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**KAGAWARAN NG KATARUNGAN**  
*Department of Justice*  
Manila

ABSC-19J15-\_\_\_\_\_

5 January 2016

**DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO.** 001

**TO ALL CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : REVISED DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY ON ALL APPEALED CASES**

In the interest of the service and pursuant to the provisions of existing laws, Department Circular No. 018 dated 18 June 2014, which sets forth the guidelines to be observed and implemented in the resolution of appealed cases on Petition for Review and Motions for Reconsideration, is hereby amended and revised:

1. Clause 5 shall read as follows:

For purposes of resolving the appeals by way of a petition for review to the Office of the Secretary of Justice, the Undersecretaries of this Department are hereby granted the authority to review, revise, modify, reverse or affirm the resolutions of the Provincial or City or Regional Prosecutors or Prosecutor General, as may be assigned and delegated to them based on the revised raffling system implemented through the Petition for Review Information Systems (PRIS). Only one (1) motion for reconsideration shall be allowed for a party from a resolution of an Undersecretary.

2. Clause 8 shall read as follows:

The *OSEC-PetRev* Docket Section is hereby directed to implement a revised raffling system using the PRIS in coordination with and as approved by the Office of the Secretary of Justice to ensure an expeditious, fair and confidential assignment of petitions for review motions for reconsideration to the Undersecretaries of the Department. The Docket Section shall maintain the strict confidentiality of the raffling and assignment of the foregoing cases.

All pending cases, involving petitions for review, motions for reconsiderations and/or appeals, shall immediately be raffled off and assigned to all incumbent Undersecretaries based on the revised raffling system.

Further, the following additional guidelines shall be observed and implemented:

1. For pending cases, the following Undersecretaries are hereby authorized to resolve, sign or approve Resolutions on Petitions for Review, Automatic Review of, or Appeals from the Resolutions that were formerly raffled off, assigned and/or delegated to the previous Undersecretaries as identified below, pursuant to Department Circular No. 66 dated 31 August 2010 and Department Circular No. 018 dated 18 June 2014:
  - a. Undersecretary Wendell L. Go as regards all pending cases previously raffled off and assigned to Undersecretary Jose F. Justiniano;
  - b. Undersecretary Emmanuel Caparas as regards all pending cases previously raffled off and assigned to Undersecretary Francisco F. Baraan.
2. Undersecretary Zabedin M. Azis shall continue to resolve the cases that have been raffled off and assigned to him.
3. Petitions for review or appealed cases, which are still unassigned, have not been raffled off to the Undersecretaries and/or have not been integrated into the PRIS, shall immediately be forwarded to the NPS Docket for integration with the PRIS and subsequent raffling, assignment and delegation to all incumbent Undersecretaries.

In view of the foregoing, Department Circular No. 66 dated 31 August 2010, is hereby repealed and abandoned in so far as the assignment of cases to the Undersecretaries according to territorial jurisdiction.

Nothing in this Department Circular shall diminish the authority of the Secretary of Justice to directly act on all petitions for review, automatic review or appeals.

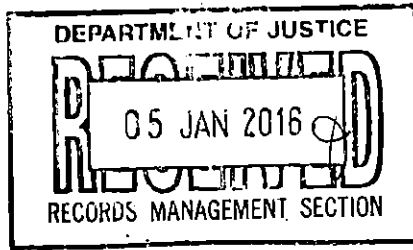
This Department Circular supersedes all issuances inconsistent herewith, takes effect immediately and shall remain in force until further orders.

  
**ALFREDO BENJAMIN S. CAGUIOA**  
Secretary

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