



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 239A-2022

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

SUBJECT : NATIONAL JUDGMENT DAY PROGRAM

On the occasion of the 47th Anniversary of the Office of the Court Administrator (OCA), and to underscore the continuing efforts to decongest court dockets and jail facilities, the National Judgment Day Program shall be conducted by all first and second level courts nationwide on **16 November 2022**.

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 or promulgation on 16 November 2022. However, if for any justifiable or exceptional circumstance, the hearing could not be held on said date, the same may be conducted on any day between **14-18 November 2022**, with the objective of terminating said cases pursuant to existing laws, rules and guidelines. This directive, however, should not prevent any court from promulgating a judgment or releasing PDLs on an earlier date when warranted by circumstances or if so required by applicable rules.

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 National Judgment Day, all courts shall **IMMEDIATELY ACCOMPLISH** the survey entitled *The 2022 Nationwide Judgment Day Program Report Form* via MS Forms, using their respective Judiciary 365 accounts. They may access the survey through this link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LhcHltpScEOFs2JSFnCTV0kjDEPUBphOo0EZ_R9ydexUNFdDOFAxUkJLQU9BMUs4TjFDWDdWT0RXVC4u or by using the QR code below:



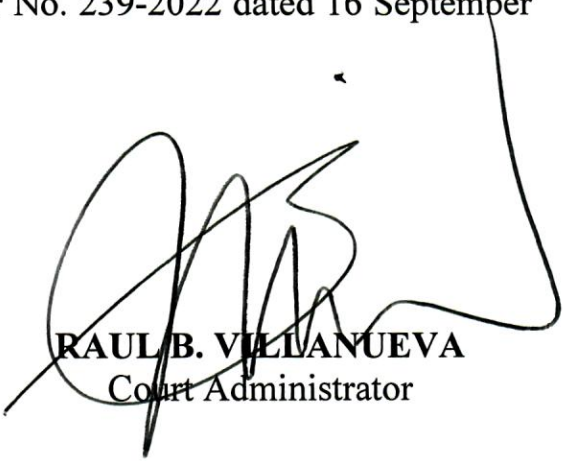
Re: National Judgment Day Program

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.

This Circular amends OCA Circular No. 239-2022 dated 16 September 2022.

21 September 2022



RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator

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