

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 83-2024

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ALL JUDGES AND CLERKS OF COURT/OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS

SUBJECT : REITERATION OF OCA CIRCULAR NO. 71-2022 (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER NO. 21-08-07-SC DATED 22 MARCH 2022 [DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL COURTS TO HEAR, TRY, AND DECIDE TERRORISM CASES AND COUNTER-TERRORISM FINANCING CASES]) DATED 28 MARCH 2022

In view of the *Letter* dated 6 March 2024 of Justice Rosmari D. Carandang (ret.), *Chancellor*, Philippine Judicial Academy, informing this Office that Terrorism Cases' and Counter-Terrorism Financing (CTF) Cases² continue to be filed and docketed in non-designated Anti-Terrorism Courts, all concerned are **REMINDED** to strictly observe the subject Administrative Matter, which states that the Regional Trial Courts therein designated as Anti-Terrorism Courts shall **exclusively and speedily** hear, try and decide the said cases **committed in their respective regions**.

For strict compliance.

21 March 2024

B. VILLANUEVA RAU Court Administrator

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¹ Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11479 (The Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020), approved on 3 July 2020.

² R.A. No. 10168 (The Terrorism Financing Prevention and Suppression Act of 2012), approved on 18 June 2012.