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NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

Please take notice that the Court en banc issued a Resolution dated January 15, 2019, which reads as follows:

* "B.M. No. 3489 (2019 Bar Examinations)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court, in a Resolution dated June 8, 2004 in Bar Matter No. 1161 (Re: Proposed Reforms in the Bar Examinations), has approved several reforms to the bar examinations, including the "[d]esignation of two (2) examiners per subject depending on the number of examinees."

WHEREAS, the two-examiner policy has been implemented in the bar examinations in 2009¹ under then Associate Justice Antonio B. Nachura and in 2010 under then Associate Justice Conchita Carpio Morales.

WHEREAS, in a letter dated January 11, 2019 addressed to Chief Justice Lucas P. Bersamin and all Associate Justices, Associate Justice Estela M. Perlas-Bernabe, the Chairperson for the 2019 Bar Examinations, recommended the re-adoption of the two-examiner policy in order to promote operational efficiency in light of the notable increase in the number of admitted candidates in recent years.

NOW, THEREFORE, acting on the recommendation of Associate Justice Estela M. Perlas-Bernabe, the Court, sitting *en banc*, resolves to **APPROVE**: (a) the adoption of a general policy to designate two (2) examiners per subject for the Bar examinations; and (b) the increase of *honoraria* of the examiners and the Bar Chairperson.

In implementing the two-examiner policy, every Bar subject shall be divided into two (2) parts – Part I and Part II. Each examiner shall be assigned a specific scope from which to formulate his/her questions. During the examinations, each Bar examinee shall be given one questionnaire (containing

* Change case number and title.

¹ See Bar Matter No. 1161 dated February 3, 2009.

Parts I and II) and two conjoined booklets (marked Part I and II), where answers corresponding to each part of the questionnaire shall be written. Each booklet shall contain a card wherein the grades or rating received by the Bar examinee for each part shall be indicated. After the examinations, Part I booklets will be released to the first examiner simultaneous with the release of Part II booklets to the second examiner for checking, in order to expedite the checking of booklets while ensuring the quality of assessing them.

In this connection, there shall be an increase in the *honoraria* of: (a) examiners from ₱275.00 to ₱400.00 for each candidate or ₱200.00 per examiner for each candidate; and (b) the Bar Chairperson from ₱350.00 to ₱400.00 for each candidate.” (adv5)

Very truly yours,


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