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LEB MEMORANDUM ORDER (LEBMO)

No. 15, Series of 2018

Subject: **VALIDATION OF THE LICENSES OF, AND THE LAW CURRICULUM/CURRICULA FOR THE BASIC LAW COURSES IN USE BY, LAW SCHOOLS AND GRADUATE SCHOOLS OF LAW**

In accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 7662 entitled the "Legal Education Reform Act of 1993," and pursuant to LEB Resolution No. 2018-206, adopted during the 80th En Banc meeting of the Legal Education Board on February 13, 2018, all law schools are directed to validate their licenses, and compliance with the law curricula for the basic law degrees prescribed under Sections 55, 55.1, and 55.2 of Legal Education Board Memorandum Order (LEBMO) No. 1, Series of 2011. Towards this end every law school and graduate school of law shall:

A. Government Recognition (GR) Validation

- 1) All Legal Education Institutions (LEIs) shall submit to the Legal Education Board (LEB) within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Memorandum Order any of the following copies of the Government Recognitions for every law program offered:
 - a) Notarial copy of the original GR on file with the LEI, together with the sworn certification by the LEI President that the original of the GR is on file and will be presented before a LEB official for sight verification anytime required; or
 - b) Copy of the GR certified by the issuing agency.

- 2) In case of lost or destroyed records, the LEI may prove its GR through competent secondary evidence by submitting within the given period above to the LEB relevant documents, such as but not limited to a combination of the following documents:
 - a) Copy, facsimile or photograph of the original GR;
 - b) Certification by the granting agency of the issuance of the GR, its number and series, date, program, and grantee institution;
 - c) Certification of lost records by the issuing agency;
 - d) Official documents and issued by the government agencies where the GR issued to the LEI is mentioned or referred to; and
 - e) Official documents and records of the LEI where the GR is mentioned or referred to.

- 3) For State universities and colleges (SUCs), or local universities and colleges (LUCs) that opened law programs in the past by virtue only of resolutions passed by its Board of Regents or governing boards shall submit instead the following documents:
 - a) A copy of the Board resolution certified under notarial oath by the Board Secretary;
 - b) A copy of the charter of the SUC or LUC which authorizes it to offer law programs;

- c) An affidavit executed by the President or the SUC or LUC explaining that the law program was opened by virtue of a resolution by its governing board.
- 4) Upon satisfactorily validating the GR of the LEI, the LEB shall issue a new GR to replace that issued by a predecessor regulatory agency. The new GR shall be suffixed with a "V" to indicate that it is a replacement for a validated GR issued by a predecessor regulatory agency of the LEB.
- 5) The failure by a LEI to validate its GR after six (6) months from the effectivity of this memorandum order shall be sufficient basis for the LEB to issue a closure order to the law program of the LEI and to withdraw the accreditation of its law school or graduate school of law.

B. Law Curriculum/Curricula

- 6) All LEI shall likewise submit to the Legal Education Board (LEB) within 30 days from the effectivity of this Memorandum Order the -
 - a) Copy or copies certified by the dean of the law curriculum or curricula currently in use by the LEI for its academic program or programs leading to a basic law degree or degrees;
 - b) Certified list under the signature of the dean of all elective subjects offered, if any, for the basic law degrees (Ll.B. and J.D.). In cases where elective subjects other than the suggested electives listed in LEB Memorandum Order (LEBMO) No. 1 are offered, the submission shall include the course/subject titles, academic weights, manner/method of instruction, prerequisite subjects, if any, and course descriptions, together with the latest copies of the subject syllabi, of the elective subjects; and
 - c) Copy or copies of the Order(s) issued by the LEB or its predecessor regulatory agencies approving the law curriculum/curricula, and elective subjects.
- 7) All LEI shall review the law curriculum/curricula for the basic law degrees currently in use for its law program to ensure that it is compliant with the prescribed subjects, subject titles/nomenclature, academic weights, prerequisite subjects, and total academic requirements for completion of the degree prescribed under LEBMO Nos. 1 and 5. Where necessary, the law school shall submit not later than April 30, 2018 to the LEB, for approval, an amended curriculum or curricula to correct the deficiencies.
- 8) In case the law curriculum or curricula in use was/were not previously approved by the LEB or its predecessor regulatory agencies, the law school shall formally submit the curriculum/curricula for approval by the LEB within the period set in the preceding section above.
- 9) Effectivity - This Memorandum Order shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and deposit of its copy in the National Administrative Register of the University of the Philippines Law Center.

Issued under the seal of the Legal Education Board this March 15, 2018 in Quezon City, Philippines.

~~EMERSON B. AQUENDE~~
Chairman