

SC CIRCULAR NO. 12, October 02, 1986

SC CIRCULAR NO. 12, October 02, 1986

Read online (full-text search, related cases, audio case brief): <https://batas.org/library/ae12a3ab1082/>

TO :

ALL JUDGES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS HEARING ADOPTION CASES

SUBJECT: Adoption Cases

Reports have reached this Court that some Regional Trial Court judges handling adoption cases do not strictly adhere to the provisions of Art. 33 of P.D. 603, otherwise known as "The Child and Youth Welfare Code", on the requirement of a case study of the child to be adopted, his natural parents, as well as the prospective adopting parents and that they do not hear personally the said cases.

Henceforth, Regional Trial Court judges hearing adoption cases are hereby directed:

- (1) to NOTIFY the Ministry of Social Services and Development, thru its local agency, of the filing of adoption cases or the pendency thereof with respect to those cases already filed;
- (2) to strictly COMPLY with the requirement in Art. 33 of the aforesaid decree that -

"No petition for adoption shall be granted unless the Department of Social Welfare (now the Ministry of Social Services and Development), or the Social Work and Counselling Division, in the case of Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts (now defunct), has made a case study of the child to be adopted, his natural parents as well as the prospective adopting parents, and has submitted its report and recommendations on the matter to the court hearing such petition. The Department of Social Welfare (now the Ministry of Social Services and Development) shall intervene on behalf of the child if it finds, after such case study, that the petition should be denied."

The Staff Assistant V (Social Worker") of the Regional Trial Courts, if any, shall coordinate with the Ministry of Social Services and Development in the preparation and submission of such, case study.

- (3) to personally HEAR all adoption cases and desist from the practice of delegating the reception of evidence of the petitioner to the Clerk of Court.

Strict compliance herewith is hereby enjoined.

October 2, 1986.

(SGD.) CLAUDIO TEEHANKEE

Chief Justice

ABOUT BATAS.ORG

Study smarter at BATAS.org

The Philippine bar review and law-school companion built around how your brain actually remembers.

The complete Philippine law library - free for everyone.

More than 100,000 Supreme Court decisions, Republic Acts, and executive issuances - full-text searchable, browsable by category and year, and always free. No paywall, no login. This PDF came from it.

Audio case-brief lectures.

Any decision becomes a podcast-style lecture - facts, issues, ruling, and doctrine - with read-along highlighting and a hands-free presentation mode. Study while commuting, working out, or resting your eyes.

Bar review built on the science of memory.

Complete, sequenced courses for all eight bar subjects, narrated like podcasts and reinforced with retrieval practice and spaced review - the study techniques with the strongest evidence behind them.

The full law-school curriculum.

One subscription unlocks the entire J.D. curriculum - every subject, every lesson, with your progress tracked down to the paragraph so you can pick up exactly where you left off, on any device.

Mock exams that tell you where you stand.

Timed multiple-choice exams graded instantly, with per-subject score breakdowns and focus suggestions that point you at your weakest topics first.

A study planner that keeps you on pace.

Set your schedule and BATAS tells you every day whether you are on track for bar day - and exactly which lesson to take next.

Start free at <https://batas.org>

The law library is free forever - and your first lesson is one click away.

The text of this document is an official public record and remains in the public domain. Formatting, presentation, and compilation © 2026 batas.org.

Downloaded free from the batas.org Law Library. Share it freely - the library is free for every law student, bar reviewee, and practitioner.