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TO : ALL JUDGES AND CLERKS OF COURT OF THE SECOND LEVEL COURTS

SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION DATED 13 NOVEMBER 2018 IN G.R. NO. 231989 (PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES V. ROMY LIM Y MIRANDA) PROVIDING, AMONG OTHERS, FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON THE APPLICATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THE MANDATORY POLICY THAT SHALL GOVERN THE PRACTICE IN MAINTAINING THE CHAIN OF CUSTODY TO PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY AND EVIDENTIARY VALUE OF SEIZED/CONFISCATED ILLEGAL DRUGS AND OTHER DRUG-RELATED ITEMS

For the information, guidance and strict observance of all second level courts, appended herein as Annex "A" is the Resolution dated 13 November 2018 of the Honorable Court En Banc, in G.R. No. 231989 (People of the Philippines v. Romy him y Miranda). In the Resolution, the Court provides, among others, further clarification on the application and interpretation of the mandatory policy that shall govern the practice in maintaining the chain of custody to preserve the integrity and evidentiary value of seized/confiscated illegal drugs and other drug-related items.

This circular relates to OCA Circular No. 210-2018 dated 01 October 2018 (Re: Decision dated 04 September 2018 in G.R. No. 231989 [People of the Philippines v. Romy Urn y Miranda] Providing, Among Others, For The Mandatory Policy That Shall Govern The Practice In Maintaining The Chain Of Custody To Preserve The Integrity And Evidentiary Value Of Seized/Confiscated Illegal Drugs And Other Drug-Related Items).

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