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KAGAWARAN NG KATARUNGAN
Department of Justice
Manila

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 061

TO : **Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries**
The Prosecutor General
Regional/Provincial/City Prosecutors
All Prosecutors
National Prosecution Service (NPS)
All Concerned

SUBJECT : **OCA Circular No. 215-2017**
Re: Plea Bargaining in Drug Cases Pursuant to Estipona
v. Judge Lobrigo, G.R. No. 226679, 15 August 2017

DATE : OCT 26 2017

Attached is a copy of OCA Circular No. 215-2017 dated 23 October 2017 signed by Court Administrator Jose Midas P. Marquez with the subject "**Plea Bargaining in Drug Cases Pursuant to Estipona v. Judge Lobrigo, G.R. No. 226679, 15 August 2017**".

As such, all concerned prosecutors are hereby directed to refrain from acting on motions and request for plea bargaining in drug cases until the Supreme Court has decided the above-mentioned case with finality.

For information and guidance.


VITALIANO N. AGUIRRE II

Secretary

Department of Justice
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Encl.: As stated.



Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
Office of the Court Administrator
Manila

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 215-2017

TO : ALL JUDGES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS

SUBJECT : PLEA BARGAINING IN DRUG CASES PURSUANT
TO *ESTIPONA V. JUDGE LOBRIGO*, G.R. NO. 226679,
15 AUGUST 2017

Considering the numerous inquiries on the effectivity of the implementation of plea bargaining in drug cases pursuant to *Estipona v. Judge Lobrigo*, G.R. No. 226679, 15 August 2017, please be informed that a Motion for Reconsideration in the instant case has been filed and is pending before the Court. Accordingly, all judges are hereby ENJOINED to refrain from acting on motions and requests for plea bargaining in drug cases until the Court has decided the instant case with finality.

For your information and compliance:

23 October 2017


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator