



SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES
MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION OFFICE

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RESOLUTION NO. 01-2007

WHEREAS, there are several lawyer seventy-five (75) years and above, who have filed applications for retirement from law practice or exemption from compliance with MCLE requirements for being no longer in active law practice, private or public, under Section 2 (a), Rule 7 of Bar Matter No. 850;

WHEREAS, Section 22, Article II of the By-Laws of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, provides that any member in good standing who shall have attained the age of seventy-five years, or shall have been a lawyer for forty years, or who shall by reason of physical disability is unable to engage in the practice of law, may be retired from the Integrated Bar of the Philippines upon a verified petition to the Board of Governors;

WHEREAS, those applications for MCLE exemption or retirement were forwarded to the IBP and are still awaiting action by the IBP Board of Governors;

WHEREAS, the MCLE Office has been flooded with follow-ups and queries from lawyers requesting for exemption but unwilling to retire from the IBP because they want to remain members of the Bar for the rest of their lives;

WHEREAS, based on Section 1, Rule 7 of Bar Matter No. 850, retired members of the judiciary are exempted with the MCLE requirements even if some of them still engage in the practice of law;

WHEREFORE, aware of the plight of lawyer-retirees who refuse to give up their IBP membership, the MCLE Governing Board finds it logical, compassionate, and reasonable to exempt lawyers who are seventy-five years old and above, from compliance with MCLE requirements and allow them to perform notarial work only for a living;

WHEREFORE, pursuant to Section 2 (a), Rule 7 of Bar Matter No. 850, the MCLE Governing Board resolved to exempt lawyers aged 75 years and above who are not engaged in active law practice, public and private, after complying with the foregoing requirements subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The applicant shall file a verified application for exemption attaching thereto a duly authenticated certificate of live birth from the National Statistics Office or any acceptable proof of age;
- (b) An undertaking that he/she will not be engaged in the practice of law other than notarial work;