

## **MCLE ONLINE/ON DEMAND NOW AVAILABLE**

The MCLE Governing Board, even before the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, has seen the need to adopt to current trends of learning by allowing the conduct of MCLE Online and had passed MCLE Governing Board Resolution No. 08-2019 (Resolution Allowing the Conduct of MCLE Online by Accredited MCLE Providers Subject to Stringent Safeguards and Guidelines as may be Required by the MCLE Governing Board). This was approved by the Supreme Court on 26 November 2019 in A.M. No. 19-10-16-SC.

The MCLE Governing Board granted provisional accreditation to the pioneer proponent of MCLE Online, ACCESS, Inc., on 11 March 2020, after going through the stringent process of accreditation including the presentation of their MCLE Online prototype to the SC Committee on Maintenance of Membership in the Philippine Bar Chaired by Hon. Justice Marvic Leonen and thereafter, to the Supreme Court En Banc. The ensuing launch of the MCLE Online was delayed due to the community quarantine imposed by the Government. However, in June 2020 the initial MCLE Online/On demand offering of ACCESS, Inc. was finally launched and uploaded in its website.

Eventually, three more Online/On Demand Providers were accredited by the MCLE Governing Board, as follows:

1. Asian Center for Legal Excellence, Inc. (ACLEx, Inc.)
2. Ateneo De Manila School of Law
3. ChanRobles Lawnet, Inc.

The MCLE Online Programs of the three other accredited Providers will soon launched their respective MCLE Online Programs after going through the process of approval as embodied in the Rules and Regulations and Implementing Guidelines. More online Providers are expected to be accredited. Moreover, synchronous MCLE Online is now in the offing.