

[ **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 265, May 14, 2009**  
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**PROVIDING FREE LEGAL AID FOR THE POOR**

**WHEREAS**, the Public Attorney's Office (PAO) is the principal law office of the government that provides free legal aid to the poor;

**WHEREAS**, the Presidential Commission on the Urban Poor (PCUP) is mandated to coordinate the speedy implementation of government policies and programs for the urban poor;

**WHEREAS**, most of the urban poor in the country is concentrated in Metro Manila;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**Section 1.** The PAO and the PCUP shall work together on programs of providing free legal aid to Metro Manila urban poor.

**Section 2.** All Administrative Orders, rules, and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Administrative Order, are hereby revoked, amended, or modified accordingly.

**Section 3.** This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

**DONE** in the City of Manila, this 14th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

(Sgd.) **GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**  
President of the Philippines

By the President:  
(Sgd.) **EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary

