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SUBJECT: Restructuring the Arbitration and Mediation Services of the IPOPHIL

To further achieve efficiency in the administration of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms under the auspices of the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHIL), the Arbitration and Mediation Center is hereby restructured, and henceforth to be known as the IPOPHIL ADR Services.

The ADRS shall be an adjunct unit of the Bureau of Legal Affairs, under the direct management/supervision of the Director of the BLA. The scope of its functions shall include the following:

- 1. Administration of the ADR services of the IPOPHIL in accordance with the policies, rules and regulations promulgated by the IPOPHL;
- 2. Crafting of pertinent policies, rules and regulations; and
- 3. Capacity/capability, cooperation, partnership, and similar activities or functions on and related to the operations and development of ADR in IP cases.

The operations and administrative staff of the ADRS shall be composed of one (1) Operations Management Officer, two (2) Technical Support Staff, and three (3) Clerical Support Staff.

This Office Order repeals Office Order No. 85, s. 2011, and takes effect immediately until revoked, amended, or modified.

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