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TO

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ALL METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT JUDGES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT JUDGES, EXECUTIVE JUDGES OF METROPOLITAN AND MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS WITH MULTIPLE SALAS AND SHARI'A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES.

SUBJECT

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REGULAR DIALOGUE/ CONFERENCES ON CONCILIATION OF DISPUTES.

WHEREAS, the Katarungang Pambarangay system of dispute settlement has gained significant headway towards achieving its avowed objective of amicably settling disputes outside the courts and, thereby, substantially declogging docket congestions;

WHEREAS, the potentials of said system have not been fully realized as partly manifested by failure to fully utilize the system as a means of avoiding needless litigation and the number of conciliated settlements rendered void or, otherwise declared of no force or effect, for being contrary to law, public policy or morals; and

WHEREAS, such shortcomings, errors and infirmities, largely attributable to legal unawareness, could have been minimized, if not altogether avoided, by prior consultations and legal advice.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby directed that:

- Starting August 1, 1989, trial judges of lower courts other than the regional trial courts and Shari'a district and arbitration. These training/seminar/workshops shall be on official time, including the dialogues/conferences/meetings with the Barangay Captains, etc.

This Administrative Circular shall take effect immediately.

Manila, Philippines.

July 3, 1989.

(Sgd.) MARCELO B. FERNAN

Chief Justice

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