

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP,
WAYNE CHANG ALIAS WONG LIAN, PETITIONER AND APPELLEE, VS.
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, OPPOSITOR AND APPELLANT.**

G.R. No. 20713. April 29, 1966

Ponente: SANCHEZ, J.

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SANCHEZ, J.:

The Republic prays for reversal of the judgment granting Philippine citizenship herein, amongst others, because—

- The Court of First Instance of Misamis Occidental did not have jurisdiction over the case;
- Petitioner failed to state in the petition his various places of residence; and
- Petitioner has used aliases without judicial authorization.
- Petitioner, a native-born Chinese, arrived at the port of Manila on July 8, 1937. He studied in the elementary schools of Oroquieta, Misamis Occidental, thence in Misamis Occidental High School, Mindanao Academy, and Siliman University where he finished high school. Thereafter, he took up engineering for three (3) years at the Gebu Institute of Technology, He continued his engineering course at the Mapua Institute of Technology where he obtained his B.S. in mechanical engineering in 1956. In 1958 and up to the time his petition[1] was heard in April 1962, he was employed at the Universal Motors Corporation in Manila.

Of significance is his petition filed in this Court on March 21, 1963. There, petitioner sought permission to withdraw his herein application for citizenship, because of the State's appeal. Petitioner there avers that he "has since 1953 been a resident of Manila".[2] This court however denied the petition to withdraw. Because, it was made subject to a certain condition or qualification—that he be allowed "to refile a new petition for naturalization in Manila and introduce evidence in support thereof, with the reservation that he will use the same declaration of intention he has already filed in the above-entitled case—"which the Court is not disposed to grant at this time".[3]

The foregoing facts conclusively show that petitioner has not resided in Misamis Occidental at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the petition. And, the Misamis Occidental court did not have "the exclusive original jurisdiction to hear the petition" in this case.[4]

- The verified petition for naturalization solely mentions Oroquieta, Misamis Occidental and 270 P. Casal, San Miguel, Manila, as the places where he had resided. It did not state therein his other places of residence—Cebu City, Duinaguete City, and 1242-A Abreu Street, 1950 Arellano Street, 747 Padilla Street and 242 P. Casal Street, in Manila. By established jurisprudence, petitioner's failure so to do is fatal to his petition.[5]
- The petition here was filed in the name of "Wayne Chang alias Wong Lian. Prior thereto, i.e., on February 25, 1956, the Court of First Instance of Misamis Occidental granted his application to change his name from Wong Lian alias Chang Wingkoy, alias Chang Wing, to Wayne Chang.[6] Petitioner used the name Wong Lian in his Landing Certificate of Residence and Alien Certificate of Registration; Chang Wingkoy in Holy Rosary School in

Oroquieta, Misamis Occidental, and Siliman University in Dumaguete. An applicant who had adopted several names in dealing with the public, without judicial authorization therefor, is unworthy of Philippine citizenship.[7]

Judgment reversed; petition dismissed; costs against petitioner. So ordered.

Bengzon, C.J., Bautista Angelo, Concepcion, Reyes, J.B.L., Barrera, Dizon, Regala, Makalintal, Bengzon, J.P., and Zaldivar, JJ., concur.

[1] Filed in Court on March 16, 1961.

[2] Record on Appeal, p. 22.

[3] Record on Appeal, p. 33.

[4] Section 8, of the Naturalization Law, as amended; Chin Guan Go vs. Republic, L-15794, December 29, 1962.

[5] Republic vs. Reyes, et al., G.R. L-20602, December 24, 1965.

[6] Special Proceedings No. 1806, Court of First Instance of Misamis Occidental.

[7] Teen Eng Lee vs. Republic, G.R. L-17918, November 28, 1962.

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