



Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
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Manila

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 306-2023

TO : ALL JUDGES AND COURT PERSONNEL OF THE CONCERNED FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS

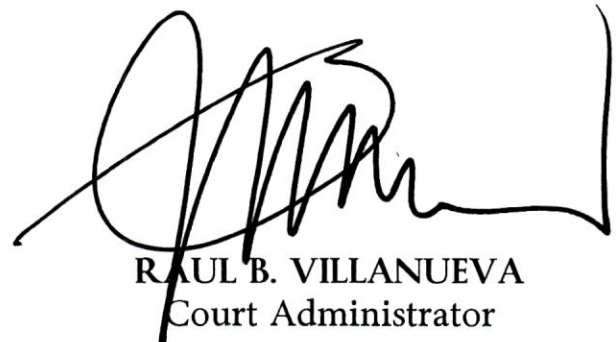
SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF COURT OPERATIONS ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2023 IN ALL FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND IN ALL CITIES WHERE THE LOCAL TESTING SITES FOR THE 2023 BAR EXAMINATIONS ARE LOCATED

Pursuant to the Resolution dated 15 August 2023 of the Court *en banc* in B.M. No. 3978 (In Re: 2023 Bar Examinations), copy attached as Annex "A", court operations are hereby **SUSPENDED** on **20 September 2023 (Wednesday)** in all first and second level courts in the National Capital Region and in all cities¹ where the testing sites for the 2023 Bar Examinations are located.

Further, as provided in the subject Resolution, the officials, personnel, and employees of all courts who will be deployed to the Bar Examination sites as Bar personnel and will render service as such during the preparations, actual conduct of the Bar Examinations, and post-Bar Examinations activities are **CONSIDERED** to be **ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS** for the duration of said deployment or service.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

08 September 2023



RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator

¹ Luzon – Baguio City, Benguet; Tuguegarao City, Cagayan; and Naga City, Camarines Sur
Visayas – Cebu City, Cebu; and Tacloban City, Leyte
Mindanao – Davao City, Davao del Sur; and Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental



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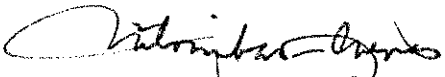
Sirs/Mesdames:

*Please take notice that the Court en banc issued a Resolution dated **AUGUST 15, 2023**, which reads as follows:*

“B.M. No. 3978 (In Re: 2023 Bar Examinations). — Considering the recommendations of Associate Justice Ramon Paul L. Hernando, Chairperson, 2023 Bar Examinations, requesting the implementation of measures aimed to ensure the uninterrupted completion by Judiciary employees of their tasks during the period of their deployment to the Bar Examination sites as Bar personnel and in order to align with the three-week Intensive Decision Writing Break scheduled in September 2023,¹ the Court resolved to:

- (1) **NOTE** the Letter dated July 27, 2023 of Associate Justice Ramon Paul L. Hernando, Chairperson, 2023 Bar Examinations, addressed to the Members of the Court En Banc;
- (2) **SUSPEND** the court operations in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Sandiganbayan, Court of Tax Appeals, and all First- and Second-Level Courts in the National Capital Region and in all cities where the local testing sites are located, on September 20, 2023, Wednesday; and
- (3) **CONSIDER** the officials, personnel, and employees of all courts who will be deployed to the Bar Examination sites as Bar personnel and will render service as such during the preparations, actual conduct of the Bar Examinations, and post-Bar Examinations activities to be **ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS** for the duration of said deployment or service. Singh, J., on official leave. (adv13)

By authority of the Court:


MARIFE M. LOMIBAO-CUEVAS
Clerk of Court *mdre*

¹ Resolution dated July 11, 2023, A.M. No. 23-07-13-SC, Re: Proposal for a Quarterly Decision Writing Break Starting September 2023.