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

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 001

TO : **National Prosecution Service**

SUBJECT : **Prohibition against Electioneering and Partisan Political Activities**

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In the interest of the service and pursuant to existing laws, rules and regulations, members of the **NATIONAL PROSECUTION SERVICE (NPS)** of the Department of Justice are hereby reminded to remain **neutral, impartial and non-partisan** in the performance of their official duties in relation to the upcoming 2019 National and Local Elections.

No less than the 1987 Constitution provides that officers or employees in the civil service (including members of the NPS) are **strictly prohibited** from engaging "*directly or indirectly, in any electioneering or partisan political campaign.*" Likewise, the same is unequivocally proscribed under Executive Order No. 292 (the Administrative Code of 1987), Republic Act No. 7160 (the Local Government Code of 1991), Batas Pambansa Blg. 881 (the Omnibus Election Code), as amended, and other related laws, rules and regulations.

Please be reminded that electioneering or engaging in partisan political activities by one holding a non-political office is a **punishable offense**.

Any violation of the foregoing prohibitory rule shall be **strictly and severely dealt with** to the extent allowed by existing laws, rules and regulations.

**FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE.**

  
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