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A N N O U N C E M E N T

In the Announcement dated 19 June 2020, which was published in two newspapers of general circulation and posted on the website of the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) the next day, the following positions were announced open for acceptance of applications and other documentary requirements within the period **11 July – 25 August 2020**:

<i>1. COURT OF APPEALS (CA) ASSOCIATE JUSTICE</i>
a. vice Hon. Rodil V. Zalameda , who was appointed Supreme Court Associate Justice on 5 August 2019;
b. vice Hon. Edgardo L. Delos Santos , who was appointed Supreme Court Associate Justice on 3 December 2019;
c. vice Hon. Mario V. Lopez , who was appointed Supreme Court Associate Justice on 3 December 2019;
d. vice Hon. Samuel H. Gaerlan , who was appointed Supreme Court Associate Justice on 8 January 2020;
e. vice Hon. Luisa Q. Padilla , who compulsorily retired on 18 January 2020;
f. vice Hon. Jane Aurora C. Lantion , who compulsorily retired on 29 January 2020;
<i>2. SANDIGANBAYAN ASSOCIATE (SB) JUSTICE</i> vice Hon. Reynaldo P. Cruz , who passed away on 21 February 2020
<i>3. COURT OF TAX APPEALS (CTA) ASSOCIATE JUSTICE</i>
a. vice Hon. Cielito N. Mindaro-Grulla , who compulsorily retired on 17 June 2020; and
b. vice Hon. Esperanza R. Fabon-Victorino , who compulsorily retired on 3 August 2020;
<i>4. LEGAL EDUCATION BOARD (LEB):</i>
a. <i>Chairperson</i> vice Hon. Emerson B. Aquende , whose term ended on 13 January 2019;
b. <i>Regular Member Representing the Integrated Bar of the Philippines</i> vice Hon. Zenaida N. Elepaño , whose term ended on 13 January 2019;
c. <i>Regular Member Representing the Ranks of Active Law Practitioners</i> vice Hon. Abelardo T. Domondon , whose term ended on 13 January 2020; and

d. *Regular Member Representing the Law Students' Sector vice*
Hon. **Catherine P. Pedrosa**, whose term ended on
13 January 2020.

Recently, the JBC received requests for the extension of the deadline for the submission of application documents for the said positions owing to the difficulty in securing documents in view of the imposition of a Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) in the National Capital Region and in nearby provinces from 4 to 18 August 2020.

Acting thereon, the JBC agreed to extend the deadline for the submission of application documents from 25 August 2020 to **25 September 2020**. Interested applicants must, however, **access the Online Application Scheduler** in the official JBC website (www.jbc.judiciary.gov.ph) on or before **25 August 2020** to register and select the date they will submit their documents. After filling in the required information in the Online Application Scheduler, they will receive a computer-generated letter of intent in their email addresses. Those who were able to obtain a schedule but cannot yet submit a complete set of documents on that day may select from the Online Application Scheduler on **26 August 2020 or onwards another schedule** for the submission of their documents.

Applicants must submit the complete and accurate digitized versions of (a) the letter of intent and (b) the documentary requirements **through electronic mail** to orsn.jbc@judiciary.gov.ph **on their selected date and time of appointment** in the Online Application Scheduler. The date of receipt by the Council of the application with the complete documentary requirements (*sent through email*) shall be deemed as the date of filing. The requirement of submission of two (2) complete sets of the **hard copies** of the documentary requirements is meanwhile **suspended** until further notice.

Other Guidelines:

- The documentary requirements should be in Portable Document Format (PDF) and emailed in a single file only, following the order of documents as enumerated in the aforesaid Announcement dated 19 June 2020.
- Incomplete applications and/or out-of-date documentary requirements and those electronically submitted on a date other than the final chosen date in the Online Application Scheduler shall be rejected.

- Applicants who fail to comply with the requirements of online submission of the documentary requirements shall not be considered for nomination.
- Incumbent Justices and Judges and other previous applicants are enjoined to verify from the JBC via **email** to orsn.jbc@judiciary.gov.ph not later than a week before their selected schedule whether the documents they earlier submitted are still compliant with the current requirements.
- The qualification of applicants shall be reckoned as of **25 September 2020**, it being the new deadline for filing of application documents.

For the list of documentary requirements and contact numbers or email addresses of the offices of the JBC, please refer to the aforesaid Announcement dated 19 June 2020.

17 August 2020.



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