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DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 040

Subject: Exemption of the PAO⁴ lawyers from the requirement of Visitation Clearance under Department Circular No. 032 dated 22 August 2016

Acting on the letter dated 08 September 2016 from the Public Attorney's Office, and consistent with Section 14(2), Article III of the 1987 Constitution, as well as Section 2 of R.A. 7438, relative to the rights of the persons accused, detained, and under custodial investigation, lawyers from the Public Attorney's Office are hereby exempted from the requirement of securing visitation clearance under Department Circular No. 032 dated 22 August 2016.

The foregoing notwithstanding, PAO lawyers are still subject to strict compliance with prison rules and regulations and to the condition that they shall secure/accomplish an Attorney's Pass Form from the Bureau of Corrections prior to their entry, as well as be escorted by proper personnel of the prison facility.

This order takes effect immediately, amends all issuances inconsistent herewith and shall remain in force until further orders.

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