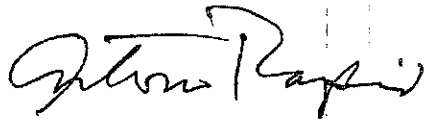
NOW, THEREFORE, the Court has resolved, as it hereby resolves, to:

1. **DESIGNATE** Branches 70 and 266, RTC, Taguig City, as special courts to hear, try, and decide all cases and incidents arising from the Maute Group takeover of Marawi City, regardless of the presence or involvement of minors in the said cases and incidents;
2. **DESIGNATE** the following Judges as Acting Presiding Judges in the abovementioned vacant courts, in addition to their regular duties in their own courts, effective immediately, and to continue until the appointment and assumption to duty of regular judges thereat, or until further orders from the Court;
 - a) Hon. Divinagracia B. Ongkeko, Presiding Judge, Branch 91, RTC, Sta. Cruz, Laguna, as Acting Presiding Judge, Branch 266, RTC, Taguig City; and
 - b) Hon. Elisa R. Sarmiento-Flores, Presiding Judge, Branch 71, RTC, Pasig City, as Acting Presiding Judge, Branch 69, RTC, Taguig City;
3. **REVOKE** the designation of Judge Elisa R. Sarmiento-Flores as Acting Presiding Judge, Branch 266, RTC, Taguig City, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 63-2017 dated 2 May 2017;
4. **EXCLUDE** Branches 70 and 266, RTC, Taguig City, from the raffle or assignment of new cases pursuant to Chapter V, Section 5 of A.M. No. 03-08-02-SC;
5. **EXEMPT** Branch 69, RTC, Taguig City, from the said provisions of A.M. No. 03-08-02-SC, and include the same in the raffle of newly-filed family cases; and
6. **GRANT** the reimbursement of traveling expenses as well as additional expense allowance and judicial incentive allowance of Judges Felix P. Reyes, Divinagracia B. Ongkeko, and Elisa R. Sarmiento-Flores, as provided in the Resolution dated 2 February 1999 of the Court *en banc* in A.M. No. 99-1-04-SC, as amended.

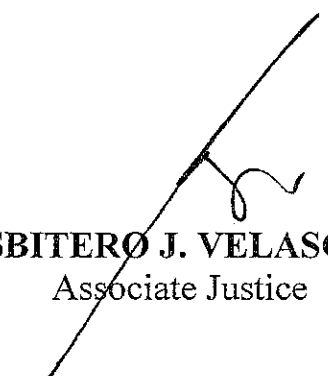
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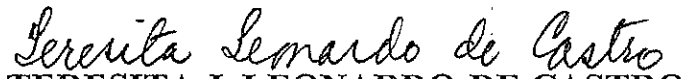
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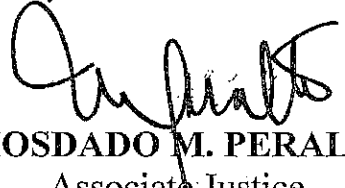
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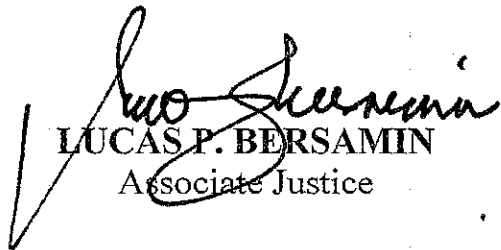
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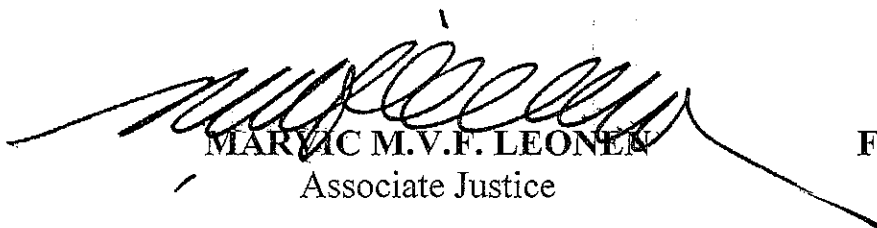
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