



## Supreme Court of the Philippines

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## Notice to All Members of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) and MCLE Accredited Providers

### Re: Suspension of All MCLE Face-to-Face Lecture Series

This is to notify all concerned that face-to-face MCLE activities shall remain suspended until further notice from the MCLE Governing Board, in view of the continued threat presented by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Board will be guided by the pronouncements and directives of appropriate government agencies and offices such as the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases and the Department of Health (DOH) as to the safety of holding mass gatherings including classroom setting lecture series, as well as by our own assessment of the situation.

The launch of MCLE Online and On Demand is forthcoming, and in the meantime this would address the requirements of compliance with the MCLE. The Board is open to other flexible alternative learning methods as may be proposed by accredited MCLE Providers subject to stringent security measures as to the identification and monitoring of attendance of lawyer-participants.

Considering that the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> compliance period<sup>1</sup> is still far ahead, the Board would decide at a later time whether or not to extend the same as the circumstances may warrant, and subject to the approval of the Supreme Court.

The safety and security of everyone during this uncertain time is of paramount importance.

Please be guided accordingly.

June 22, 2020

For the MCLE Governing Board:

  
**Justice Angelina Sandoval Gutierrez**  
Chairperson

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