



Supreme Court of the Philippines
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MCLE Governing Board Resolution No. 009-2013

WHEREAS, there are concerns on the application of Rule 7, Section 1 of Bar Matter No. 850 (Parties Exempted from the MCLE) particularly as to the period when exemption shall accrue relative to the date of appointment of the applicant for exemption;

WHEREFORE, to clarify the above provision and to ensure a uniform and consistent application thereof, the following rules shall be observed in granting exemption, to wit:

- 1.) The President and the Vice-President of the Philippines, the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, incumbent members of the judiciary and incumbent members of the Judicial and Bar Council shall be exempted from the requirements of the MCLE from the time of election or appointment and any deficiency in past MCLE compliance periods are considered cured upon such election or appointment;
- 2.) Incumbent court lawyers covered by the PHILJA program of continuing judicial education, must have been incumbent for at least two (2) years of each compliance period and must have attended at least two (2) days PHILJA program of continuing judicial education before they can qualify for exemption. Applications for exemption filed prior to the lapse of two (2) years of the compliance period shall be considered premature.

In cases where less than two (2) years remain in the MCLE compliance period at the time of appointment, the applicant must complete his/her deficiency for the current compliance period before he/she shall be granted exemption for the succeeding compliance periods.

- 3.) All other persons under Rule 7, Section 1 are exempted from the requirements of the MCLE from the time of their appointment and while incumbent. Any deficiency in MCLE compliance prior to the appointment must be completed before the MCLE Office may issue a certificate of exemption for the applicable compliance period.

Pasig City, September 17, 2013

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