

ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 104-96.

RE: DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL COURTS FOR KIDNAPPING, ROBBERY, CARNAPPING, DANGEROUS DRUGS CASES AND OTHER HEINOUS CRIMES, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND JURISDICTION IN LIBEL CASES.

Pursuant to Sec. 23 of B .P. Blg. 129, in the interest of a speedy and efficient administration of justice, and subject to the guidelines hereinafter set fort, the following Branches of the Regional Trial Courts, except as hereinunder provided, are hereby designated exclusively to try and decide cases of:

A

KIDNAPPING AND/OR KIDNAPPING FOR RANSOM, ROBBERY IN BAND, ROBBERY COMMITTED AGAINST A BANKING OR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, VIOLATION OF THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 1972, AS AMENDED, REGARDLESS OF THE QUANTITY INVOLVED, VIOLATION OF THE ANTI-CARNAPPING ACT OF 1972 AS AMENDED, AND OTHER HEINOUS CRIMES [R. A. No. 7659] COMMITTED WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTIONS:

NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION

MANILA

Br. 11, JUDGE ROBERTO A. BARRIOS
Br. 18, JUDGE PERFECTO A.S. LAGUIO, JR.
Br. 17, JUDGE EDGARDO P. CRUZ
Br. 41, JUDGE RODOLFO A PONFERRADA
Br. 53, JUDGE MAXIMO A. SAVELLANO
Br. 54, JUDGE MANUEL T. MURO

QUEZON CITY

Br. 76, JUDGE MONINA A. ZEÑAROSA
Br. 102, JUDGE PERLITA TRIA-TIRONA
Br. 86, JUDGE TEODORO A. BAY
Br. 103, JUDGE JAIME N. SALAZAR, JR.
Br. 95, JUDGE DIOSDADO M. PERALTA
Br. 219, JUDGE JOSE C. MENDOZA

PASAY CITY

Br. 109, JUDGE LILIA C. LOPEZ
Br. 110, JUDGE PORFIRIO G. MACARAEG

Br. 114, JUDGE VICENTE L. YAP
Br. 116, JUDGE ALFREDO J. GUSTILLO

KALOOKAN CITY

Br. 127, JUDGE MYRNA D. VIDAL
Br. 128, JUDGE SILVESTRE H. BELLO, JR.
Br. 129 JUDGE BAYANI S. RIVERA

MAKATI CITY

Br. 62, JUDGE ROBERTO C. DIOKNO
Br. 66, JUDGE ERIBERTO U. ROSARIO
Br. 36, JUDGE JOSE R. BAUTISTA
Br. 138, JUDGE SIXTO C. MARELLA
Br. 143, JUDGE DENNIS M. VILLA-IGNACIO

PASIG CITY

Br. 156, JUDGE MARTIN S. VILLARAMA, JR.
Br. 163, JUDGE AURELIO C. TRAMPE
Br. 166, JUDGE JESUS G. BERSAMINA
Br. 262, JUDGE GREGORY S. ONG
Br. 265, JUDGE EDWIN A. VILLASOR

MALABON

Br. 72, JUDGE BENJAMIN A. AQUINO, JR
Br. 170, JUDGE BENJAMIN T. ANTONIO

MARIKINA

Br. 272, JUDGE REUBEN P. DE LA CRUZ

PARANAQUE

Br. 259, JUDGE ZOSIMO V. ESCANO

LAS PIÑAS

Br. 275, JUDGE BONIFACIO SANZ MACEDA

MUNTINLUPA CITY

Br. 276, JUDGE NORMA C. PERELLO

VALENZUELA

Br. 171, JUDGE ADRIANO R. OSORIO

FIRST JUDICIAL REGION

BANGUED

Br. 2, JUDGE BENJAMIN A. BONGOLAN

BAGUIO CITY

Br. 6, JUDGE RUBEN C. AYSON

LA TRINIDAD

Br. 62, JUDGE FERNANDO P. CABATO

LAOAG CITY

Br. 16, JUDGE CONRADO A. RAGUCOS

BATAC

Br. 18, JUDGE ULPIANO I. CAMPOS

VIGAN

Br. 23, JUDGE GAVINO B. BALBIN, JR.

SAN FERNANDO

Br. 27, JUDGE VICENTE A. PACQUING

AGOO

Br. 32, JUDGE LEO M. RAPATALO

BAUANG

Br. 67, JUDGE JOSE G. PANEDA

BONTOC

Br. 35, JUDGE MANUEL B. BRAGADO

LINGAYEN

Br. 39, JUDGE EUGENIO G. RAMOS

DAGUPAN CITY

Br. 42, JUDGE LUIS M. FONTANILLA

URDANETA

Br. 46, JUDGE MODESTO C. JUANSON

TAYUG

Br. 51, JUDGE ULYSSES R. BUTUYAN

ALAMINOS

Br. 54, JUDGE JULES A. MEJIA

SAN CARLOS CITY

Br. 57, JUDGE BIENVENIDO R. ESTRADA

SECOND JUDICIAL REGION

TUGUEGARAO

Br. 3, JUDGE LORETO C. PURUGGANAN

APARRI

Br. 8, JUDGE SEGUNDO B. CATRAL

ILAGAN

Br. 17, JUDGE SENEN O. CASIBANG

CAUAYAN

Br. 19, JUDGE ARTEMIO R. ALIVIA

SANTIAGO CITY

Br. JUDGE EFREN A. LAMORENA

BAYOMBONG

Br. 27, JUDGE JOSE B. ROSALES

BAMBANG

Br. 30, JUDGE VINCENT EDEN C. PANAY

CABARROGUIS

Br. 31, JUDGE WILFREDO P. AMBROSIO

THIRD JUDICIAL REGION

BALANGA

Br. 3, JUDGE LORENZO R. SILVA, JR.

MALOLOS

Br. 11, JUDGE BASILIO R. GABO, JR.

Br. 12, JUDGE CRISANTO C. CONCEPCION

CABANATUAN

Br. 27, JUDGE FELICIANO V. BUENAVENTURA

GUIMBA

Br. 33, JUDGE ROGELIO P. DE GUZMAN

GAPAN

Br. 36, JUDGE ARTURO M. BERNARDO

STO. DOMINGO

Br. 88, JUDGE CHOLITA BALBIN-SANTOS

SAN JOSE CITY

Br. 39, JUDGE REYNALDO A. ALHAMBRA

SAN FERNANDO

Br. 47, JUDGE EDGAR Y. CHUA

GUAGUA

Br. 52, JUDGE JOSE G. MONTEMAYOR

MACABEBE

Br. 55, JUDGE REYNALDO V. ROURA

ANGELES CITY

Br. 59, JUDGE ELIEZER R. DE LOS SANTOS

TARLAC

Br. 65, JUDGE ANGEL J. PARAZO

IBA

Br. 69, JUDGE RODOLFO V. TOLEDANO

OLONGAPO CITY

Br. 75, JUDGE LEOPOLDO FELICIANO V. BUENAVENTURA

FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION

BATANGAS CITY

Br. 4, JUDGE CONRADO R. ANTONA

TANAUAN

Br. 83, JUDGE VOLTAIRE Y. ROSALES

BALAYAN

Br. 10, JUDGE FRANCHITO N. DIAMANTE

LIPA CITY

Br. 12, JUDGE VICENTE F. LANDICHO

CAVITE CITY

Br. 88, JUDGE CHRISTOPHER O. LOCK

BACOR

Br. 89, JUDGE EDUARDO I. TANGUANCO

IMUS

Br. 21, JUDGE ROY S. DEL ROSARIO

BIÑAN

Br. 25, JUDGE PABLO B. FRANCISCO (acting)

STA. CRUZ

Br. 28, JUDGE FERNANDO M. PACLIBON, JR.

SAN PABLO CITY

Br. 32, JUDGE ZORAYDA HERRADURA SALCEDO

CALAMBA

Br. 36, JUDGE NORBERTO Y. GERALDEZ

SAN PEDRO

Br. 31, JUDGE ESTELLA CABUCO ANDRES

BOAC

Br. 94, JUDGE RODOLFO B. DIMAANO

CALAPAN

Br. 40, JUDGE ARTURO R. QUIZON (acting)

PINAMALAYAN

Br. 41, JUDGE NORMELITO J. BALLOCANG

SAN JOSE

Br. 45, JUDGE ERNESTO P. PAGAYATAN (acting)

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY

Br. 52, JUDGE FILOMENO A. VERGARA

LUCENA CITY

Br. 53, JUDGE GUILLERMO R. ANDAYA

GUMACA

Br. 61, JUDGE PROCESO K. DE GALA

BALER

Br. 96, JUDGE REBECCA REYES-MARIANO

BINANGONAN

Br. 67, JUDGE FELIX P. ADANZO

ANTIPOLO

Br. 73, JUDGE MAURICIO M. RIVERA

SAN MATEO

Br. 76, JUDGE JOSE C. REYES, JR.

MORONG

Br. 79, JUDGE ALEJANDRO A. MARQUEZ

FIFTH JUDICIAL REGION

LEGASPI CITY

Br. 3, JUDGE WENCESLAO R. VILLANUEVA, JR.

LIGAO

Br. 13, JUDGE JOSE S. SAÑEZ

TABACO

Br. 15, JUDGE ARNULFO B. CABREDO

NAGA CITY

Br. 28, JUDGE ANTONIO N. GERONA

LIBMANAN

Br. 57, JUDGE THELMA CELEVANTE VILLAREAL

PILI

Br. 32, JUDGE NILO A. MALANYAON

IRIGA CITY

Br. 35, JUDGE RENO R. GONZALES

SAN JOSE (TIGAON)

Br. 30, JUDGE ALFREDO A. CABRAL

DAET

Br. 38, JUDGE SANCHO A. DAMES II

VIRAC

Br. 42, JUDGE NILO D. BARSAGA

MASBATE

Br. 44, JUDGE FELIMON C. ABELITA

SORSOGON

Br. 52, JUDGE HONESTO A. VILLAMOR

SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION

KALIBO

Br. 3, JUDGE SHIELA M. CORTEZ

SAN JOSE

Br. 11, JUDGE NERY G. DUREMDES

ROXAS CITY

Br. 19, JUDGE SERGIO L. PESTAÑO

ILOILO CITY

Br. 23, JUDGE TITO G. GUSTILLO

Br. 25, JUDGE BARTOLOME M. FANUÑAL

Br. 35, JUDGE SEVERINO C. AGUILAR

BACOLOD CITY

Br. 44, JUDGE ANASTACIO I. LOBATON

Br. 47, JUDGE EDGAR G. GARVILLES

Br. 53, JUDGE PEPITO B. GELLADA

HIMAMAYLAN

Br. 5, JUDGE JOSE Y. AGUIRRE, JR.

SAN CARLOS CITY

Br. 59, JUDGE ROBERTO S.A. JAVELLANA

SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION

TAGBILARAN CITY

Br. 2, JUDGE BAUDILLO K. DOSDOS

LAPU-LAPU CITY

Br. 53, JUDGE BENEDICTO G. COBARDE

CEBU CITY

Br. 7, JUDGE MARTIN A. OCAMPO

Br. 14, JUDGE RENATO C. DACUDAO

Br. 15, JUDGE GERMAN G. LEE, JR

Br. 18, JUDGE GALICANO C. ARRIESGADO

Br. 24, JUDGE PRISCILA S. AGANA

MANDAUE

Br. 28, JUDGE MERCEDES GOZO DADOLE

EIGHT JUDICIAL REGION

BORONGAN

Br. 2, JUDGE PATERNO T. ALVAREZ

TACLOBAN CITY

Br. 6, JUDGE GETULIO M. FRANCISCO

ORMOC CITY

Br. 35, JUDGE FORTUNITO L. MADRONA

CARIGARA

Br. 13, JUDGE ERIBERTO N. MACEDA

CATARMAN

Br. 19, JUDGE CESAR R. CINCO

LAOANG

Br. 21, JUDGE JOSE H. MIJARES (acting)

CALBAYOG

Br. 32, JUDGE CLEMENTE C. ROSALES (acting)

CATBALOGAN

Br. 21, JUDGE AUXENCIO C. DACUYCUY

MAASIN

Br. 25, JUDGE NUMERIANO R. AVILA, JR.

NINTH JUDICIAL REGION

ISABELA

Br. 2, JUDGE SALVADOR A. MEMORACION

DIPOLOG CITY

Br. 8, JUDGE PACIFICO M. GARCIA

ZAMBOANGA CITY

Br. 16, JUDGE JESUS C. CABRON, JR.

PAGADIAN CITY

Br. 20, JUDGE BRICCIO A. ALMEDA

TENTH JUDICIAL REGION

BUTUAN CITY

Br. 4, JUDGE CIPRIANO B. ALVIZO, JR.

MALAYBALAY

Br. 8, JUDGE VIVENCIO P. ESTRADA

OROQUIETA CITY

Br. 12, JUDGE CELSO L. CONOL

OZAMIS CITY

Br. 15, JUDGE PEDRO L. SUAN

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY

Br. 18, JUDGE NAZARU U. CHAVEZGBO

Br. 19, JUDGE ANTHONY E. SANTOS

Br. 25, JUDGE NOLI T. CATLI

GINGOOG CITY

Br. 43, JUDGE EDITHO C. LUCA

SURIGAO CITY

Br. 29, JUDGE ANDRES P. ENRIQUEZ

ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION

TAGUM

Br. 30, JUDGE LUCILO C. RALLOS

MATI

Br. JUDGE RICARDO M. BERBA

DAVAO CITY

Br. 15, JUDGE JESUS R. QUINTAINAYO

Br. 17, JUDGE RENATO A. FUENTES

Br. 33, JUDGE WENCESLAO E. IBABAO

DIGOS

Br. 19, JUDGE HILARIO I. MAP

GENERAL SANTOS CITY

Br. 35, JUDGE ANTONIO S. ALANO

KORONADAL

Br. 25, JUDGE FRANCISCO S. AMPIG, JR.

TANDAG

Br. 40, JUDGE JESUS M. PRADO

TWELFTH JUDICIAL REGION

ILIGAN CITY

Br. 6, JUDGE VALERIO M. SALAZAR

MARAWI CITY

Br. 10, JUDGE YUSOPH K. PANGADAPUN

MALABANG

Br. 12, JUDGE MOSLEMEN T. MACARAMBON

COTABATO CITY

Br. 13, JUDGE EMMANUEL D, BADOY

KABACAN

Br. 22, JUDGE BRAULIO L. HURTADO

KIDAPAWAN

Br. 17, JUDGE RODOLFO M. SERRANO

MIDSAYAP

Br. 18, JUDGE_____

B

VIOLATIONS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE 188 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE [SUBSTITUTING AND ALTERING TRADEMARKS, TRADE NAMES, OR SERVICE MARKS], ARTICLE 189 OF THE REVISED PENAL

CODE [UNFAIR COMPETITION, FRAUDULENT REGISTRATION OF TRADEMARKS, TRADE NAMES, OR SERVICE MARKS, FRAUDULENT DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN AND FALSE DESCRIPTION], P. D. NO. 49 [PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS], P. D. NO. 87 [AN ACT CREATING THE VIDEOGRAM REGULATORY BOARD], R. A. NO. 165 AS AMENDED [THE TRADEMARK LAW] SHALL BE TRIED EXCLUSIVELY BY THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ESTABLISHED RAFFLE SCHEME EXCEPT THOSE COVERED BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 113-95 DATED 2 OCTOBER 1995, IN WHICH CASE, THE DESIGNATED REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS SHALL CONTINUE TO OBSERVE THE PROVISIONS THEREIN.

CONSIDERING THAT JURISDICTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS HEREINBEFORE MENTIONED IS NOW CONFINED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, THE DESIGNATION OF METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS AND MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 113-95 IS DELETED AND WITHDRAWN.

C

LIBEL CASES SHALL BE TRIED BY THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THEM TO THE EXCLUSION OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS AND MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS.

For purposes of this administrative order, all single sala courts are considered special courts for all cases covered under Pars. A and B herein, and for this reason, shall give priority to these cases in their trial calendars.

The cases referred to herein shall undergo mandatory continuous trial and shall be terminated within sixty [60] days from commencement of the trial. Judgment thereon shall be rendered within thirty [30] days from submission for decision unless a shorter period is provided by law or otherwise directed by this Court.

Where trial has already begun, the same shall continue to be heard by the respective Branches to which they have been originally assigned. For purposes hereof, a criminal case is considered begun when the accused or any of them has already been arraigned; in a civil case, it is when pre-trial has already been conducted and a pre-trial order issued.

The Executive Judges of the Regional Trial Courts concerned shall exclude these designated Special Courts from the raffle of other cases, criminal and civil, whenever in their judgment the caseload of these courts shall prevent them from conducting daily trial of the special cases herein specified.

The Branches thus designated as Special Courts shall continue to perform their functions as such within the purview of this Administrative Order even after the retirement, transfer or detail of the incumbent judges appointed/designated to preside over them. Their successors, whether permanent or temporary, shall act as Presiding Judges of these Special Courts unless the Supreme Court otherwise directs.

No postponement or continuance shall be allowed except for clearly meritorious reasons. Pleadings or motions found to have been filed for dilatory purposes shall constitute direct contempt and shall be punished accordingly.

This Administrative Order amends or otherwise supersedes Adm. Order No. 173-94 dated 28 September 1994, Adm. Order No. 51-96 dated 3 May 1996, and Adm. Order No. 113-95 dated 2 October 1995, and such other orders, circulars, memoranda or issuances, if any, as may be inconsistent herewith.

This Order shall take effect fifteen [15] days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

21 October 1996.

[Sgd.] ANDRES R. NARVASA
Chief Justice