



Republic of the Philippines  
Judicial and Bar Council  
Manila

**SUPPLEMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**(For Vacant Judgeship Positions in Regions VI, VII and VIII)**

The Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) announces that for the recently opened vacant judgeship positions in Regions VI, VII and VIII, dated 7 January 2023, and pursuant to Rule 3, Section 2 of the 2020 Revised Rules of the JBC, **all applicants** are required to have undergone, completed and passed the Pre-Judicature Program (PJP) of the Philippine Judicial Academy (PHILJA).

Under Paragraph 3, Section 2 of Rule 3 of the 2020 Revised Rules of the JBC, the "PJP passing result shall have a validity period of three (3) years reckoned from the date of release by the PHILJA." The application of the said rule, however, is still suspended.

Accordingly, as recommended by PHILJA, the PJP results shall have a validity period of **five (5) years**. Thus, the PJP certificates of completion with passing rate released from the year 2018 onwards are valid. Whereas, the PJP results released on or before the year 2017 shall no longer be considered valid.

Interested applicants with expired PJPs **must** register and enroll in the PJP for Trial Courts to be conducted by PHILJA exclusively for them.

All those with expired PJPs may still register with the Online Application Scheduler not later than the deadline for the submission of application and documentary requirements on **21 February 2023 (Tuesday)**, from 8:00 o'clock in the morning to 4:30 in the afternoon.

**18 January 2023.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marife M. Lomibao-Cuevas".

**MARIFE M. LOMIBAO-CUEVAS**

Clerk of Court & JBC *Ex Officio* Secretary