



Republic of the Philippines  
Supreme Court  
Manila

EN BANC  
NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

*Please take notice that the Court en banc issued a Resolution dated  
NOVEMBER 26, 2019, which reads as follows:*

**“A.M. No. 19-10-16-SC**

**Rules and Regulations in the Conduct of MCLE Online**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, in consonance with the general purpose of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) as provided in Rule 1, Section 1, Bar Matter No. 850 which is

“Continuing legal education is required of members of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) to ensure that throughout their career, they keep abreast with law and jurisprudence, maintain the ethics of the profession and enhance the standards of the practice of law;”

**WHEREAS**, the MCLE has been going on since 2001 or for the last eighteen (18) years with all programs conducted in a traditional classroom setting;

**WHEREAS**, the onset of computer technology made it necessary to adopt current trends of learning and it is relevant with the changing times that an alternative mode of delivery of the MCLE be made available to members of the Bar through online and on demand MCLE;



**WHEREAS**, online MCLE is not something new but has long been adopted and successfully implemented in other jurisdictions;

**WHEREAS**, online MCLE would provide a wide variety of course/topic choices to members of the Bar wherein they can adequately select courses/topics relevant to their practice and interest;

**WHEREAS**, online MCLE would address the need for MCLE activities in the provinces, especially in far-flung areas where MCLE activities are few and far between, as well as for Filipino lawyers who are based abroad and would like to update their MCLE compliance;

**WHEREAS**, MCLE online would offer a convenient alternative to traditional MCLE lecture series, especially to old lawyers and persons with disability (PWD), and would provide a flexible way of scheduling the individual MCLE compliance of members of the Bar which is adaptable to their busy schedules;

**WHEREAS**, online MCLE would save time, energy and other resources of members of the Bar as they need not travel and secure accommodation at or near the venue of MCLE seminars;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to clearly define the minimum requirements and responsibilities of accredited MCLE Providers desiring to conduct MCLE online;

**WHEREAS**, there is likewise a need to define the guidelines and minimum requirements for lawyers who want to avail themselves of MCLE online;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Memorandum Order No. 35-2019 dated June 13, 2019, the Subcommittee on Maintenance of Membership in the Philippine Bar was created and reorganized;

**WHEREAS**, the MCLE Governing Board approved a Resolution allowing the conduct of MCLE online as an alternative mode of delivering MCLE subject to two (2) major requirements as follows:

- a) assurance of authenticity of identity of lawyers taking online MCLE; and
- b) relevancy of content of the program;