



Republic of the Philippines
Legal Education Board

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-21

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SUPPLEMENTARY
RULES TO THE PROVISIONS OF LEBMO NO. 1 IN REGARD
TO CURRICULUM AND DEGREES AD EUNDEM**

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide supplementary rules in order to clarify and/or operationalize Section 55 on Model Curriculum for Ll. B. and J.D. programs and Sections 52 and 56 on Degree Ad Eundem of LEBMO No. 1, which are quoted hereunder:

“Section 52. The dean of a graduate school of law should possess at least a doctorate degree in law and should be an acknowledged authority in law, as evidenced by publications and membership in learned societies and organizations; members of the faculty of a graduate school of law should possess at least a Master of Laws (Ll.M.) degree or the relevant master’s or doctor’s degrees in related fields.

Aside from the foregoing, retired justices of the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, the Sandiganbayan and the Court of Tax Appeals may serve as deans of schools of law, provided that: they have had teaching experience as professors of law and provided further that, with the approval of the Legal Education Board, a graduate school of law may accredit their experience in the collegiate appellate courts and the judgments they have penned towards the degree ad eundem of Master of Laws.”





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“Section 56. Degrees ad eundem. — When the law school offers the Juris Doctor degree, it may confer this degree upon its faculty members who deserve that degree because of renown and scholarship as evidenced by their authorship of law books, legal articles, monographs or treatises published in reputable local and/or foreign law journals. In the case of a masteral or doctoral degree in law, in addition to the requirements mentioned above, the faculty member of the graduate school of law, must be an authority in a branch of law acknowledged nationally and internationally. Before the law school does so, the approval of the Board must be obtained.”

NOW THEREFORE, Resolved as it is hereby Resolved to adopt the following Supplementary Rules:

1. Re: Curricula (LI. B. and J. D.)

1.1. All law schools are required to follow the Model Curricula as provided for in Section 52 of LEBMO No. 1; provided however that, law schools may enrich their curricula to address their special concern or advocacy, or to conform to their respective mission and vision statements or core values;

1.2. The law schools may add but not lessen the total number of units prescribed in Sections 55.1 and 55.2 of LEBMO No. 1; add but not lessen the subjects stated therein; may not add or lessen the number of units and contact hours for each subject as stated in the same issuance; and may not change the nomenclature of the subjects used therein;

1.3. The Model Curricula shall be in full force and effect from the start of School Year 2012-2013, hence, students who have started their law studies under their law schools' old law curriculum shall continue their legal studies and graduate under it; and



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1.4. Law schools may offer simultaneously the LI. B. and J.D. programs; the Board is not averse to a “ladderized system” whereby, in a law school offering the LI.B. and J.D. programs, a student may enrol in LI.B. program and after complying with all its requirements, he may continue earning additional units to complete the requirements for a J.D. degree.

2. Degrees Ad Eundem

“Ad eundem,” etymologically, means “the same as” or “similar to”. This is an old practice which originated in ecclesiastical institutions and then spread to European secular universities. The main purpose is to qualify members of their faculty which, strictly, may not qualify for the highest rank of professorship under their rules, but who are recognized authorities in a branch of law, or acknowledged legal scholars or academics or have occupied high positions in government where law is the primary qualifying attribute, or who have authored law books or written legal treatises; or who were judicial magistrates in collegiate appellate courts who have written doctrinal and profound decisions and the like;

2.1. Conferment of the Degree Master of Laws (LI. M.) Ad Eundem

A duly recognized and reputable graduate school of law may confer the degree of Master of Laws, ad eundem only under the following circumstances:

- a) the applicant is a retired justice of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Sandiganbayan or Court of Tax Appeals;
- b) he or she is an incumbent dean of a law school;
- c) he or she is not the holder of a graduate law degree;
- d) he or she has teaching experience in law before he or she was appointed dean; however, this requirement, for good reason, may be waived by the Board; and
- e) the Board grants the authority applied for.



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The applicant law dean must submit to the graduate law school the copies of his or her important and doctrinal decisions or law books or articles which he or she has authored if any, which shall be evaluated by the graduate school dean or by a panel constituted by him. If the dean or the panel is satisfied that on the bases of the applicants decisions and or legal articles, he or she deserves to be conferred the masteral degree ad eundem, the graduate law dean must ask authority from the Board to grant the same explaining his justification for such conferment.

2.2. Conferment of the Degree Juris Doctor (J.D.) Ad Eundem

A law school operating a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree program may confer this degree ad eundem upon a member of its law faculty whose law degree is Bachelor of Laws (Ll.B.) under the following circumstances:

- a) the professor is generally known as an expert in the subject he is teaching due to his or her extensive and effective teaching of a particular law subject or subjects or has written a law book which is being used by law students and other professors or has written legal articles or monographs which have been published in reputable legal publications;
- b) the law dean considers the law professor as deserving of a J.D. degree ad eundem;
- c) the dean applies to the Board for authority to confer upon said professor the degree Juris Doctor ad eundem stating in his application the justifications for conferring that degree; and
- d) the Board approves the authority applied for.



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Be it Resolved further that the Bar Confidant's Office of the Supreme Court, the Commission on Higher Education Central Office, all its Regional Offices and all law deans shall be furnished copies of this resolution for their information and guidance.

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