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**MCLE Governing Board Resolution No. 02-2018**

**(Exemption on the ground of old age, physical disability or illness under special circumstances pursuant to Section 3 [Good Cause for Exemption from or Modification of Requirement], Rule 7, Bar Matter No. 850)**

WHEREAS, following the sending of notices of non-compliance at the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> compliance period the MCLE Office received a substantial number of letters/replies requesting for exemption from the requirements of MCLE on the ground of old age, physical disability and serious illness;

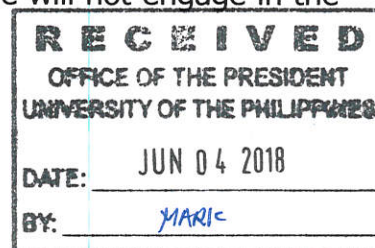
WHEREAS, some of these lawyers who received notices of non-compliance are already of very advanced age (85 years old and above), and some though not of very advanced age are suffering from serious and at times life threatening diseases, or both;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid lawyers are completely no longer engaged in law practice, including as notary public, and have no or very little source of income except their old age pension; but wish to maintain their membership in the Bar as a source of self-fulfillment and pride in their twilight years;

WHEREAS, old age, physical disability and serious illness may be considered good cause for exemption from or modification of requirement of the MCLE under Rule 3, Section 7, Bar Matter No. 850;

WHEREFORE, to alleviate the anxiety of the above mentioned lawyers of being declared delinquent members of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) for non-compliance with the MCLE, as well as to relieve them from the burden of paying P1,000.00 exemption fee per compliance period, the Board resolves that they may qualify for exemption (on the ground of good cause from or modification of requirement) pursuant to Section 3, Rule 7, Bar Matter No. 850 subject to the following conditions:

1. The lawyer concerned must file a notarized Application for Exemption on the ground of old age, physical disability or serious illness. If the ground/s set forth is physical disability and/or serious illness, the same must be supported by medical certificate and/or records;
2. The request for waiver of exemption fee must be specifically made and the reason therefor clearly stated;
3. The applicant must execute an affidavit that he/she will not engage in the practice of law including as notary public;




4. If the applicant still intends to engage as a notary public, MCLE Resolution No. 001-2007 dated 26 April 2007 shall apply;
5. If at any time after exemption under this Resolution has been granted, the lawyer concerned decides to return to the practice of law, he/she must comply with the 36-credit unit requirement as mandated under Rule 2, Section 2, Bar Matter No. 850 for the current compliance period;
6. Any member of the Bar found using this ground purposely to avoid compliance with the MCLE requirement shall be declared non-compliant and shall bear the consequences of non-compliance as provided for under Section 2, Rule 13, Bar Matter No. 850;
7. As no vested right to exemption is granted all applications for exemption filed pursuant to this Resolution shall be evaluated and acted upon by the Board on a case to case basis.


25 April 2018

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