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T O : ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE JUDICIARY

SUBJECT : PROHIBITION TO WORK AS INSURANCE AGENT

In line with Section 12 Rule XVIII of the Revised Civil Rules, the Executive Department issued Memorandum Circular No. 17 dated September 4, 1986 authorizing heads of government offices to grant their employees permission to engage directly in any private business, vocation or profession x x x outside office hours."

However, in its En Banc resolution dated October 1, 1987, denying the request of Atty. Froilan L. Valdez of the Office of Associate Justice Ameurfina Melencio-Herrera, to be commissioned as a Notary Public, the Court expressed the view that the provisions of Memorandum Circular No. 17 of the Executive Department are not applicable to officials or employees of the courts considering the express prohibition in the Rules of Court and the nature of their work which requires them to serve with the highest degree of efficiency and responsibility. In order to maintain public confidence in this Judiciary. The same policy was adopted in Administrative Matter No.88-6-002-SC, June 21, 1988, where the court denied the request of Ms. Esther C. Rabanal, Technical Assistant II, Leave Section, Office of the Administrative Services of this Court to work as an insurance agent after office hours including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Indeed, the entire time of Judiciary officials and employees must be devoted to government service to insure efficient and speedy administration of justice.

ACCORDINGLY, all officials and employee of the Judiciary are hereby enjoined from being commissioned as insurance agents or from engaging in an such related activities, and to immediately desist therefrom if presently engaged thereof.

October 4, 1988.

(Sgd.) MARCELO B. FERNAN

Chief Justice

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