



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

**OCA CIRCULAR NO. 13-2023**

**TO : THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'AH DISTRICT COURTS, METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'AH CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**SUBJECT : GRANT OF REQUEST ON SCHEDULE OF LEGAL AID CASES FOR HEARING**

In its Resolution dated 6 December 2022 in B.M. No. 4337 (In Re: Integrated Bar of the Philippines' Resolution on Schedules of Legal Aid Cases for Hearing), the Court *En Banc* resolved to:

**GRANT** the request for all courts to be directed to accommodate requests of IBP legal aid lawyers to schedule, as far as practicable, the hearings of their legal aid cases – (i) on the same date and time as the hearings of their *de parte* cases or other legal aid cases pending before their respective *salas*, and/or (ii) be heard via videoconferencing.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

18 January 2023

  
**RAUL B. VILLANUEVA**  
Court Administrator