



Supreme Court of the Philippines
MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION OFFICE
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Ortigas Center, Pasig City

MCLE Governing Board Resolution No. 10-2022

(Resolution Recommending the Creation of Technical Working Group [TWG] for the Amendment of Bar Matter No. 850)

WHEREAS, since the promulgation by the Court of the Rules on Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE Rules) on 22 August 2001, which became effective on 15 September 2001, minor amendments were incorporated into the MCLE Rules on 02 October 2001. Considering the span of twenty (20) years since its initial implementation, there is now a need to revise the rules to integrate the various issuances related to MCLE, adopt new provisions to improve its application, and eliminate provisions which are impractical to implement;

WHEREAS, in a letter dated 08 October 2021, the Officer-In-Charge of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Governing Board submitted to the Honorable Court, through Hon. Justice Marvic M.V.F. Leonen, a project proposal for the Revision of Bar Matter No. 850;

WHEREAS, throughout the years of implementation of the MCLE, there have been varied developments in the field of law, changes in the manner of monitoring of compliances, new considerations in the qualifications for exemption, serious effects of non-compliance, and new modes of delivery, among others; hence, there is a need to revise Bar Matter No. 850 to adapt to the vast changes impacting the MCLE program;

WHEREAS, in the meeting of the Sub-Committee on Maintenance of Membership in the Philippine Bar chaired by the Hon. Associate Justice Marvic M.V.F. Leonen on 14 July 2022, the Chairperson moved for the creation of a Technical Working Group (TWG) to be headed by the current Officer-in-Charge of the MCLE Governing Board, which will tackle the revision of Bar Matter No. 850, primarily the curriculum of MCLE.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to the foregoing, the Board recommends the creation of a Technical Working Group for the Amendment of Bar Matter No. 850, as follows:

I. COMPOSITION OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP.

The TWG shall be composed of the following:

Dean Sedfrey M. Candelaria	-Chairperson
Dean Cynthia Roxas-Del Castillo	-Vice Chairperson
Dean Fides C. Cordero-Tan	-Member
Dean Marisol DL. Anenias	-Member
Judge Ma. Marjorie U. Nolasco	-Member
Prof. Ma. Luisa Legaspi Rosales	-Member
Prof. Anthony Charlemagne C. Yu	-Member

Atty. Randall C. Tabayoyong –Member
Atty. Rico V. Domingo –Member

RESOURCE INSTITUTIONS/PERSONS:

1. Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP)
2. Philippine Bar Association (PBA)
3. Philippine Association of Law Schools (PALS)
4. University of the Philippines (UP) Law Center
5. Others, as may be called upon from time to time.

SECRETARIAT

1. Atty. Jesusa Jean D. Reyes - Head
2. Atty. Crisanto C. Carrillo, Jr. - Member
3. Mr. Sherwin Peter D. Seriosa - Member
4. Mr. Joel DC. Pastor - Member
5. Ms. Amor T. del Rosario - Member
6. Ms. Kissa Marie L. Santander - Member

II. SCOPE OF WORK OF THE TWG

1. Initially assess and consolidate the existing provisions of Bar Matter No. 850 in relation to the issuances of the Court and MCLE Governing Board;
2. Prioritize the revision of MCLE curriculum towards specialized and sub-specialized fields and programs of legal education based on the specific needs of lawyers;
3. Propose amendments and revisions or deletion of existing rules, implementing regulations, guidelines, or policies relative to MCLE; and,
4. Make a final draft of the Revised Bar Matter No. 850 for submission to the Court.

III. SCOPE OF WORK OF THE SECRETARIAT

1. Coordinate the schedule of activities, meetings, consultations of members of the TWG and other stakeholders;
2. Prepare the Agenda and minutes of the meeting in consultation with the TWG;

3. Prepare and gather all documents relative to the meeting of the TWG and its related activities;
4. Provide administrative support to the Chairperson and members of the TWG in drafting the Revised Bar Matter No. 850; and,
5. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the TWG.

IV. COMPENSATION OF THE CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSON, MEMBERS AND RESOURCE PERSONS OF THE TWG AND THE SECRETARIAT

The following shall be the rates of the expense allowance of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Members and Resource Persons of the TWG and the Secretariat:

	Expense Allowance per Meeting (Maximum of 4 meetings per month)	
	Incumbent Member of the Court (SC, CA, CTA, SB)	Non-member
Chairperson	P 5,000	P 2,500
Vice Chairperson	3,000	2,000
Members	2,500	2,000

Secretary	750	-
Support Staff	400	-

	Court Official/Employee	Non-Court Official/Employee
Resource Institution/Person	1,000	4,000

The TWG shall have a maximum of four (4) meetings per month for purposes of availing the expense allowance.

V. FUNDING AND OPERATING COSTS

All costs pertaining to the operation of the TWG shall be charged to the MCLE Fund pursuant to Item II (Utilization and Disbursement of the MCLE Fund), Letter A. *"The MCLE Fund shall be used for: x x x 7. Expenses for Special Projects"* pursuant to the Implementing Guidelines for the Collection of MCLE Fees and the Utilization and Disbursement of the MCLE Fund.*

VI. EFFECTIVITY

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

October 06, 2022

APPROVED BY:

MCLE GOVERNING BOARD



SEDFREY M. CANDELARIA

Officer-in-Charge



EDGARDO CARLO L. VISTAN II

Member



MARISOL DL. ANENIAS

Member



BURT M. ESTRADA

Member

* Court Resolution dated 07 June 2016