

PROVIDING FREE LEGAL AID FOR THE POOR

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WHEREAS, the Public Attorney's Office (PAO) is the principal law office of the government that provides free legal aid to the poor;

WHEREAS, the Presidential Commission on the Urban Poor (PCUP) is mandated to coordinate the speedy implementation of government policies and programs for the urban poor;

WHEREAS, most of the urban poor in the country is concentrated in Metro Manila;

NOW THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The PAO and the PCUP shall work together on programs of providing free legal aid to Metro Manila urban poor.

SECTION 2. All Administrative Orders, rules, and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Administrative Order, are hereby revoked, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: 14 May 2009

(SGD.) GLORIA M. ARROYO
President of the Philippines

BY THE PRESIDENT:

(SGD.) EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Executive Secretary

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