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[A.M. No. 97-9-97-MCTC, October 16, 1997]

REPORT ON THE JUDICIAL AUDIT CONDUCTED IN THE MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT, DINGLE-DUENAS, IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO. JUDGES INOCENTES D. DEOCAMPO, PRESIDING JUDGE, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT, DINGLE-DUENAS, ILOILO. R E S O L U T I O N

PUNO, J.:

This treats of the Report dated August 15, 1997 submitted by Court Administrator Alfredo Benipayo on the judicial audit of the Municipal Circuit Trial Court (MCTC), Dingle-Duenas, Iloilo. The audit and physical inventory of cases was conducted from July 22, 1997 to July 28, 1997 after the compulsory retirement on June 11, 1997 of Hon. Inocentes D. Deocampo, Presiding Judge, MCTC, Dingle-Duenas, Iloilo.

The judicial audit team^[1] found that as of July 23, 1997, the said court had a total of seventy (70) pending cases of which forty (40) were criminal and thirty (30) were civil. The "Monthly Report of Cases for June 1997" of the court stated that there were fifty (50) pending cases with twenty-eight (28) criminal and twenty-two (22) civil cases. Since no new cases were filed for the month of July 1997, the actual caseload was twenty (20) cases more than what was reported.

Of the seventy (70) cases pending, twenty-nine (29) were submitted for decision by Judge Deocampo. The cases and their dates of submission are as follows:

"Case No.	Title	Procedure	Date Submitted for Decision
		RegularSummary	
2. C-1128 3. C-1078 4. C-1093 5. 899 6. C-958	PP v Sombrea -Lapastora -Providindo -Dacudao, et al. -Perez -Perez -Dasmariñas, et al.	x x x x x x x	02-21-97 11-08-91 09-03-91 11-08-91 01-24-90 12-19-89 5-11-95
8. C-1098 9. 1517 10. C-1298 11. C-293 12. C-1652 13. C-1097	-Balayon -Labis -Cabati-a -Sarmiento, et al.	x x x x x x x	10-19-95 12-17-96 12-08-93 8-10-89 11-22-95 07-18-90

15. 16.	C-1792 C-1703		x	x x x	03-06-97 03-97 16 05-19-97 02-16-96
-	C-1197 C-1837	-Daborbor -Miaros		X X	06-17-92
-	C-97	-Sps. Capistrano v. Lames, et al.		x	07-23-90
21.	C-141	-Gemarino, etc. v. Data		x	02-28-91
22.	C-169	-Sugnob, et al. vs. Locsin		х	01-17-94
23.	C-166	-Arroyo, et al. v. Ladoing, et al.		x	05-16-95
24.	C-172	-Sps. Darroca, et al. v. Donasco et al.		x	03-28-94
25.	C-19	-Inherited case		х	09-12-85
26.	C-146	-Comm. Rural Bank of Dingle v. Sps. Salcedo	x		11-27-90
27.	C-107	-Daria v. Sps. Caluya, et al.		х	12-19-91
28.	C-86	-Lazaro v. Guanga, et al.		х	05-27-92
29.	C-219	-Sps. Dumalang v. Lamzon	х		02-27-96" ^[3]

Two (2) cases not yet submitted for decision were found to have motions or incidents pending resolution since 1990.^[4] It was also found that ten (10) civil cases did not proceed for a considerable period of time. These cases are:

"Case No. Title Latest Court Action/Incident 1. C-142 (Di) Tajanlangit, Jr. v. Roces Defendant's Answer filed on 2-27-89 2. C-143 (Di) Sps. de Leon v. Puig, et al Hearing set on 7-31-91 3. C-158 (Di) Lapating v. Jardeleza Hearing set 8-28-91 4. C-164 (Di) Roces, et al. v. Deatras Order dated 10-16-91 denying Motion for Reconsideration on Writ of Preliminary Injunction issued on 8-30-91 5. C-216 Alonday v. Sps. Tajanlangit Order dated 3-12-96: Motion to Admit Answer denied 6. C-218 Cepe v. Daguro Order dated 5-15-97: Reset hearing to 6-17-97