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KAGAWARAN NG KATARUNGAN
Department of Justice
Manila

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 1008

FOR : **Prosecutor General**
All Prosecutors under the OSJPS
All Prosecutors in the ORPs, OPPs, and OCPs

SUBJECT : **Assessment of Pending Criminal Cases for Offenses Cognizable by the Municipal Trial Courts (MTCs), Municipal Trial Courts in Cities (MTCCs), and Metropolitan Trial Courts (MeTCs)**

DATE : FEB 10 2023

In view of the Department's policy direction to only file cases with a reasonable certainty of conviction, i.e. cases supported by prima facie evidence, and in line with the Judicial Sector Coordinating Council's efforts to unclog and decongest court dockets, all prosecutors handling criminal cases for offenses cognizable by the Municipal Trial Courts (MTCs), Municipal Trial Courts in Cities (MTCCs), and Metropolitan Trial Courts (MeTCs) are hereby enjoined to carefully assess all their cases and to determine if each has a reasonable certainty of conviction based on the evidence in hand, availability of witnesses, and continued interest of private complainants. If, upon assessment by the handling prosecutor, it is determined that there is no such reasonable certainty of conviction, the said handling prosecutor is ordered to immediately file the proper motion to withdraw information.

This Department Circular shall take immediate effect until modified.

For strict compliance.

JESUS CRISPIN C. REMULLA
Secretary

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All concerned.

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