



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 70-2002

TO : ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE 1st
AND 2nd LEVEL COURTS

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF THE WEARING OF THE
OFFICE UNIFORMS IN THE LOWER COURTS

Upon request of the Philippines Association of Court Employees, the Chief Justice has approved the suspension of the wearing of the office uniforms in the lower courts, subject to the following conditions:

1. The suspension shall start on 2 December 2002.
2. The appropriate business attire and footwear shall be worn when performing official functions inside the workplace.

The following shall be considered as **prohibited attire**:

1. Gauzy, transparent or net-like T-shirt or blouse;
2. Sando-style, sleeveless, strapless, haltered, tank-top/tube or spaghetti-strap blouse and non-collared T-shirt, unless worn as an undershirt;
3. Blouse with over-plunging neckline;
4. Mini skirt (i.e., 3 inches or more above the knee);
5. Walking shorts, leggings, tights, jogging pants;
6. Tight fitting pants, capri pants and pedal pushers; and
7. For the males, non-collared T-shirt.

Appropriate footwear shall mean closed formal shoes. The following even when worn only inside the office premises are **prohibited**:

1. Step-in exposing the toes;
2. Sandals exposing the toes; and
3. Rubber sandals, slippers, bakya.

However, the following are **allowed**:

1. Mules or slip-ons (step-in with toes covered)
2. Sling back shoes (shoes covering the toes but open at the back); and
3. Shoes with small opening in front but closed at the back ("half-moon").