

[**MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 40-2021, May 31, 2021**]

CREATING THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) ON ELECTRONIC NOTARIZATION

WHEREAS, in Memorandum Order No. 36-2020, dated 12 May 2020, the Sub-Committee on the Revision of the Rules Governing Notaries Public was reorganized to draft the interim rules on remote notarization of paper documents;

WHEREAS, in the Supreme Court *En Banc* issued the Resolution in A.M. No. 20-07-04-SC dated July 14, 2020, approving the 2020 *Interim Rules on Remote Notarization of Paper Documents* submitted by the said Sub-Committee;

WHEREAS, the said *Interim Rules* which took effect on August 16, 2020 are limited to the notarization of paper documents and instruments with handwritten signatures or marks through the use of videoconferencing facilities;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to formulate rules on electronic notarial practice to permit notarization of electronic documents bearing digital signatures;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Technical Working Group on Electronic Notarization is hereby created and constituted as follows:

Chairperson: **Hon. Alfredo Benjamin S. Caguioa**
Associate Justice, Supreme Court

Vice
Chairperson: **Hon. Ramon Paul L. Hernando**
Associate Justice, Supreme Court

Members: **Hon. Jose Midas P. Marquez**
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Executive Judge Marlon Jay Moneva
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