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**TO:**

**ALL CLERKS OF COURT OF THE FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS**

**SUBJECT:**

REVISED UPGRADING OF SCHEDULE OF THE LEGAL FEES IN THE SUPREME COURT AND THE LOWER COURTS UNDER RULE 141 OF THE RULES OF COURT

For your information and guidance, the Supreme Court En Bane issued a Resolution dated April 17, 2007 in A.M. No. 07-2-04-S.C which Resolved to AMEND Section 1 of Rule 141 of the Rules of Court, as amended, to read to as follows: . .

"SEC. 1. Payment of fees; modes and effects. - Upon the filing of the pleading or other application which initiates an action or proceeding, the fees prescribed therefor shall be paid in full, unless a staggered basis of payment is allowed by the Rules.

The legal fees may be paid in cash or through check, subject to the provisions herein stated.

The legal fees may be paid in cash when the same does not exceed P5,000.00. When the legal fees exceed P5,000.00, payment shall be in check which may be personal, company or manager's check. When the legal fees exceed P50,000.00, payment shall be in manager's check. All checks shall be crossed.

Payment of the Legal Research Fund, Victim's Compensation Fund, Cadastral Fees and other fees not accruing to the Judiciary Development fund or Special Allowance for the Judiciary shall be in cash.

Any official receipt issued for the check shall indicate the following notation: 'Payment credited only upon check being cleared.'

In case of dishonor of the check and upon receipt of such notice from the depository bank, the Clerk of Court or the accountable officer shall immediately inform in writing

the court to where the case was raffled. The court shall forthwith issue an order dismissing the case, without prejudice to the filing of a case or cases against the drawer of the dishonored check.

Upon effectivity of this Resolution, all rules, resolutions, orders and circulars of this Court, which are inconsistent therewith, are repealed or modified accordingly.

This Resolution shall take effect on July 2, 2007 , following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation not later than April 30 5 2007."

The Resolution was published in the April 21, 2007 issue of the Manila Bulletin.

For strict compliance.

May\_\_29\_\_, 2007.

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