



FIRST REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 57

**RESOLUTION FOR THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION
AUTHORITY TO APPEAL FOR THE EXEMPTION FROM
COMPLIANCE WITH THE MANDATORY CONTINUING
LEGAL EDUCATION OF ALL THE LAWYERS WHO ARE
MEMBERS OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION
AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, a Bangsamoro Transition Commission was established by virtue of Executive Order 120 on December 17, 2013 as a government body tasked to come up with a draft on the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL), which would serve as the basis of a new Bangsamoro political entity;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte amended Executive Order No. 120 through Executive Order No.8 in 2016 which includes the increase of the membership of the Bangsamoro Transition Commission;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed the Organic Law for Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao on July 26, 2018;

WHEREAS, the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao was ratified through a plebiscite on January 21, 2019;

WHEREAS, the eighty (80) appointed members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority took their oath on February 22, 2019 with the official turnover of the ARMM to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region occurred on February 26, 2019;

WHEREAS, the membership in the two (2) Bangsamoro Transition Commission which lasted for almost five (5) years as well as the Bangsamoro Transition Authority which is expected to last for more than two (2) years partly consists of lawyers and/or members of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines who devoted their time, money, and effort in order to contribute in the nation building and negotiation process;

WHEREAS, the members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority are confronted by heavy work schedule as well as duties and responsibilities mandated by R.A. No. 11054, otherwise known as the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, to wit: *enactment of priority legislation, organization of bureaucracy, setting up of offices and institutions necessary for the continued function of government and delivery of social services as well as those necessary for the smooth operations of the first elected Bangsamoro Government in 2022* among others;

WHEREAS, the legal obligations of the members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority demand performance and completion under pressure, deadline and challenging environment in view of the burden of initiating measures required by post-conflict transition and normalization in addition to the immeasurable expectation of the constituents and the National Government to provide smooth transition;

WHEREAS, exemption of all the lawyers who are members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority from compliance with the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education will be a great contribution considering that their role in law-making as well as in the proper observation, interpretation, and application of the 1987 Constitution and existing national laws are vital;

WHEREAS, Section 3, Rule 7 of Bar Matter (B.M.) No. 850 provides that a member of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines may file a verified request setting forth good cause for exemption (such as physical disability, illness, post graduate study abroad, proven expertise in law, etc.) from compliance with or modification of any of the requirements, including an extension of time for compliance, in accordance with a procedure to be established by the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Committee;

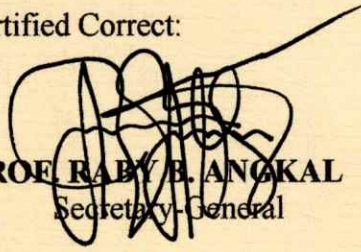
WHEREAS, the members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority consider the above-mentioned circumstances as factors that could serve as basis for *good cause* for exemption from compliance with the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

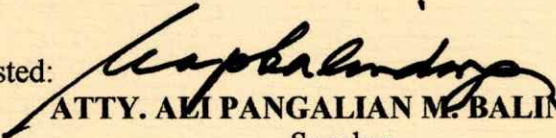
RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to appeal to the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Committee for the exemption from compliance with the mandatory continuing legal education of all the lawyers who are members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority.

Adopted, January 24, 2020.

Certified Correct:


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Speaker

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