



Republic of the Philippines
Legal Education Board

ORDER

Submitted to this Board for ratification is the "Provisional Rules Re: Curriculum of Refresher Review Class and the Law School Accredited to Offer It" issued by the Chairman and Member Justin D.J. Sugang on December 4, 2013.

Finding the said Provisional Rules to be appropriate the same is hereby ratified subject to amendment of paragraph 8 thereof by deleting sub-paragraphs 3.2. and 8.3 and in their stead the following shall appear:

"8.2. The Law School has never been administratively sanctioned by the Board."

Let a copy of this Order be furnished the Honorable Supreme Court, the Supreme Court Committee on Continuing Legal Education and Bar Matters and Atty. Ma. Cristina B. Layusa, the Bar Confidant of the Supreme Court.

Manila, January 13, 2014.


HILARION L. AQUINO
Chairman



CARMELITA P. YADAO-SISON
For the CHED Chairperson as
Ex Officio Member


JUSTIN D.J. SUSGANG
Member



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The Honorable
Supreme Court of the Philippines
Through: The Honorable
MA. LOURDES P.A. SERENO
Chief Justice
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Your Honors:

The undersigned respectfully submits to this Honorable Court the attached "Provisional Rules Re: Curriculum of the Refresher Review Class and the Law Schools Accredited to Offer It". In compliance with the Supreme Court en banc Resolution dated September 3, 2013 in regard to B.M. No. 1161 (Re: proposed Reforms in the Bar Examinations).

The staff of the Legal Education Board is furnishing today a copy of the Provisional Rules to all law deans of the Visayas and Mindanao.

Very respectfully yours,



HILARIO L. AQUINO
Chairman

Copy furnished:

Justice Roberto A. Abad
Chair: SC Committee on Continuing Legal Education
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**PROVISIONAL RULES RE CURRICULUM OF THE REFRESHER REVIEW
CLASS AND THE LAW SCHOOLS ACCREDITED TO OFFER IT**

1. On September 3, 2013, the Supreme Court en banc issued a Resolution which states:

“B.M. No. 1161 (Re: Proposed Reforms in the Bar Examinations). – The Court Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Continuing legal Education and Bar Matters, to **LIFT** the five-strike rule on bar repeaters, provided that the candidates have enrolled in and passed in regular fourth year review classes as well as attended a pre-bar review every time they take the Bar Examinations after failing for the third time, under a curriculum prepared by the Legal Education Board (LEB), and in law schools accredited by it for that purpose. This rule shall take effect beginning with the 2014 Bar Examinations.”

2. The undersigned Chairman of the Legal Education Board (LEB), in reaction to the Supreme Court resolution, wrote the latter a letter dated October 8, 2013 which quoted B.M. No. 1161 and then made these concluding paragraphs:

“The undersigned respectfully informs the Honorable Court that the legal Education Board cannot at present officially act on the matter regarding the curriculum and accreditation stated in the above-quoted resolution for lack of quorum. Of the 7 members of the Board, only 2 are incumbent: CHED Chairperson Patricia B. Licuanan as ex officio member and the undersigned as Chairman.

The Chairman is however ready to prepare the curriculum and identify the law schools which shall be accredited to accept refresher course enrollees, if he is authorized by this Honorable Court.”

3. The letter was referred to the Committee on Continuing Legal Education and Bar Matters for appropriate action.

4. On November 14, 2013, the said SC Committee on Continuing Legal Education and Bar Matters issued a Resolution dated November 14, 2013 expressing its opinion, to wit:

“Considering that the Legal Education Board (LEB) is hampered by lack of quorum and could not act on the matter regarding the amendment in Bar Matter 1161 relative to the lifting of the five-strike rule, the Committee is of the view that the Chairman of the LEB may, in order not to adversely prejudice those individuals who are qualified to take the Bar Examinations, prepare the required curriculum and the rules for accreditation of law schools that may accept refresher course enrollees, subject to the confirmation of the Board as soon as it can constitute a quorum.”

5. The crafting of the said curriculum and the identification of the accredited law schools to conduct a refresher class are matters which are not only necessary but of utmost urgency.
6. Subsequently, a new member of the Legal Education Board was appointed representing the law studentry, thus, there are now three (3) members. However, the representative of the CHED Chairperson as ex officio member left for the United States of America and so, only the undersigned member and Chairman can act on the matter;
7. In order to promptly address an exigent need, and in the interest of public service, the undersigned Chairman and member hereby issue the following provisional rules, subject to the ratification of the Board once it attains a quorum:

REFRESHER REVIEW CLASS CURRICULUM

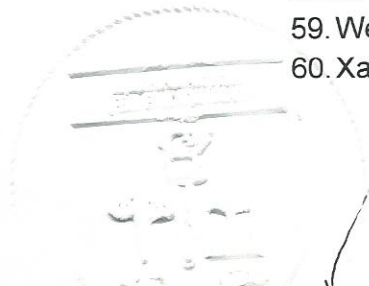
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How these 9 review subjects are distributed by the accredited law schools in the 2 semesters of the 4th year level is of no consequence; what is important is the successful completion of the above curricular subjects by the refresher review class enrollees.

8. In the determination of the accredited law schools which are authorized to accept refresher review enrollees, the following criteria were adopted:
 - 8.1 The law school must have participated in the 2010, 2011 and 2012 Bar Examinations with not less than 10 bar examinees in every bar examinations;
 - 8.2 At no time in the past bar examinations has a law school gotten a zero score;
 - 8.3 The law school was never given a Warning to improve the quality of its law instruction nor imposed a sanction by this Board.
9. Guided by the following criteria; the undersigned are accrediting the law schools of the following colleges or universities granting them authority to conduct refresher review classes:
 1. Adamson University - Manila
 2. Andres Bonifacio College –Dipolog City Zamboanga Del Norte
 3. Angeles University Foundation – Angeles City, Pampanga
 4. Aquinas University –Legaspi City, Albay
 5. Araullo University –Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija
 6. Arellano University –Pasay City
 7. Ateneo de Davao University – Davao City
 8. Ateneo Law School- Makati City
 9. Bukidnon State University – Malaybalay, Bukidnon
 10. Bulacan State University – Malolos City, Bulacan
 11. Cagayan State University –Tuguegarao City, Cagayan
 12. Central Philippine University – Jaro, Iloilo City
 13. Cor Jesu College – Sacred Heart Avenue, Digos Davao del Sur
 14. Cordillera Career Development College –La Trinidad, Benguet
 15. Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University –City of San Fernando, La Union
 16. Dr. V. Orestes Romualdez Educational Foundation – Tacloban City, Leyte
 17. Far Eastern University – Manila

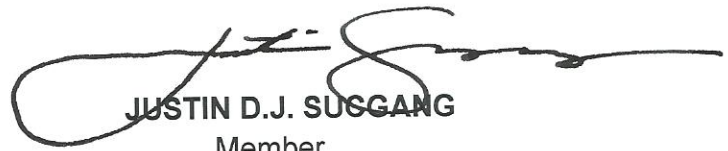
18. Far Eastern University-DLSU – Makati City
19. Foundation University – Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental
20. Holy Name University – Tagbilaran City, Bohol
21. Leyte Colleges – Tacloban City, Leyte
22. Lyceum of the Philippines – Makati City
23. Manuel L. Quezon University – Manila
24. Manuel S. Enverga University Foundation – Lucena City
25. Mindanao State University – Marawi City
26. New Era University – Quezon City
27. Northeastern College – Santiago, Isabela
28. Notre Dame University – Notre Dame Avenue, Cotabato City
29. Pagadian Capitol College – Pagadian City
30. Palawan State University – Puerto Princesa, Palawan
31. Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila – Manila
32. Philippine Christian University – Manila
33. Polytechnic University of the Philippines – Manila
34. San Beda College Alabang – Muntinlupa City
35. San Beda College Manila – Manila
36. Saint Louis University – Baguio City
37. San Pablo Colleges – San Pablo City
38. Silliman University – Dumaguete City
39. Southwestern University – Cebu City
40. University of the Cordilleras – Baguio City
41. University of Baguio – Baguio City
42. University of Cagayan Valley – Tuguegarao City, Cagayan
43. University of Cebu – Cebu City
44. University of Eastern Philippines – Catarman, Northern Samar
45. University of Iloilo – Iloilo City
46. University of Northeastern Philippines – Iriga City, Camarines Sur
47. University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos – Bacolod City
48. University of Nueva Caceres – Naga City
49. University of Pangasinan – Dagupan City, Pangasinan
50. University of San Agustin – Iloilo City
51. University of San Carlos – Cebu City
52. University of San Jose-Recoletos – Cebu City
53. University of Southern Philippines Foundation – Lahug, Cebu City
54. University of Saint La Salle – Bacolod City
55. University of Santo Tomas – Manila
56. University of the East – Manila
57. University of the Philippines – Quezon City
58. University of the Visayas – Cebu City
59. Western Mindanao State University – Zamboanga City
60. Xavier University-Ateneo De Cagayan – Cagayan De Oro City



10. In addition to successfully completing the refresher review class, a refresher review student should take the pre-bar review in an accredited law school or in a reputable pre-bar review provider.
11. The Board reserves its right to include in the list of accredited law schools other law schools or delete anyone from the list as may be warranted required by the circumstances.

Manila, December 4, 2013.


HILARION L. AQUINO
Chairman


JUSTIN D.J. SUGGANG
Member