

INCREASING THE NUMBER OF LAWYERS OF THE CITIZENS LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1725, September 26, 1980

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WHEREAS, the Citizens Legal Assistance Office, as the law office of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines for indigent and low-income persons, performs a vital role in the implementation of the legal aid program of the State, in upholding; the rule of law, in the protection and safeguarding of the constitutional and statutory rights of the citizenry, and in the efficient and speedy administration of Justice;

WHEREAS, the Citizens Legal Assistance Office is presently organized into 96 Regional and District Offices situated in different centers throughout the country, and is handling for indigents more than 50,000 new cases every year;

WHEREAS, there is still a large segment of our indigent population, specially those living in the remote areas, who cannot avail of the services of the Citizens Legal Assistance Office because of the distance of its offices from their respective residences, and the lack of an adequate number of CLAO lawyers;

WHEREAS, there is a need to extend the services of the Citizens legal Assistance Office to all indigent citizens to make our constitutional guarantees a living reality for them;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, BY virtue of the power vested in me under the Constitution, hereby order and decree as follows:

SEC. 1. The Citizens Legal Assistance Office shall establish a District Office in every city or municipality where a branch of the Court of First Instance is located. In accomplishing this objective, there shall be created positions of Supervising Citizens attorneys, Senior Citizens attorneys, District Citizens attorneys, Citizens attorneys, Senior stenographers, and Clerks, in such number as may be necessary and as may be determined under pertinent organization law.

SEC. 2. The compensation of the positions created under this Decree shall be determined pursuant to P.D. No. 985 and 1726.

SEC. 3. To carry out the provisions of this Decree, the sum of seven million two hundred thousand pesos (P7,200,000) is hereby authorized to be released out of the Special Activities Fund to cover costs incurred in 1980 and 1981.

The Chief State Counsel, Chief State Prosecutor, Chief Financial Officer, Technical Staff Chief, and the heads of all bureaus/commissions/offices under this Ministry

P55,536.00

The Board, of Pardons and Parole Executive Director, the Assistant Chief State

Counsels, the Assistant Chief State Prosecutors, Regional State Prosecutors the officers next in rank to the above-mentioned heads of bureaus/commissions offices under the Ministry, and the City fiscal of Manila and Quezon City

P52,848.00

The NBI Deputy Directors, CID Executive Director, Senior State Counsels, Senior State Prosecutors, Assistant Regional State Prosecutors, CLAO and NBI Regional Directors, Technical Staff Assistant Chiefs, and the Provincial/City Fiscals of First Class A Provinces/Cities and First Assistant Fiscals of Manila and Quezon City

P50,292.00

The Senior Special Assistant to the Minister of Justice, Technical Staff Special Assistants, Board of Pardons and Parole Executive Director, CLAO Supervising Citizens Attorneys and Senior Citizens Attorneys, Boards of Special Inquiry Chairmen, Chief Legal Officers in the LRC, NBI, CID, and Probation Administration, Special Assistant to the LRC Commissioner, LRC Administrative Officer IV, LRC Chief Deeds Registry Inspector, LRC Clerk of Court Division Chief, Registers of Deeds III, First and Second Brackets of State Corporate Attorneys, State Counsels II, State Prosecutors III and IV, Second Assistant City Fiscals of Manila and Quezon City, First Assistant Provincial City Fiscals of First Class A Provinces/Cities, Provincial/City Fiscals of First Class B/C Provinces/Cities

P47,856.00

The Special Assistants to the Minister of Justice, Boards of Special Inquiry Members, Third and Fourth Brackets of State Corporate Attorneys, LRC Senior Research Attorney, LRC Assistant Chief Deeds Registry Inspector, LRC Deputy Clerk of Court, Registers of Deeds II, Deputy Registers of Deeds III, Land Registration Special Assistant, CID, and NBI Assistant Chief Legal Officers, NBI and CLAO Chief Research Attorneys. District Citizens Attorneys, Bureau of Prisons Legal Officer II, State Counsels I, State Prosecutors I and II, Third Assistant City Fiscals of Manila and Quezon City, Second Assistant Provincial/City Fiscals of First Class A Provinces/Cities, First Assistant Provincial/City Fiscals of First Class B/C Provinces/Cities, Provincial/City Fiscals of Second Class Provinces/Cities

P43,332.00

The First and Second Brackets of Trial Attorneys in the OGCC, Deputy Registers of Deeds II, Registers of Deeds I, Supervising Parole Officers, Probation Administration Senior Legal Officer, Fourth Assistant City Fiscals of Manila and Quezon City, Third Assistant Provincial/City Fiscals of First Class A Provinces/Cities, Second assistant Provincial/City Fiscals of First Glass B/C Provinces/Cities, First Assistant Provincial/City Fiscals of Second Class Provinces/Cities, Provincial/City Fiscals of Third/Fourth Class Provinces/Cities

P41,232.00

The Senior Parole Officers, Citizens Attorneys, Deputy Registers of Deeds I, Supervising Deeds Registry Inspector, Bureau of Prisons Legal Officer I, Legal Officer IV in the bureaus and offices under the Ministry of Justice, Senior Research Attorneys in the Office of the Minister and in the bureaus and offices under the Ministry of Justice, Assistant Fiscals of Manila and Quezon City, Fourth assistant Provincial/City Fiscals of First Class A Provinces/Cities, Third Assistant Provincial/City Fiscals of First Class B/C Provinces/Cities Second Assistant Provincial/City Fiscals of Second Class Provinces/Cities, First Assistant Provincial/City Fiscals of Third/Fourth, Class Provinces /Cities, Provincial/City Fiscals of Fifth Class Provinces/Cities

P37,344.00

The CLAO Trial Attorneys II, CID Supervising Special Investigator, Legal Officers III in the bureaus and offices under the Ministry of Justice, Research Attorneys II in the Office of the Minister and in the bureaus and offices under the Ministry of Justice, Parole Officers, Assistant Fiscals of First Class A Provinces/Cities, Fourth Assistant Provincial/City Fiscals of First Class B/C Provinces/Cities, Third Assistant Provincial/Cities Fiscals of Second Class Provinces/Cities, Second Assistant Provincial/City Fiscals of Third/Fourth ClassProvinces/Cities, First Assistant Provincial/City Fiscals of Fifth Class Provinces/Cities, Assistant Fiscals of First Class B/C Provinces/Cities, Prosecution Attorneys

P32,184.00

The Legal Officers II in the bureaus and offices under the Ministry of Justice, Deeds Registry Inspectors, Research Attorneys I in the Office of the Minister and in the bureaus and Offices under the Ministry of Justice, Legal Officers I in the bureaus and offices under the Ministry of Justice, CID Special Investigator, Bureau of Prisons Legal Officer I (New Bilibid Prison and Leyte Regional Prison)

P20,580.00

SEC. 4. Office of the Solicitor General. The salary of legal positions in the Office of the Solicitor General shall be upgraded in a manner similar to that approved for the Ministry of Justice under Sec. 3 hereof.

SEC. 5. Other Agencies of Government. The compensation of legal positions in the Office of the President, Ministry of Agrarian Reform, Ministry of Labor, Ministry of the Budget, and other agencies of Government, shall be studied by the Ministry of the Budget through the Office of Compensation and Position Classification, which shall prepare a plan for rationalizing and upgrading such positions, in a manner consistent with that for the Ministry of Justice under Sec. 3 hereof.

SEC. 6. Guidelines. The following guidelines shall be observed in implementing the plan for rationalizing and upgrading judicial/legal salaries:

- The principle of equal pay for equal work shall be observed among agencies of the national government, such

that salary or compensation increased shall be adopted for all positions of comparable qualifications and work load, for all agencies in which such positions exists

- Proposals shall be formulated and submitted, taking into account the funds available for salary adjustments in government. No savings in personal service, in maintenance and operating expenditures, or in capital outlays, may be used for the creation of new positions or upgrading of the compensation of positions;
- Existing vacant positions may be abolished and the amount budgeted for the compensation of the said positions may be used for the reclassification or for upgrading salaries of the remaining positions;
- Superiors shall enjoy a higher salary than subordinate positions, except where specifically approved by the President for highly technical positions;
- After adjustment, the salary of Career Executive Service positions shall continue to be higher than those who do not belong to the Service.

SEC. 7. Funding Source. The amounts needed to cover any salary increases approved as a consequence of this Decree shall be charged to the Salary Adjustment Fund, except when otherwise approved by the President (Prime Minister).

SEC. 8. Repeal Clause. All laws, decrees and orders or any part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Decree are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. Effectivity. This Decree shall be immediately effective.

Done in the City of Manila, this 26th Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Senior Presidential Assistant

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