

Republic of the Philippines Supreme Court Manila

Office of the Bar Confidant

NOTICE TO THE SUCCESSFUL 2022 BAR EXAMINEES RE: ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

Please see the following additional instructions for the successful 2022 Bar Examinees:

- 1. For general information, the Office of the Bar Confidant (OBC) has sent all the clearances to your Bar PLUS-registered email addresses. If the email clearance does not appear in your inbox, junk mail, or spam folder, please contact the OBC to follow up.
- 2. Inductees and their guests are advised to have breakfast before going to the PICC. The accredited concessionaire at the venue will only sell light snacks and drinks. Once inside the Plenary Hall or Reception Hall, inductees will no longer be allowed to leave until the adjournment of the Oath-Taking ceremony.
- 3. Inductees and guests in the Reception Hall must leave the said hall after the Oath-Taking ceremony to give time for the preparation of the Reception Hall for the Roll Signing in the afternoon. They may proceed and stay at the Plenary Hall or Forum 1, 2, and 3.
- 4. Inductees and their guests can leave the PICC after the Oath-Taking ceremony in the morning. Inductees must return to the Reception Hall at least 30 minutes before their scheduled Roll Signing. They must be ready to present their duly stamped clearances at all times. **Changing of guests is strictly not allowed**.
- 5. Guests are not allowed in the Reception Hall during the signing of the Roll of Attorneys. Photo walls will be set up near the Forum where the inductees can take photos with their guests.
- 6. In light of the recent increase of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the country, the Bar Chair's Office (BCO) and the OBC will strictly implement several preventive measures during the ceremonies to avoid the potential spread of the virus and to comply with the health protocols of the PICC and the local government unit (LGU).
 - a. Inductees and guests must always wear either **KN95 or N95 masks**. Wearing of cloth or surgical masks will not be allowed.
 - b. Inductees and guests will go through the designated temperature scanner located at the ingress of the venue. Those who exhibit *any* flu-like symptoms (*i.e.*, a body temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius and above, heavy coughing, shortness of

breath) shall be referred to the Supreme Court Medical Team for assessment. The Supreme Court Medical Team will be at the premises to conduct rapid antigen tests, if necessary. Inductees and guests who test negative and whose flu-like symptoms are resolved will be allowed inside the PICC. On the other hand, inductees who either test positive or test negative but continue to exhibit flu-like symptoms will be allowed in the isolation rooms. Guests who will test positive or test negative but continue to exhibit flu-like symptoms will be asked to leave the premises.

c. The Oathtaking Ceremonies will be streamed and shown through LED screens inside the Isolation Rooms so that inductees who will be brought therein may still take their Lawyer's Oath inside. However, they will not be permitted to sign the Roll of Attorneys and must leave the premises right after the Oath-Taking ceremony. They may set an appointment to sign the Roll of Attorneys at the OBC after their recovery period.

Keep in mind that all rules and guidelines from the BCO and the OBC shall be STRICTLY COMPLIED WITH.

For inquiries regarding signing the Roll of Attorneys at the OBC and other related matters, you may contact the office through email at baroffice.sc@judiciary.gov.ph and through the Helpdesk hotline at (02) 8552 9690 or (02) 8552 9642.

For your information and guidance.

April 30, 2023.

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