

Supreme Court of the Philippines MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION OFFICE

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MCLE Governing Board Resolution No. <u>07-2022</u>

(Resolution Recommending the Resumption of In-Person MCLE Activities)

WHEREAS, the MCLE Governing Board and Office have received several requests from individual lawyers and Providers communicating their appeal to resume the conduct of in-person MCLE activities;

WHEREAS, IBP National President, Atty. Burt M. Estrada in a letter dated 16 March 2022, also requested for the conduct of in-person MCLE seminars and sessions, especially in light of the regional conventions already scheduled in 2022;

WHEREAS, a considerable number of areas in the country, including the National Capital Region, are already under Alert Level 1, wherein case transmission is low and decreasing¹.

WHEREAS, the Guidelines for Areas under Alert Level 1 allow all establishments and/or activities prohibited or allowed to operate and/or be undertaken in limited capacity under Alert Levels 5, 4, 3 and 2 shall be allowed to operate and/or be undertaken at full 100% capacity, subject to the requirement of presentation of proof of full vaccination before participating in mass gatherings or entry into indoor establishments as specified under Item VI of Section [6] of the said guidelines;

WHEREAS, it also allows public and private establishments to operate at full capacity on-site, as well as public transportations at full seating capacity, subject to the implementation of protocol set forth²;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has also ordered the return of inperson classes in all public and private schools in the country starting 02 November 2022.

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, the MCLE Governing Board respectfully recommends to the Court to allow the resumption of in-person MCLE seminars and the monitoring thereof by MCLE personnel on-site, subject to strict

¹ Guidelines in the Nationwide Implementation of Alert Level System for COVID-19 Response as of February 27, 2022, issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases.
² Id.

compliance with prescribed health and safety protocols, guidelines of the IATF for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases and other agencies, and the requirements of the Local Government Unit (LGU) where the seminar will be conducted.

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