



Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
Manila

ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 14 - 2021

TO: ALL CONCERNED LITIGANTS, JUSTICES, JUDGES, PERSONNEL OF THE JUDICIARY, AND MEMBERS OF THE BAR

RE: EXTENSION OF FILING PERIODS FOR PLEADINGS/COURT SUBMISSIONS FOR COURTS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION AND NEARBY PROVINCES PLACED UNDER ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE FROM MARCH 29 TO APRIL 4, 2021

Considering that the National Capital Region and nearby provinces of Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal have been placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine beginning March 29 until April 4, 2021, the filing periods of pleadings and other court submissions that fall due during the period from **March 29 to March 31, 2021** are hereby **EXTENDED** for three (3) calendar days, counted from April 5, 2021. However, lawyers/litigants may file their pleadings/court submissions on **URGENT MATTERS** during the period of March 29 to March 31, 2021, *provided* that they first communicate with the proper court through its hotline or email address as published in the Supreme Court website, *i.e.*, <https://sc.judiciary.gov.ph/hotlines>, to confirm that the matter being raised is indeed urgent. If the matter is deemed urgent, only then will the court receive the pleading/court submission and act on such urgent matter.

Meanwhile, court actions which are not urgent, such as but not limited to promulgations of judgments in civil cases, services of summons, auction sales in extrajudicial foreclosures, solemnizations of marriages, *etc.*, scheduled during the period of March 29 to March 31, 2021 are hereby **SUSPENDED** and shall be rescheduled.

All prior issuances not inconsistent herewith shall remain valid and in effect.

March 28, 2021


ESTELA M. PERLAS-BERNABE
Acting Chief Justice