

Good News
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1988 DOLE MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHERIFFS OF REGIONAL OFFICES, AMENDED BY NEW MANUAL

A new Manual for Sheriffs entitled "*DOLE Sheriffs' Manual on Execution of Judgments*" has been signed by the Secretary of Labor and Employment Silvestre H. Bello III on 05 October 2018 amending the 30-year old "*DOLE Manual of Instructions for Sheriffs of Regional Offices*".

During the 2017 Mid-Year Performance Assessment (MYPA) Cluster Meeting, it was noted that the DOLE Legal Service proposed the revision of the above amended Manual due to the repeated filing of Alias Writ of Execution relative to the implementation of the decision/resolution of cases pertaining to Assumption of Jurisdiction and Voluntary Arbitration.

Moreover, it has been observed that the previous Manual only provides for a sixty (60)-day effectivity of its Writ of Execution while Rule 39 of the Rules of Court and Handbook for NLRC Sheriffs provides for a five (5)-year effectivity period.

Pursuant to the proposal of the Legal Service and in recognition of the need to revise the 1988 Manual, Administrative Order No. 437, Series of 2017 has been issued constituting a Technical Working Group (TWG) to revise the 30-year old Manual and designating the Bureau of Working Conditions as Chair and Legal Service as Secretariat.

Members of the TWG are the Bureau of Labor Relations (BLR) and the National Conciliation and Mediation Board (NCMB) while the National Labor Relations Commission was designated as consultant.

Prior to the issuance of the new Manual, a series of meetings and consultations has been held since October 2017 to August 2018; whereby on 15 August 2018, this has been partially approved by the Tripartite Industrial Peace Council.

There being neither further comment nor objection from the issuance of the new Manual, this was then transmitted to the Office of the Secretary for his approval and signature on September 2018.

Fifteen days thereafter from its publication in The Manila Times on 18 October 2018, the *DOLE Sheriffs' Manual on Execution of Judgments* shall take effect on 02 November 2018.

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