



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
 NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION



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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**  
 No. 399, s. 2024

**To: SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
 REGIONAL AND DIVISION ATTORNEYS  
 REGIONAL AND DIVISION ACCOUNTANTS**

**20<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION OF LAWYERS ON JANUARY 30, 2025 TO  
 FEBRUARY 1, 2025 IN CEBU CITY, PHILIPPINES**

1. The Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) will hold its **20<sup>th</sup> National Convention of Lawyers on January 30 to February 1, 2025**, at the **Waterfront Hotel, Cebu City**, with the theme "From Milestones to Horizons: Strengthening the Future of the Legal Profession".
2. Such activity shall expose lawyers to new legal developments and practices. The Supreme Court's MCLE Governing Board shall credit attendance therein as eighteen (18) units Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) compliance.
3. In line with 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.
4. In accordance with the Rules and Regulations Implementing the IBP Life Membership Plan, one of the requirements for life membership is that a lawyer should have attended at least five (5) conventions of the IBP, either national or regional, or a combination thereof.
5. The IBP has set the deadline of registration for the said activity on October 31, 2024.

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6. In view thereof, all Regional and Division Attorneys are enjoined to attend the said event.
7. Participants shall be allowed travel days to and from the venue on January 29 and February 2, 2025, respectively.
8. 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. Attendance to said activity shall be on official business.
9. Immediate dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

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