



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 16-2024

TO : ALL JUDGES OF THE FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS

SUBJECT : REITERATION ON THE CONDUCT OF VIDEOCONFERENCING WITH RESPECT TO REMOTE APPEARANCE FROM ABROAD

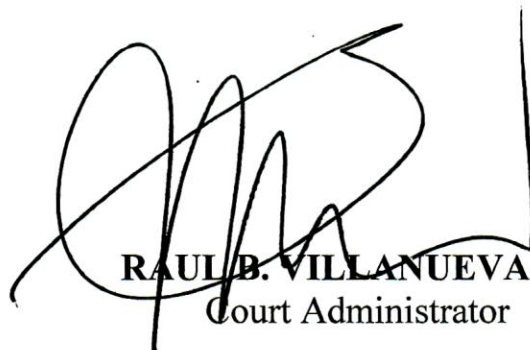
In view of the letter dated 13 December 2023 of Atty. Roussel R. Reyes, Officer-in-Charge, Office of Treaties and Legal Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs, informing this Office that there have been reports from Foreign Service Posts (FSP) that several requests for videoconferencing hearings (VCH) failed to comply with the conditions stated in Administrative Matter (A.M.) No. 20-12-01-SC¹ dated 9 December 2020 (*Guidelines on the Conduct of Videoconferencing*), such as the approved appointment or permission to conduct VCH from the consulate, all Judges are **REMINDED** to strictly observe No. 3, Item IV of A.M. No. 20-12-01-SC, thus:

IV. Additional Procedure for Videoconferencing for Overseas Filipino Workers, Filipinos Residing Abroad or Temporarily outside the Philippines, and Non-resident Foreign Nationals

3. *Motion for videoconferencing-* xxx The same requirements for the contents of the motion under Item II(2)(a) of these Guidelines shall apply, with the additional requirement that the concerned embassy or consulate of the Philippines has allowed the use of its facilities for videoconferencing xxx. [emphasis supplied]

For your strict compliance.

16 January 2024


RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator

¹ Circularized in OCA Circular No. 209-2020 dated 29 December 2020