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TO :

ALL JUDGES AND COURT PERSONNEL OF THE FAMILY COURTS AND REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS

RE :

DESIGNATION OF COMMERCIAL COURT AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES AS JUDGE-ON-DUTY

In furtherance of Supreme Court Administrative Circulars 32-2020 and 33-2020 (C.A. 32-2020 and C.A. 33-2020), which, among others, designate Judge/s-on-duty on any given working day, let it be clarified that in stations, cities, and provinces where there are Commercial Court and Family Court Judges, all urgent matters concerning commercial cases and family cases shall be referred to the Commercial Court and Family Court Judges-on-duty, respectively. Accordingly, there shall be Commercial Court and Family Court Judges-on-duty, when applicable, in stations, cities, and provinces, at any given working day, as scheduled by the Executive Judge.

As provided in A.C. 32-2020, "Judges-on-duty, together with their skeleton-staff, must stay at their respective residences, and shall only go to their courts once it has been determined that an urgent matter has to be acted upon (on that specific day). Otherwise, they need not go to their courts." And pursuant to A.C. 33-2020, pleadings filed shall first be sent electronically to the Judges-on-duty who may determine their urgency in their respective residences and thereafter act accordingly.

For the proper guidance of all concerned.

Makati City, 5 April 2020

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