



## **LEB Statement on the Supreme Court's resolution of the Pimentel vs. LEB case**

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The Legal Education Board (LEB) gracefully, respectfully and with all humility, accepts the 9 November 2021 Resolution of the Honorable Supreme Court in the consolidated cases of *Pimentel vs. LEB*. The Resolution puts to rest the different issues surrounding academic freedom which have been raised therein, and is proof of national interest in legal education, more particularly, in the advancement thereof. Henceforth, the LEB shall continue fulfilling its essential mandate under R.A. 7662 of reforming and uplifting legal education in the country as it works with the different education stakeholders in a spirit of democratic governance.

As the regulatory mandate of the LEB is reaffirmed, and the limits thereof underscored, the different sectors may now move forward toward other broad areas of engagement. We reach out to our stakeholders, namely, the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, Philippine Association of Law Schools, Philippines Association of Law Professors, Active Law Practitioners and the Association of Law Students of the Philippines, for a more enriched intermingled relationship between and among us, one which would pave the way for critical reform initiatives. It has been proven feasible, possible and most especially, valuable for the sectors represented by the stakeholders on one hand, and the law schools for which the LEB exists on the other, all with indispensable instruction from, guidance of and reverence to the Most Honorable Supreme Court.

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