

## IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE "SIMULATED BIRTH RECTIFICATION ACT"

Pursuant to Section 23 of Republic Act No. 11222 otherwise known as the "Simulated Birth Rectification Act, the following Implementing Rules and Regulations are hereby promulgated :

### ARTICLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Section 1. Title.** These Rules and Regulations shall be known and cited as the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the "Simulated Birth Rectification Act."

**Section 2. Purpose.** These IRR are hereby promulgated to prescribe the procedures and guidelines for the implementation of the Simulated Birth Rectification Act in order to achieve the objectives thereof.

**Section 3. Objectives.** The objectives of these Rules are stipulated under Section 2 (Objectives) of the Act, to wit:

- (a) To grant amnesty and allow the rectification of the simulated birth of a child where the simulation was made for the best interest of the child, and that such child has been consistently considered and treated by the person or persons who simulated such birth as her, his or their own daughter or son;
- (b) To fix the status and filiation of a child whose birth was simulated by giving such child all the benefits of adoption and ensuring that the child shall be entitled to all the rights provided by law to legally adopted children, without any discrimination of any kind, as well as to love, guidance and support from the child's adoptive family;
- (c) To exempt from criminal, civil and administrative liability those who simulated the birth record of a child prior to the effectivity of the Act; Provided, that a Petition for Adoption with an application for the rectification of the simulated birth record is filed on or before March 29, 2029;
- (d) To provide for and allow a simpler and less costly administrative adoption proceeding where the child has been living with the person or persons who simulated her or his birth record for at least three (3) years before March 29, 2019 which is the effectivity of the Act; and,
- (e) To educate and inform the public about the rectification of simulated births, and to encourage people to avail of the benefits of this Act.

**Section 4. Definition of Terms.** As used in these Rules:

(a) "Act" shall refer to Republic Act No. 11222 otherwise known as the "Simulated Birth Rectification Act".



(b) "*Administrative Adoption*" refers to a process whereby a person assumes the parental authority of a child, from the biological parent or parents. It permanently transfers all rights and responsibilities, along with filiation to the adoptive parent(s).

(c) "*Affidavit of Disinterested Persons*" refers to an Affidavit executed by two affiants who are not related to the petitioner(s) by consanguinity or affinity to attest to a fact.

(d) "*Certification Declaring a Child Legally Available for Adoption (CDCLAA)*" refers to the certification issued by the DSWD Secretary or his or her duly authorized representative administratively declaring that the child is legally available for adoption.

(e) "*Child*" refers to a person below eighteen (18) years of age or a person eighteen (18) years or over who is unable to fully take care of herself or himself or protect herself or himself from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition, whose birth was simulated.

(f) "*Disinterested Person*" refers to an individual who attests on a particular fact, i.e. simulation of birth but has no personal advantage or disadvantage in the outcome or decision of the Petition for Adoption with an Application for Rectification of Simulated Birth Record.

(g) "*Foundling*" refers to a person whose fact/s of birth is/are unknown.

(h) "*Indigent*" refers to Prospective Adoptive Parent/s whose net income per month is less than the Family Income and Expenditures Survey (FIES) conducted by PSA and approved by the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA).

(i) "*New Birth Certificate*" refers to the civil registry record of a person registered pursuant to the Order of Adoption issued by the Secretary, bearing the name by which he or she shall be known and his or her parents as stated in the Order of Adoption.

(j) "*Order of Adoption*" refers to a registrable civil registry document issued by the Secretary after determining that the administrative adoption is for the best interest of the child.

(k) "*Petition for Administrative Adoption with Application for Rectification of Simulated Birth Record*" ("Petition" for brevity) refers to the accomplished application stating the circumstances behind the simulation of birth of a child, citing the petitioner/s qualifications to adopt such child and the grounds that would warrant the grant of an administrative adoption by the Secretary.

(l) "*Petitioner*" refers to person or persons whom the child consider(s) as parent(s) and intended to legalize their parent-child relationship by filing the Petition for Administrative Adoption with Application for Rectification of Simulated Birth Record.



(m) "*Rectified Birth Record*" refers to a civil registry record of a person issued pursuant to the order of the Secretary, which may either be a birth or foundling certificate, as determined by the facts about the child's parentage or finding, which information comprise his or her true identity.

(n) "*Regional Director*" refers to the head of a field office of the DSWD.

(o) "*Secretary*" refers to the Secretary of the DSWD.

(p) "*Simulation of Birth Record*" refers to the tampering of the civil registry record to make it appear in the record of birth that a child was born to a person who is not such child's biological mother, causing the loss of the true identity and status of such child.

(q) "*Social Welfare and Development Office (SWDO)*" refers to the office in the city or municipality that discharges the social welfare and development programs and services devolved to such local government units.

(r) "*Social Worker*" refers to a person who passed the Licensure Examination for Social Workers, has a valid professional license and who exercises sound professional judgment in handling cases.

**Section 5. Coverage and Exclusions.** In the implementation of the Act, those hereinafter enumerated are covered:

- a) Administrative adoption of a non-relative child;
- b) Administrative adoption of a relative child within the fourth (4th) degree of affinity or consanguinity;
- c) Administrative adoption of an adult, who is consistently considered and treated as daughter or son since birth or minority;
- d) Administrative adoption where the Petition for Cancellation of Simulated Birth Certificate or Petition for Adoption with Cancellation of Simulated Birth Certificate is pending in court in accordance with Section 38 hereof; or
- e) Other analogous circumstances as may be determined by the Secretary;

*Provided* that the child subject of the petition has been living with or under the custody of the prospective adoptive parents (PAPs) for atleast three (3) years and they have simulated the birth record of said child prior to the effectivity of the Act. *Provided further*, that the petition for Administrative Adoption with Application for Rectification of Simulated Birth Record is filed within the prescribed period.

**Excluded in the coverage of the Act are circumstances not limited to the following:**

- a) Rectification or Correction of entries i.e. to reflect the name of the biological parent/s in the birth certificate;



- b) Administrative adoption by the relatives of the deceased person(s) who simulated the birth of a child or person;
- c) Administrative adoption by person(s) other than the parent(s) named in the simulated birth certificate; or
- d) Administrative adoption of a child by the purported father only; when the mother named in the birth certificate is the biological mother of such child;

**Section 6. *Suppletory Application of Existing Laws.*** The existing relevant adoption and child welfare laws, in so far as these are not inconsistent with the Act, may be applied suppletorily to aid in the implementation of R.A. 11222 and these IRR.

## ARTICLE II ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION SERVICES

**Section 7. *Pre-Administrative Adoption Services.*** Pursuant to Article II, Section 4 of RA 8552 or the "Domestic Adoption Act of 1998", prospective adoptive parents shall be required to attend pre-adoption fora and seminars from the Department or licensed Child Placing Agency to ensure that they are informed of the rights of the child and their responsibilities to the child.

The objectives of the fora and seminars are:

- (a) To help the PAPs assess their motivation, capacity and readiness to adopt;
- (b) To resolve possible adoption issues; and
- (c) To prepare the PAP/s for effective parenting

The certificate of attendance in the pre-adoption seminar shall be issued by the DSWD or child placing agency as one of the supporting documents in filing by the PAP/s of the petition for administrative adoption with application for rectification of simulated birth record.

**Section 8. *Post-Administrative Adoption Services.*** These services may include counseling, tracing the roots, reunion and others which shall be made available by the social workers of the Department and the SWDOs to the adoptee, adopter and the biological parents.

## ARTICLE III ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION

**Section 9. *Rectification of Simulated Birth Record.*** Subject to the provisions of the law, a person or persons who, on or before March 28, 2019, simulated the birth of a child, and those who cooperated in the execution of such simulation, shall not be criminally, civilly, or administratively liable for such act provided:



- (a) That the simulation of birth was made for the best interest of the child and that the child has been consistently considered and treated by such person or persons as her, his, or their own daughter or son; and
- (b) That such person or persons has or have filed a petition for adoption with an application for the rectification on or before March 29, 2029.

All benefits of the Act shall also apply to adult adoptees whose certificates of birth have been simulated.

**Section 10. Administrative Adoption and Rectification.** A person or persons who simulated the birth of a child under the conditions provided under Section 4 of the Act may avail of administrative proceedings for the adoption and rectification of the simulated birth record of the child provided:

- (a) That the child has been living with and cared for by the petitioners for a minimum period of 3 years prior to March 29, 2019 which is the effectivity of the Act;
- (b) That when applicable, a certificate declaring the child legally available for adoption (CDCLAA) is issued by the DSWD in favor of the child.

**Section 11. Inadmissible Evidence.** All petitions, documents, records and papers relating to adoption and rectification of simulated births under the Act cannot be used as evidence against those who simulated the birth of a child or who cooperated in the execution of such simulation in any criminal, civil, or administrative proceedings.

#### ARTICLE IV CERTIFICATION DECLARING A CHILD LEGALLY AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

**Section 12. CDCLAA Requirement.** Except in the case of an adult prospective adoptee or a relative child, all petitions under the Act must include a CDCLAA, issued in accordance with R.A. 9523. The supporting documents of the application/petition for CDCLAA and the process for its issuance shall conform with the pertinent guidelines of the Department.

The CDCLAA shall be the primary evidence that the child is legally available for adoption.

#### ARTICLE V ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION

**Section 13. Personal Qualifications.** Adopters must:



- (a) Be Filipino citizen;
- (b) Be of legal age;
- (c) Possess full civil capacity and legal rights;
- (d) Be of good moral character;
- (e) Have not been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude;
- (f) Be emotionally and psychologically capable of caring for children; and,
- (g) Be in a position to support, educate and care for his or her children and the child to be adopted in keeping with the means of the family.

In case of adoption by a married couple, where one of the adopters is a foreign national married to a Filipino, the foreign national must have been residing in the Philippines for least three (3) continuous years prior to the filing of the petition for adoption and application for rectification of simulated birth record.

**Section 14. Required Consent.** After being properly counseled and informed of the right to give or withhold approval of the adoption, the written consent of the following shall be required:

- (a) The prospective adoptee, if ten (10) years of age or over;
- (b) The petitioner's legitimate and adopted daughters and sons, ten (10) years of age or over, if any;
- (c) The petitioner's illegitimate daughters and sons, ten (10) years of age or over, if living with said adopter(s), if any; and,
- (d) The spouse, if any, of the adoptee.

## ARTICLE VI ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION PROCEDURE

**Section 15. Petition.** The petition for administrative adoption with application for rectification of simulated birth record for each child shall be in the form of an affidavit and shall be subscribed and sworn to by the petitioner(s) before any person authorized by law to administer affirmations and oaths.

It shall state the facts necessary to establish the merits of the petition, and the circumstances surrounding the simulation of the birth of the child.

**Section 16. Documents attached to the Petition.** The petition shall be supported by the following documents:

- a) Authenticated copy of the simulated birth record of the child and authenticated copy of the birth record of the adopters;
- b) Affidavit of admission, if the simulation of the birth was done by a third person;



c) Certification issued and signed by the punong barangay attesting that:

- i. The petitioner(s) are bonafide residents of the barangay;
- ii. The child has been living with the petitioner/s for at least three (3) years prior to March 29, 2019;
- iii. The petitioner is indigent, if applicable;

d) Notarized Affidavits of at least two (2) disinterested persons, who reside in the same barangay where the child resides, attesting that the child has been living with the petitioner/s for at least three (3) years prior to the effectivity of the Act;

e) Original copy of CDCLAA issued by the DSWD, except if the prospective adoptee is an adult or a relative of the adopter(s) within the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity;

f) Oldest and recent photographs of the prospective adoptee and the petitioner(s) taken within the last three (3) months prior to the filing of the petition;

g) Certificate of Attendance by the Petitioner(s) in Pre- Adoption Fora and Seminar;

h) As applicable, Marriage Contract, Decree of Annulment, Declaration of Nullity of Marriage or Decree of Legal Separation;

i) Latest Physical and Medical Evaluation of the adopter(s) by a duly licensed physician;

j) When appropriate, psychological evaluation of the adopter(s) by a duly licensed psychologist;

k) Latest NBI / Police Clearance;

l) Latest income tax return or any other documents showing financial capability, e.g., Certificate of Employment, Bank Certificate or Statement of Assets and Liabilities; and

m) Authenticated copy of the Negative Certification of Birth, to serve as basis in the late registration and issuance of rectified birth record;

In case one of the adopter(s) is a foreign national married to a Filipino, he or she must submit proof of the following:

- 1) Residence in the Philippines for at least three (3) continuous years prior to the filing of the petition and maintains such residence until the Order of Adoption is issued;



- 2) Certification by his or her diplomatic or consular office or any appropriate government agency that he or she has the legal capacity to adopt in his or her country, and that his or her government allows the adoptee to enter his or her country as his or her adopted son or daughter.

**Section 17. *Who may file.*** Petitioner(s) who simulated a child's birth record, consistently considered and treated said child as his or her or their own daughter or son may file the Petition, provided that the child has been under his or her or their care and custody for at least three (3) years prior to the effectivity of the Act.

**Section 18. *When to file.*** The Petition shall be filed 15 days after the publication of the IRR until March 29, 2029.

**Section 19. *Where to file.*** The Petition together with complete supporting documents shall be filed by the petitioner(s) with the Social Welfare and Development Office of the city or municipality where the child resides.

**Section 20. *Review of Petition.*** The SWDO shall examine the petition and its supporting documents within seven (7) days to determine if it is sufficient in form and substance. If the SWDO finds that the petition is insufficient in form or substance, the SWDO shall return the same to the petitioner with a written explanation of its insufficiency.

If the SWDO finds that the petition is sufficient in form and substance, the SWDO shall forward the petition and the supporting documents within three (3) days to the Regional Director of DSWD Field Office where the SWDO is situated.

**Section 21. *Recommendation on the Petition.*** Upon receipt of the Petition by the Field Office, a Social Case Study Report for the petitioner(s) and the child shall be prepared by a licensed social worker of the Field Office who shall conduct home visits to the petitioner(s) and the child to establish the identity of the child, determine capacity of the petitioner(s) to care for the child and possession of the personal qualifications and whether or not the child has been consistently considered and treated by the petitioner(s) as his or her or their own child.

The report shall clearly indicate whether or not the administrative adoption shall redound to best interest of the child and shall state the appropriate recommendation.

Such report together with the Petition and the supporting documents from the SWDO shall be reviewed by the Regional Director. The identity of the child and the petitioner including the motivation to adopt shall be personally determined by him or her through the supporting documents of the petition and interview with the petitioner and the child. In the course of the review, additional information or document/s may be required from the petitioner to support the petition. The failure of the petitioner to comply with such request shall not preclude the Regional Director from acting on the petition based on the evidence at hand. The personal appearance of the petitioner



and the child before the Regional Director shall likewise be mandatory.

The Regional Director shall prepare the recommendation on the petition not later than thirty (30) days from receipt thereof.

**Section 22. Transmittal of the Recommendation to DSWD Central Office.** The Regional Director shall endorse to the Office of the Secretary his or her recommendation on the Petition together with the original copy of the petition and its supporting documents.

**Section 23. Order of Adoption.** The Secretary shall act and decide on the petition within thirty (30) days upon receipt of the recommendation from the Regional Director.

If the Secretary determines that the adoption shall redound to the best interest of the child, an Order of Adoption which is a registrable civil registry document, shall be issued stating the name by which the child shall be known and shall likewise direct the concerned local civil registrar the:

- a) Cancellation of the simulated birth record of the child;
- b) Late registration of the rectified birth record, which is a birth or foundling certificate, bearing the true facts of birth or finding of the child, as the case may be;
- c) Issuance of a new Birth Certificate.

The Order of Adoption shall create a legal status to the existing parent-child relationship of the petitioner(s) and the child. The Order shall take effect on the date the petition was filed with the SWDO, even if the petitioner dies before its issuance. It shall become final upon the expiration of fifteen (15) days from notice thereof to all parties.

An administrative adoption order obtained under this Act shall have the same effect as a decree of adoption issued pursuant to Republic Act No. 8552, otherwise known as the Domestic Adoption Act of 1998. The Order shall be registered accordingly by the concerned DSWD Field Office at the local civil registrar of the city or municipality where the child is born or found.

**Section 24. Transmittal of Order of Adoption.** The Secretary shall transmit the Order of Adoption to the concerned DSWD Regional Office, which shall in turn provide original printed copy to the petitioner(s) and certified true copy to the record-keeping local civil registrar and the Philippine Statistics Authority- Central Office (PSA-CO). To facilitate the authentication of the Order, the PSA-CO shall likewise be furnished with an electronic copy thereof.

**Section 25. Finality of the Order.** The Secretary shall issue a Certificate of Finality upon the lapse of the 15-day period.



**Section 26. Civil Registry Record.** Upon receipt of the certificate of finality, the record-keeping local civil registrar shall stamp the simulated birth record "cancelled" with annotation of the following:

- i. Issuance of a rectified birth record, bearing the child's true identity; and
- ii. Issuance of a new birth certificate, indicating the petitioner/s as parents pursuant to the administrative adoption.

The rectified birth certificate bearing the name of the biological parents of the child or the founding certificate, as the case may be, shall not bear any notation. The copy of this rectified birth record together with the new birth certificate shall be transmitted to the PSA. In all cases, the recording and registration of the Order of Adoption, the rectified birth record and the new birth certificate by the concerned local civil registrar, shall conform with the internal guidelines prescribed by the PSA.

The cancelled simulated birth certificate and the rectified birth record shall be sealed in the civil registry records and shall be released or issued only upon the order of the Secretary or other lawful authority.

**Section 27. Socialized Fees.** The city or municipal SWDO, the DSWD Field Office and the Office of Local Civil Registrar may charge socialized fees in an amount not exceeding One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) from those who avail of the administrative adoption proceedings under the Act.

As far as practicable, the foregoing agencies, in the exercise of their rate-fixing power, may come up with staggered rates depending on income bracket of petitioner(s), to effect the socialized fees sanctioned by the Act.

Fees shall be waived if the petitioner(s) is/are found to be indigent as defined in this IRR.

**Section 28. Confidentiality.** All petitions, documents, records and papers relating to the administrative adoption proceedings in the files of the city or municipal SWDOs, DSWD Central and Field Offices, local civil registrars, or any other agency or institution participating in such proceedings shall be strictly confidential.

In any event, the disclosure of any information shall only be allowed upon the Order of the Secretary, based on the written request of the adoptee or in the case of a minor adoptee, his or her legal guardian or the Adoptive Parent or upon order of any lawful authority.

Any violation of the confidential nature of the records above-mentioned shall be punishable pursuant to the penal provisions of the Act, R.A. No. 10173 or the "Data Privacy Act of 2012" or other relevant laws.



## ARTICLE VII EFFECTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION

**Section 29. *Effects of Administrative Adoption.*** The administrative adoption shall have the following effects:

- (a) Legitimacy – The adoptee shall be considered the legitimate child of the adopter for all intents and purposes. As such, the adoptee is entitled to all rights and obligations provided by law to legitimate children without discrimination of any kind.  
The adoptee is also entitled to love, guidance, and support in keeping with the means of the family.
- (b) Parental Authority – Except when the biological parent is the spouse of the adopter, all legal ties between the biological parent/s and the adoptee shall be severed and the same shall be vested in the adopter.
- (c) Succession – In legal and intestate succession, the adopter and the adoptee shall have reciprocal rights of succession without distinction from legitimate filiation. However, if the adoptee and his or her biological parents left a will, the law on testamentary succession shall govern.

**Section 30. *Order of Denial and Administrative Remedy.*** Should the Petition be denied, the Secretary shall issue an Order of Denial in lieu of an Order of Adoption. Within fifteen (15) days upon receipt of the notice, the petitioner may file a Motion for Reconsideration to the Office of the Secretary and furnish a copy to the concerned DSWD Field Office.

The Secretary is given 15 days upon receipt to rule on the Motion for Reconsideration. In case of denial of the motion, petitioner/s may resort to appeal in accordance with the existing rules.

Depending on the ground for denial, the order shall be without prejudice to the refile of the Petition with the SWDO in accordance with these Rules.

Notwithstanding a denial, nothing in the Act proscribes the petitioner(s) from resorting to judicial or other modes of adoption.

In the event of a denial founded on the determination by the Secretary that the administrative adoption will not redound to the best interest of the child, the Department shall ensure that all means necessary to protect the rights and promote the welfare of said child shall be in place.

## ARTICLE VIII RESCISSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION

**Section 31. *Grounds for Rescission.*** Upon petition of the adoptee, with the assistance of the city or municipal SWDO or the DSWD if a minor or if over eighteen (18) years of age but is incapacitated, the adoption may be rescinded on any of the



following grounds committed by the adopter:

- (a) Repeated physical or verbal maltreatment by the adopter;
- (b) Attempt on the life of the adoptee;
- (c) Sexual assault or violence;
- (d) Abandonment and failure to comply with parental obligations; or
- (e) Other acts that are detrimental to the psychological and emotional development of the adoptee.

Adoption, being in the best interest of the child, shall not be subject to rescission by the adopter. However, the adopter may disinherit the adoptee for causes provided in Article 919 of the Civil Code.

**Section 32. Rescission of Administrative Adoption.** The process for administrative adoption as provided under Section 11 of the Act shall apply to the rescission of administrative adoption: *Provided*, That the concerned SWDO, Regional Director, and the Secretary shall act immediately on the petition for rescission bearing in mind the best interest of the child.

The Secretary shall furnish a copy of the Order of Rescission to the concerned DSWD Regional Office, which shall in turn provide copies to the petitioner, the concerned agencies and the concerned local civil registrar. Thereafter, the concerned local civil registrar shall cancel the new certificate of birth of the adoptee, and restore the adoptee's rectified birth certificate bearing the name/s of the biological parents, or the foundling certificate, as the case may be.

**Section 33. Effects of Rescission.** If the petition for rescission of administrative adoption is granted by the Secretary, the parental authority of the adoptee's biological parents, if known, shall be restored if the adoptee is still a minor or incapacitated. The reciprocal rights and obligations of the adopter and adoptee to each other shall be extinguished.

Successional rights shall revert to its status prior to adoption, but only as of the date of judgment of administrative rescission. Vested rights acquired prior to administrative rescission shall be respected.

All the foregoing effects of rescission of adoption shall be without prejudice to the penalties imposable under the Revised Penal Code if the criminal acts are proven.

## ARTICLE IX VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

**Section 34. Violations and Penalties.** The penalty of imprisonment ranging from six (6) years and one (1) day to twelve (12) years and/or a fine not less than two hundred thousand pesos (P200,000.00) at the discretion of the court shall be imposed on any person who shall commit any of the following acts:



- (a) Obtaining consent for an adoption through coercion, undue influence, fraud, improper material inducement, or other similar acts;
- (b) Noncompliance with the procedures and safeguards provided by law for the adoption; or
- (c) Subjecting or exposing the child to be adopted to danger, abuse, or exploitation.

## ARTICLE X FINAL PROVISIONS

**Section 35. Information Dissemination.** The DSWD, in coordination with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Department of Education, the Department of Health, various national leagues of local government units, the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC), and the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) shall disseminate to the public information regarding the Act and its implementation.

**Section 36. Saving Clause.** Nothing in these Rules shall affect any right of an adoptee acquired by judicial proceeding or otherwise before the commencement of the Rules.

**Section 37. Budgetary Requirement.** Frontline agencies must include in their respective appropriations such sum as may be necessary for the implementation of the Act, in the year following its enactment and the succeeding years.

**Section 38. Transitory Provision.** For cases that may qualify under the Act with Petition for Adoption with Cancellation of Simulated Birth Record or Petition for Cancellation of Simulated Birth Record that are pending in court, the petitioner/s has the option to either withdraw the case and avail of this administrative adoption proceeding at the Department of Social Welfare and Development or continue with the judicial proceeding.

To ensure efficient implementation of the Act, the DSWD, PSA and other concerned agencies shall issue the necessary internal guidelines. Likewise, the DSWD and PSA may opt to enter into a joint memorandum circular whereby the operationalization of the processes set forth in these Rules shall be laid down.

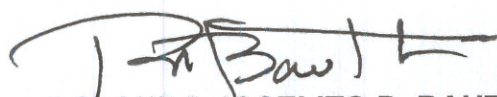
**Section 39. Separability Clause.** If any provision or part of this Rule is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 40. Effectivity.** These Rules shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.



The IRR shall be registered with the Office of the National Administrative Register at the University of the Philippines, UP Diliman, Quezon City.

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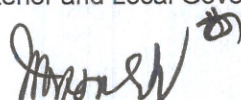
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