REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

ATTENDANCE OF LAWYERS TO THE 19TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF LAWYERS ON FEBRUARY 16-18, 2023 IN DAVAO CITY, PHILIPPINES

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. Pursuant to the Philippine Constitution’s pronouncement that the Supreme Court shall promulgate rules concerning the protection and enforcement of constitutional rights, pleading, practice and procedure in all courts, the admission to the practice of law, the integrated bar, and legal assistance to the underprivileged, Bar Matter No. 850 dated October 2, 2001, was issued mandating all lawyers, whether engaged in the private or public practice of law are required to attend to Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) to ensure that throughout their career, they keep abreast with law and jurisprudence, maintain the ethics of the profession and enhance the standards of the practice of law.

2. Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) Memorandum Circular dated August 20, 2018 provides for the guidelines implementing the Supreme Court’s AM No. 16-06-03-SC for the effective and efficient implementation of the increase in membership dues and lifetime membership fee, and the imposition of certain criteria for members who wish to avail such membership status.

3. The Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) will hold its 19th National Convention of Lawyers on February 16-18, 2023 in Davao City, Philippines, with the theme “IBP at 50: Looking Back, Moving Forward”, as this special gathering of lawyers coincides with the organization’s golden jubilee.

4. The Supreme Court’s MCLE Governing Board will give eighteen (18) units MCLE Credit for those attending the 19th National Convention of Lawyers.

5. In view thereof, all lawyers in the schools division offices and the Regional Office are enjoined to attend the IBP 19th National Convention of Lawyers on February 16-18, 2023 at Davao City.

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6. Participants shall be allowed travel days to and from the venue on February 15 and February 19, 2023, respectively.

7. Travel, lodging, registration, and other incidental expenses of the concerned personnel shall be charged to local funds of the office where they are assigned subject to usual accounting and auditing rules.

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