



## Supreme Court of the Philippines

### MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION OFFICE

“Ignorantia Legis Neminem Excusat”

#### **MCLE Governing Board Resolution No. 003 - 2017**

#### **(Resolution Increasing the Present Rate of Transportation and Meal Allowances of MCLE Monitors)**

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WHEREAS, the monitoring of MCLE activities by the MCLE Office personnel is a key function and an integral part of the mandate of the MCLE Office to carry out the objectives of mandatory continuing legal education as stated in Rule 1 of Bar Matter No. 850;

WHEREAS, the MCLE activities are scheduled by the MCLE accredited providers based on their own calendar subject only to certain limitations set by the MCLE Governing Board such as maximum of nine (9) hours lecture per day and no MCLE activity on a Sunday and declared holidays subject to certain exceptions;

WHEREAS, the venue of the seminar is also the sole choice of the provider, hence, the monitors are required to go wherever the set venue is;

WHEREAS, the MCLE monitors need to be at the venue at least one (1) hour before the start of the seminar and stay on beyond the last lecture to collect and collate the attendance and evaluation forms;

WHEREAS, to protect the integrity of the attendance forms, the MCLE monitors personally bring the attendance and evaluation forms to their respective residences after the program and thereafter to the MCLE office when they report back to work;

WHEREAS, the current rate of transportation allowance of P 200.00 taxi fare in going to and from the venue of the MCLE seminar and meal allowance of P80.00 are no longer realistic and reasonable;

WHEREAS, to alleviate the present condition of the MCLE Office monitors relative to their actual expenses during monitoring assignments, there is an urgent need to increase their transportation and meal allowances to reasonable rates at par with actual transportation fares (by taxi or transport network vehicle service [TNVS]) and meal prices;

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the Resolution of the Court dated 04 August 2015, the Court, among others, referred to the MCLE Governing Board to review for possible revision the then current schedule of fees of the MCLE Office *"taking into consideration the expenses incurred in the supervision of the activities which may entail an increase in the above-mentioned fees, such as the accreditation fee, fee to accompany the approval of MCLE activity and the other fees included in the current Schedule of Fees, or the imposition of a new supervision fee for the monitoring of MCLE activity as may be proper and necessary"*;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above, the schedule of fees of the MCLE Office was increased to cover all expenses of the MCLE Office except personal services, and thus under the Implementing Guidelines for Collection of MCLE Fees and the Utilization and Disbursement of MCLE Fund, the transportation and meal allowances of MCLEO monitors are taken from the MCLE Fund.

**WHEREFORE**, in view of the foregoing, the MCLE Governing Board resolves to:

- 1) INCREASE the MCLE monitors' transportation allowance going to and from the venue of the MCLE seminar and to and from the airport on the way to and from MCLE seminar from Two Hundred Pesos (p 200.00) to Four Hundred Pesos (P400.00);
- 2) INCREASE the MCLE monitors' meal allowance for Metro Manila activities from Eighty Pesos (P 80.00) to Two Hundred Pesos (P 200.00).

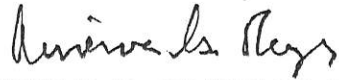
The aforesaid allowances shall be taken from the MCLE Fund in accordance with existing accounting and disbursement procedures and other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

This Resolution shall take effect upon approval by the Supreme Court.

22 November 2017

**APPROVED BY:**

**MCLE GOVERNING BOARD**



**MINERVA P. GONZAGA-REYES**

Chairperson



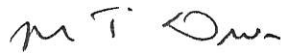
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