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TO:

THE JUDGES AND CLERKS OF COURTS OF THE FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS STATIONED IN AREAS WHERE THERE ARE PHILIPPINE MEDIATION CENTER (PMC) UNITS

SUBJECT:

REITERATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 20-2202 DATED APRIL 24, 2002

This Office has been receiving reports that despite the issuance of Administrative Circular No. 20-2002 dated April 24, 2004 mandating the conduct of monthly inventory and referral of cases for mediation proceedings, referrals of mediatable cases by the trial courts to the Philippine Mediation Center (PMC) Units continue to be wanting which circumstance will ultimately entail a waste of time for volunteer mediators. Hence, this Office REITERATES the guidelines in Administrative Circular No. 20-2002 dated April 24, 2002 which among other things direct the Presiding Judges and Branch Clerks of Court in the trial courts to:

- Conduct a monthly inventory of cases in their dockets referable to mediation. Pursuant to the Court's Second Revised Guidelines, dated 16 October 2001, the cases that may be referred are as follows:

- a. All civil cases, settlement of estates, and cases covered by the Rule on Summary Procedure except those which by law may not be compromised;
- b. Cases cognizable by the Lupong Tagapamayapa under the Katarungam, Pambarangay Law;
- c. The civil aspect of B.P. 22: cases; and
- d. The civil aspect of quasi-offenses under Title 14 of the Revised Penal Code.

- Upon appearance of the parties during pre-trial in cases covered by mediation, immediately order the parties to appear before the Philippine Mediation Center (PMC) unit located in the courthouse for initial mediation conference;

- Issue appropriate sanctions upon failure of the parties to appear before the PMC unit, since mediation is part of pre-trial;

- Ensure the regular referral of cases for mediation to the PMC unit; and

- The monthly inventory shall be prepared and signed by the Branch Clerk of Court, duly noted by the Presiding Judge, for submission to the Office of the Court Administrator and the Philippine Judicial Academy.

For your information and guidance, Philippine Mediation Center (PMC) units are established and organized in different stations attached hereto as Annex "A".

For strict compliance.

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LIST OF ESTABLISHED PMC UNITS
(as of May 15, 2007)

No. PMC Unit Region Year Established

NCR

1

Caloocan City

NCR

2002

2

Las Piñas

NCR

2002

3

Makati

NCR

2002

4

Malabon

NCR

2002

5

Mandaluyong

NCR

2002

6

Manila

NCR

2002

7

Marikina

NCR

2002

8

Muntinlupa

NCR

2002

9

Navotas

NCR

2002

10

Parañaque

NCR

2002

11

Pasay

NCR

2002

12

Pasig

NCR

2002

13

Pateros

NCR

2002

14

Quezon City

NCR

2002

15

San Juan

NCR

2002

16

Taguig

NCR

2002

17

Valenzuela

NCR

2002

LA UNION

18

San Fernando

1st Judicial Region

2006

19

Agoo

1st Judicial Region

200

20

Aringay

1st Judicial Region

2006

21

Bacnotan

1st Judicial Region

2006

22

Balaoan

1st Judicial Region

2006

23

Bauang

1st Judicial Region

2006

24

Naguillan

1st Judicial Region

2006

25

San Juan

1st Judicial Region

2006

26

Benguet

1st Judicial Region

2006

27

Baguio

1st Judicial Region

2006

PAMPANGA

28

City of San Fernando

3rd Judicial Region

2004

29

Angeles

3rd Judicial Region

2004

30

Clark

3rd Judicial Region

2004

31

Mabalacat

3rd Judicial Region

2004

32

Porac

3rd Judicial Region

2004

33

Apalit

3rd Judicial Region

2004

34

Arayat

3rd Judicial Region

2004

35

Bacolor

3rd Judicial Region

2004

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Floridablanca

3rd Judicial Region

2004

37

Guagua

3rd Judicial Region

2004

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Lubao

3rd Judicial Region

2004

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Mexico

3rd Judicial Region

2004

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Macabebe

3rd Judicial Region

2004

41

Sta. Ana

3rd Judicial Region

2004

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Sta. Rita

3rd Judicial Region

2004

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Sto. Tomas

3rd Judicial Region

2004

BULACAN

44

Malolos

3rd Judicial Region

2007

BATANGAS

45

Batangas

4th Judicial Region - A

2007

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L:ipa

4th Judicial Region - A

2007

NEGROS OCCIDENTAL

47

Bascolod City

6th Judicial Region

2004

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Bago City

6th Judicial Region

2004

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Binalbangan

6th Judicial Region

2004

50

Cadiz City

6th Judicial Region

2004

51

Caltrava

6th Judicial Region

2004

52

Cauayan

6th Judicial Region

2004

53

Eb Magalona

6th Judicial Region

2004

54

Escalante City

6th Judicial Region

2004

55

Himalayan City

6th Judicial Region

2004

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Hinagaran

6th Judicial Region

2004

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Ilog

6th Judicial Region

2004

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Isabrla

6th Judicial Region

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Kabankalan

6th Judicial Region

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La Carlota

6th Judicial Region

2004

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La Castellana

6th Judicial Region

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Murcia

6th Judicial Region

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Pontevedra

6th Judicial Region

2004

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Sagay City

6th Judicial Region

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San Carlos City

6th Judicial Region

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Silay City

6th Judicial Region

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Sipalay City

6th Judicial Region

2004

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Valladolid

2004

CEBU

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Cebu

7th Judicial Region

2002

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Mandaue

7th Judicial Region

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Lapu-Lapu

7th Judicial Region

2002

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Talisay City

7th Judicial Region

2005

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Naga

7th Judicial Region

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CarCar

7th Judicial Region

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Minglanilla

7th Judicial Region

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Argao City

7th Judicial Region

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Toledo City

7th Judicial Region

2005

LEYTE

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Taloban

8th Judicial Region

2005

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abuyog

8th Judicial Region

2006

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Alangalang

8th Judicial Region

2006

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Basye Samar

8th Judicial Region

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Carigara

8th Judicial Region

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Dagami

8th Judicial Region

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Dulag

8th Judicial Region

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Jaro

8th Judicial Region

2006

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Burauen

8th Judicial Region

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Capoocan

8th Judicial Region

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Palo

8th Judicial Region

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Tanauan

8th Judicial Region

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Tolosa

8th Judicial Region

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Naval

8th Judicial Region

2006

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Baybay

8th Judicial Region

2006

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Ormoc

8th Judicial Region

2006

94

Hilongos

8th Judicial Region

2006

MISAMIS ORIENTAL

95

Cagayan de Oro

10th Judicial Region

2004

96

Misamis Oriental

10th Judicial Region

2006

97

Bukidnon

10th Judicial Region

2006

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Camiguin

10th Judicial Region

2006

DAVAO

99

Davao

11th Judicial Region

2002

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Digos

11th Judicial Region

2002

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Tagum

11th Judicial Region

2002

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Panabo

11th Judicial Region

2002

SOCSARGEN

103

General Santos

11th Judicial Region

2005

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Maasim

11th Judicial Region

2005

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Saranggani

11th Judicial Region

2005

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Polomolok

11th Judicial Region

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Koronadal

11th Judicial Region

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Tupi

11th Judicial Region

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Tampakan

11th Judicial Region

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Surallah

11th Judicial Region

2005

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Banga-South Cotabato

11th Judicial Region

2005

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Norala-South Cotabato

11th Judicial Region

2005

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Tantangan-South Cotabato

11th Judicial Region

2005

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