



SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES
MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION OFFICE
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RESOLUTION NO. 03-2006

WHEREAS, pursuant to Bar Matter No. 850 or the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE), members of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) are required to complete every three (3) years, thirty-six (36) hours of continuing legal education programs/activities *"to ensure that throughout their career, they keep abreast with law and jurisprudence, maintain the ethics of the profession and enhance the standards of the practice of law"*;

WHEREAS, Section 2, Rule 13 of Bar Matter No. 850 states that *"a member who fails to comply with the requirements after the sixty (60) day period for compliance has expired, shall be listed as a delinquent member of the IBP upon the recommendation of the MCLE Committee (now MCLE Governing Board)"*;

WHEREAS, Section 12 (d) of the MCLE Implementing Regulations provides that delinquent members of the Bar *"shall not be permitted to practice law until such time as adequate proof of compliance is received by the MCLE Committee"*;

WHEREAS, the MCLE Governing Board, through a letter addressed to then Chief Justice Hilario G. Davide, Jr. dated 13 January 2005, recommended that in order to enforce compliance with the MCLE Rules, a Circular be issued requiring every practicing member of the Bar to state below his signature in any pleading filed by him as counsel in any court or administrative body, the number and date of issue of his Certificate of Compliance, or, of his Certificate of Exemption (if he is exempted from MCLE), and failure to disclose the required information in his pleadings would cause the case to be dismissed and the pleading expunged from the records;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court *En Banc*, in a Resolution dated 8 February 2005, resolved to NOTE the recommendation of the MCLE Governing Board and to REFER the matter to the Committee on Revision of the Rules of Court for study and recommendation thereon;

WHEREAS, the MCLE Governing Board, in its meeting held on 17 May 2006, resolved to REITERATE the said recommendation to the Court;

WHEREAS, the MCLE Governing Board, further resolved to request the Court to direct Judges to also require every lawyer applying for a notarial commission to submit a copy of his Certificate of Compliance, or, of his Certificate of Exemption;