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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)

WHEREAS, the MCLE as mandated under Bar Matter No. 850 has been going on since the year 2001 or for the last eighteen (18) years with all programs conducted in a traditional classroom setting;

WHEREAS, the onset of computer technology necessitates adoption to current trends of learning and it is relevant with the changing times that an alternative mode of delivery of 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, in a letter dated 18 March 2019, Alternative Center for Continuing Education and Seminar Solutions, Inc. (**ACCESS**), an accredited private MCLE Provider affiliated with Adamson University-College of Law proposed to provide an alternative and complementary method of delivering MCLE lectures to members of the Philippine Bar through "Online and On Demand MCLE";

WHEREAS, the MCLE Governing Board in its meetings dated 19 March and 26 April 2019 agreed that the proposal is acceptable in principle in view of the onset of computer technology which necessitates adoption to current trends of learning, and to explore the idea of alternative mode of MCLE aside from the traditional lecture series in classroom style setting;

WHEREAS, ACCESS, Inc. presented/demonstrated to the MCLE Governing Board a prototype of its MCLE Online and On Demand on 03 September 2019, answered the questions propounded by the members of the Board and MCLEO officers, and have adequately satisfied the Board with their presentation to consider opening a new mode of delivering MCLE through online facility.

WHEREAS, to level the playing field, MCLE online will be open to all presently accredited MCLE Providers and those which may subsequently be accredited.

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

1. To ALLOW the conduct of MCLE online as an alternative mode of delivering MCLE;
2. To OPEN MCLE online to all accredited MCLE Providers who may be interested and have adequate technology and capability subject to two (2) major requirements: a) ensure authenticity of identity of lawyers taking online MCLE; and b) relevancy of content of the program;

The corresponding rules, regulations and guidelines relative to the adoption and implementation of MCLE online shall subsequently be issued by the Board to define the detailed requirements and parameters in the conduct of MCLE online.

This Resolution shall take effect upon approval of the Supreme Court and the issuance of the implementing rules, regulations and/or guidelines relative thereto.

24 September 2019

APPROVED BY:

MCLE GOVERNING BOARD


MINERVA P. GONZAGA-REYES
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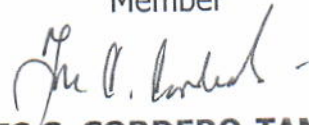
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