



**Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF ISABELA  
City of Ilagan, Isabela**

**PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE**

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**ATTY. NOEL MANUEL R. LOPEZ**

Provincial Administrator

Sir:

Greetings!

This Office is most respectfully submitting its Accomplishment Report outlining the attainments achieved by this Office for the whole duration of the year 2017. Said attainments are as follows:

1. Rendered legal assistance to TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY (2,590) walk-in clients in the form of, but not limited to, providing legal advice, drafting of legal documents and conduct of preliminary conferences;
2. Passed the Internal and Third-Party Audit for ISO 9001:2008 Certification;
3. Conducted four (4) seminars for dissemination of legal information, particularly legal matters concerning Women's and Children's Rights, and Law Enforcement, both of which held at Camp Melchor F. Dela Cruz, Upi, Gamu and Balai, Alibagu, City of Ilagan, respectively;
4. Institutionalized and made available to the general public the conduct of Preliminary Conference the purpose of which is to settle the disputants legal disagreements at the earliest possible stage;
5. Examined and drafted various contracts, memorandums and other documents used for the successful conduct of Bambanti Day 2017, Isabela Day 2017 and Youth Summit 2017;
6. Examined and drafted various contracts, memorandums and other instruments entered into by the Provincial Government of Isabela ensuring the legality of such transactions;
7. Conducted a Feeding and Free Legal Aid Program at the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, Cauayan City, Isabela.

8. Handled four (4) Administrative Cases filed against PGI Employees, three (3) of which has been resolved and one (1) currently pending;
9. Obtained favorable decision on the following LGU cases represented by this Office, to wit:
  - a. George and Joel Baltazar vs. Provincial Government of Isabela  
Civil Case No. Br. 35-3595  
Handling Court: Court of Appeals  
For: Damages
  - b. Norman L. Tagufa vs. Municipality of Delfin Albano, Isabela  
G.R. No. CV-99495  
Handling Court: Supreme Court
  - c. Zulueta vs. Municipality of Benito Soliven  
For: Mandamus  
Handling Court: Court of Appeals

In addition to the foregoing, the Provincial Legal Office also spearheaded the Provincial Government of Isabela' Legal Aid Program, in cooperation with the Integrated Bar of the Philippines - Isabela Chapter, in which it provided various forms of legal services including, but not limited to, preparation of legal documents, provision of legal advice and counseling and the conduct of Preliminary Conferences in which adverse parties are invited in this Office for the settlement of their differences at the earliest possible stage.

The conduct of the above said Preliminary Conference lead to the compromise between the disputants in the following cases:

- i. Arucan v. Victory Liner, Inc.  
For: Damages
- ii. Carolyn Baniqued v. Domingo F. Chan  
For: Support of Children
- iii. Tomas Masigan vs. Proceso Masigan, et al.  
For: Partition, Reconveyance and Damages
- iv. Kathleen Miranda vs. Melruth Diwa  
For: Online Libel

Cases not resolved through Preliminary Conferences were filed in the proper Court or tribunal. A number of disputes filed resulted to the rendition of favorable decisions on the following cases, viz:

- i. Grace Cabrera-Cheung vs. Oliver Cabrera, et. al.  
For: Unlawful Detainer with Prayer for the Issuance of a Writ of preliminary Mandatory Injunction and Damages.  
  
Outcome: Case decided in favor of Plaintiff.
- ii. Olivia Q. Ancheta Rep. by Calacsan vs Dindo Manglanlan

Handling Court: MTCC, City of Ilagan, Isabela

Outcome: Case decided in favor of Plaintiff.

- iii. Saldivar, et. al vs. UniqMed  
For: Termination Dispute, Claim for Compensation  
Handling Tribunal: DOLE Regional Office No. 02, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan  
  
Outcome: Case decided in favor of Plaintiff
- iv. People of the Philippines vs. Virgilio Agustin  
For: Unjust Vexation  
Handling Tribunal: MCTC Naguilian Isabela  
  
Outcome: Case Decided in favor of Plaintiff

While the following, in addition to the cases already handled by this Office, is either under an investigation stage or has prospered into full-blown trials , to wit:

- i. Bumanglag vs. Domingo  
Handling Court: RTC Branch 20, Cauayan City, Isabela  
  
Status:  
Case is set for Presentation of Evidence
- ii. Sinabban vs. Garcia  
Handling Court: MCTC, Roxas-Quirino, Isabela  
  
Status:  
Case is set for Preliminary Conference
- iii. Tarun vs. Tarun  
Handling Court: RTC Branch 22, Cabagan, Isabela  
  
Status:  
Plaintiff to Present Evidence
- iv. Vicente Gammaru, et. al. vs. Jaylenne Pasion-Soriano, et. al.  
For: Forcible Entry with Preliminary Mandatory Injunction and Damages  
Handling Court: MCTC San Pablo-Santa Maria, Isabela  
  
Status:  
Plaintiff to present Evidence.
- v. Ramos v. Cammayo  
Handling Court: MCTC, San Pablo  
  
Status:  
Plaintiff to present Evidence.
- vi. Flordeliza Tominez vs. Angiemel Gañgan  
For: Violation of RA 7610

Handling Tribunal: Provincial Prosecutor's Office, City of Ilagan, Isabela

Status:

Submitted for Resolution

- vii. Liel Beley vs. Vincent Paul Almazan  
For: Violation of RA 9262  
Handling Court: RTC Branch 18, City of Ilagan, Isabela
  
- viii. People of the Philippines vs. Capili  
Handling Court: RTC Branch 22, Cabagan, Isabela  
  
Status:  
Pending Court Decision
  
- ix. Bautista vs. Buraga  
Handling Tribunal: NAPOLCOM Regional Office No. 02, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan  
  
Status:  
Presentation of Evidence
  
- x. Danao, Laggui and Acosta vs. Beronia  
Handling Court: MTCC Ilagan City, Isabela  
Status:  
Plaintiff to Present Evidence
  
- xi. Acosta v. Cabagan Breeding Station  
For: Protest  
Handling Tribunal: DENR Regional Office II, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan  
  
Status:  
Submitted for Resolution
  
- xii. Jinggoy vs. P02 Cleodate Joa, et al.  
For: Administrative Case  
Handling Tribunal: NAPOLCOM Regional Office II, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan  
  
Status:  
Submitted for Resolution
  
- xiii. Live Life 360 vs. Ricky Manuel, et. al.  
For: Robbery by the Use of Force upon Things  
Handling Tribunal: Provincial Prosecutor's Office, City of Ilagan, Isabela  
  
Status:  
Filed a Complaint-Affidavit
  
- xiv. Live Life 360 vs. Ricky Manuel, et. al.  
For: Robbery by the Use of Force upon Things  
Handling Tribunal: Provincial Prosecutor's Office, City of Ilagan, Isabela  
  
Status:  
Filed a Complaint-Affidavit

We are looking ahead in further assisting the Provincial Government of Isabela attain its mandate, objectives and aims this 2018.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

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