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

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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TO : Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries  
The Prosecutor General  
The Chief State Counsel  
All Heads of Agencies, Bureaus and Commission  
attached to the DOJ

SUBJECT : **REITERATING THE PROHIBITION ON ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, INCLUDING ITS CONSTITUENT AND ATTACHED AGENCIES, FROM ENTERING, STAYING, PLAYING AND ESCORTING GAMBLERS IN ALL CASINOS AND GAMBLING PREMISES**

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In the interest of the service and pursuant to the directive of the President during the 29<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting held on 11 September 2018 and Memorandum Circular No. 06 series of 2016 entitled: "ENJOINING ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO STRICTLY OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE PROHIBITION AGAINST GOING TO GAMBLING CASINOS", the following prohibition against all government employees from entering and playing in gambling premises is hereby reiterated:

Section 14 (4), Title IV of Presidential Decree No. 1869 entitled "Consolidating and Amending Presidential Decree Nos. 1067-A, 1067-B, 1067-C, 1399 and 1632 Relative to the Franchise and Powers of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR)" enumerates **persons who are not allowed to play in casinos**. It provides:

*"(4) Persons not allowed to play.*

- a) **Government officials connected directly with the operation of government or any of its agencies;**
- b) *Members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, including the Army, Navy, Air Force or Constabulary; and*
- c) *Persons under 21 years of age or students of any school, college or university in the Philippines*

*From these are excepted the personnel employed by the casinos, special guests, or those who at the discretion of the Management may be allowed to stay in the premises.” (Emphasis supplied)*

Accordingly, all officials and employees of the Department of Justice, including all its constituent and attached agencies, are hereby strictly prohibited from entering, staying or playing in casinos or other gambling premises. Further, all employees are likewise prohibited from escorting or accompanying high-stake gamblers from the airport to the casino or other gambling facilities.

Violation of this Circular shall be a ground for disciplinary action, in accordance with existing laws and rules.

All Heads of Offices of constituent and attached agencies, the OIC Prosecutor General, the OIC Chief State Counsel, and Directors of various services and Section Heads are hereby directed to strictly implement and monitor compliance with this directive.

For strict compliance.



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