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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 most respectfully submits its Accomplishment Report outlining the attainments achieved by this Office for the whole duration of the year 2022, as follows:

1. Rendered legal assistance to TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY (2,944) walk-in clients in the form of, but not limited to, providing legal advice, drafting of legal documents and conduct of preliminary conferences;
2. Examined and drafted various contracts, memorandums and other instruments entered into by the Provincial Government of Isabela ensuring the legality of such transactions;
3. Conducted seminars in various Municipalities in Isabela, to wit;
 - a. Indigenous People's Rights Act & Anti-Violence against women and their Children Act of 2004 (Dinapigue, Isabela);
 - b. Katarungang Pambarangay and Drafting of Resolutions and Ordinances (Cordon, Isabela);
 - c. Protection of Women's Rights at the Barangay Level (Cordon, Isabela);
 - d. Katarungang Pambarangay and Drafting of Resolutions and Ordinances (Cordon, Isabela);
4. Attended the 50th Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) North Luzon Regional Convention and Sports Fest, together with the following dignitaries, to wit;
 - a. HON. ALEXANDER G. GESMUNDO
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the Philippines
 - b. HON. RAMON PAUL L. HERNANDO
Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the Philippines
 - c. HON. MARIO V. LOPEZ

Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the Philippines

d. HON. RAYMOND REYNOLD R. LAUGAN
Associate Justice, Court of Appeals

- 5. 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 before filing of cases in the regular courts.
- 6. Disposed one administrative case filed against a PGI Employee, and four (4) administrative cases pending for investigation and disposition;
- 7. On behalf of the Province, Municipalities and Barangays within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province as well as the cases of qualified indigent litigants under Executive Order No. 2010-16:

CASE		HANDLING LAWYER	STATUS
i.	NAPOCOR vs PGI and Province of Ifugao Civil Case No. 847	Atty. John Ryan P. Torio	Pre-Trial
ii.	George Marayag vs Michael Marayag et. al. Civil Case No. 172 For: Recovery of Possession (Unlawful Detainer) and Damages	Atty. John Ryan P. Torio	Favorable Decision/Pending Appeal
iii.	George Marayag vs Hon. Rogelio Anapi SCA No. 22-81	Atty. John Ryan P. Torio	Petition for Certiorari
iv.	LGU Tumauni, Isabela vs Sps. Leon Bacani, et al. SCA No. 22-52 For: Expropriation	Atty. John Ryan P. Torio	Presentation of Evidence
v.	Rose Phol vs Paul Anthenor Go et. al. Civil Case No. 1634 For: Cancellation of Free Patent Application of Title, Reconveyance with Injunction and Damages	Atty. John Ryan P. Torio	Pre-Trial
vi.	Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM) vs PGI G.R. No. 254952	Atty. John Ryan P. Torio and Atty. Jean Ben G. Singson	Pending Resolution on the Certiorari filed by PSALM

vii.	PGI vs National Power Corporation (NPC) and PSALM Civil Case No. 1676 For: Revival of Judgement	Atty. John Ryan P. Torio and Atty. Jean Ben G. Singson	Suspended Pending Resolution of the Certiorari filed by PSALM before the Supreme Court
viii.	Pp vs Jocelyn Estavillo Crim. Case No. 9031 For: Malversation	Atty. John Ryan P. Torio, Atty. Paul Angelo R. Uy and Atty. Jenny Flor M. Cabaddu	Pre-Trial
ix.	Wilson U. Florida, Melvin Arafiles and Apolinario Jr. vs Geronimo Cabaccan et al. Civil Case No. 13493-15 For: Quasi-Delict (Damages) (Damages amounting to more than Five Hundred Pesos claimed by Florida against Cabaccan)	Atty. John Ryan P. Torio and Atty. Paul Angelo R. Uy	Presentation of Evidence for the defendants
x.	Brgy. Paragu, Municipality of Tumauni, Isabela represented by: Punong Brgy. Fulgencio Pereda vs Virgina A. Guela Spec. Civ. No. 22-70 For: Expropriation and Determination of Just Compensation	Atty. Paul Angelo R. Uy	Issued Order of Possession
xi.	Alma Jacob et. al. vs PGI et. al. Supreme Court G.R. No. 247947 (Echague District Hospital Case Appeal Alma Jacob)	Atty. Paul Angelo R. Uy (Counsel for PGI)	Resolved
xii.	PGI vs Alma Jacob G.R. No. 250218 CA G.R. C.V. No. 106579 (Echague District Hospital case Appeal of PGI)	Atty. Paul Angelo R. Uy (Counsel for PGI)	Pending Appeal
xiii.	In re: Petition for the reconstitution of New Owner's Duplicate of Title Noel Quiatchon represented by Marciano C. Vehemente LRC Pet. No. 19-47	Atty. Paul Angelo R. Uy (Counsel for Marciano Vehemente employee of ROD)	Favorable decision granting the Petition

<p>xiv. In re: Petition for the reconstitution and issuance of lost Original Owner's Copy of TCT No. 89930 issued and registered in the name of Polegena Lizardo by the Registry of Deeds of City of Ilagan, Isabela Heirs of Polegena Lizardo represented by: Edly Lizardo Balisi vs the Registry of Deeds of Isabela LRC Pet. No. 19-16</p>	<p>Atty. Paul Angelo R. Uy (Counsel for the Petitioner)</p>	<p>Judgement Rendered Granting Petition</p>
<p>xv. Heirs of Sebastian Alindayu vs Banquero Elementary School Brgy. Banquero, DILG-LGU Water District and Atty. Lourdes Respicio-Saguban Municipal Mayor of Reina Mercedes, Isabela</p>	<p>Atty. Paul Angelo R. Uy (Counsel for the Defendant LGU of Reina Mercedes)</p>	<p>Submitted for Decision</p>
<p>xvi. In re: Petition for Issuance of New Owner's Duplicate Copy of Title No. EP-30614 in the name of LGU of Brgy. Doña Paulina (Formerly Brgy. Victoria), San Isidro, Isabela represented by Brgy. Captain Jonathan V. Sales</p>	<p>Atty. Jean Ben G. Singson (Counsel for the Petitioner)</p>	<p>Ex-parte presentation of Evidence</p>
<p>xvii. ABC vs Cristaline Castelo Admin. Case No. 1713-4-2005</p>	<p>Atty. Jean Ben G. Singson (Counsel of the Complainant)</p>	<p>Submitted Position Paper</p>
<p>xviii. Pp vs Benjamine Ramos Crim. Case No. 20-149 For: Grave Oral Defamation</p>	<p>Atty. Jean Ben G. Singson (Counsel of the Accused)</p>	<p>Trial</p>
<p>xix. Pp vs Edwin Limbauan Case No. 66-67-2021 For: Malicious Mischief & Usurpation of Property</p>	<p>Atty. Jean Ben G. Singson (Counsel of the Accused)</p>	<p>Pre-Trial</p>
<p>xx. Pp vs. Grace Salvador Case No. 47-19 For: Other Forms of Swindling</p>	<p>Atty. Jean Ben G. Singson (Counsel of the Accused)</p>	<p>Trial</p>
<p>xxi. Pp vs Angelo Trinidad Case No. 4064-4068 For: Rape by Sexual Assault & Child Abuse</p>	<p>Atty. Jean Ben G. Singson (Counsel of the Accused)</p>	<p>Trial</p>

<p>xxii. Pp vs Gemmalyn Garces y Cagabi Criminal Case No. 22-193</p> <p>For: Falsification of Public Documents</p>	<p>Atty. Jean Ben G. Singson</p> <p>(Counsel for the Private Complainant PGO)</p>	<p>Arraignment and Pre-Trial</p>
<p>xxiii. Municipality of Echague rep: by Hon. Leoncio Kiat (Now rep: by Hon. Francis Faustino A. Dy, Municipal Mayor vs Joselito M. Lim, Emilie Villaflores Dr. Gregorio Rivera, Roberto P. Gabriel, Aludia Sevilla-Flores, Isabela P. Galagnara, Carmelita Tan and Edilberto Lopez)</p>	<p>Atty. Jean Ben G. Singson</p> <p>Counsel for LGU Echague, Isabela)</p>	<p>For Execution</p>
<p>xxiv. Pp vs Adrian Nicolas Roque Crim. Case No. 9973</p> <p>For: Malversation of Public Funds</p>	<p>Atty. Atty. Jenny Flor T. Manantan-Cabaddu</p> <p>(Representative of the Complainant PGI)</p>	<p>Pre-Trial</p>
<p>xxv. Vilma P. Mendoza, et. al. vs Brgy. Oscariz, Ramon, Isabela</p> <p>For: Recovery of Possession and Damages</p>	<p>Atty. Jenny Flor T. Manantan-Cabaddu and Atty. Jean Ben G. Singson</p> <p>(Counsel for the Defendant)</p>	<p>Submitted for Decision</p>
<p>xxvi. Aldrin Eclipse vs Esteffanie Mallavo</p> <p>For: Intriguing Against Honor</p>	<p>Atty. Jenny Flor T. Manantan-Cabaddu</p> <p>(Counsel for the Respondent)</p>	<p>Pending Preliminary Investigation</p>
<p>xxvii. Harjane Boce vs Maricel Figarola</p> <p>For: Slight Physical Injury</p>	<p>Atty. Jenny Flor T. Manantan-Cabaddu</p> <p>(Counsel for the Respondent)</p>	<p>For Arraignment and Pre-Trial</p>
<p>xxviii. ABC vs Erlito P. Duque</p>	<p>Atty. Karla Louise S. Dioquino-Agbayani</p> <p>(Counsel for the Complainant)</p>	<p>Respondent at Large</p>
<p>xxix. Prudencio Camannong vs Mario Cabang</p>	<p>Atty. Karla Louise S. Dioquino-Agbayani</p> <p>(Counsel for the Respondent)</p>	<p>On Compromise Agreement</p>
<p>xxx. Pp vs Jose Rodriguez</p>	<p>Atty. Karla Louise S. Dioquino-Agbayani</p> <p>(Counsel for the Accused)</p>	<p>On Appeal to the Supreme Court</p>

<p>xxxi. Rolando Sales Aggabao vs Roselily Baquiran Special Civil Action No. 22-80 For: Mandamus</p>	<p>Atty. Karla Louise S. Dioquino-Agbayani (Counsel for the Accused)</p>	<p>Compel for procedural steps but without prejudice to the exercise of the respondent on the merits of application</p>
<p>xxxii. LGU Roxas, Isabela, Rep. by Hon. Jonathan Jose C. Calderon, Local Chief Executive vs Agosto Manuel et. al. Civil Case No. 1089 For: Forcible Entry with Prayer for Damages Preliminary Injunction and/or TRO</p>	<p>Atty. Clive Hendelson F. Cariaga (Counsel for the Plaintiff)</p>	<p>Submitted Position Paper; case is submitted for decision</p>
<p>xxxiii. Heirs of Margarita T. Pascua represented by her husband Dionisio Pascua vs Municipality of San Isidro, Isabela represented by Mayor Abraham T. Lim Civil Case No. 36-3702 For: Just Compensation with Damages</p>	<p>Atty. Clive Hendelson F. Cariaga (Counsel for the Defendant)</p>	<p>Court of Appeals issued an Order directing the filing of Appellant's Brief (for compliance)</p>
<p>xxxiv. Heirs of Facundo Licayan vs Municipality of Echague Civil Case No.24-0754</p>	<p>Atty. Clive Hendelson F. Cariaga (Counsel for the Defendant)</p>	<p>Court of Appeals issued a Resolution in favor of the Defendant Municipality (dismissed Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration)</p>
<p>xxxv. LGU of Divilacan, Isabela rep: by Municipal Mayor Hon. Venturito C. Bulan vs Heirs of Ernesto O. Martin, Sr. rep: by Evangeline Martin Fajardo</p>	<p>Atty. Clive Hendelson F. Cariaga (Counsel for the Protestant)</p>	<p>Protest Awaiting DARAB's Order</p>
<p>xxxvi. Estefania R. Agcanas and Vicente Raymundo, Sr. Rep. by Florida Agcanas Labios and Cesar Raymundo Agcanas vs. Sps Jonathan Agcanas and Villa Lina Agcanas, Brgy. 2, Jones, Isabela et. al. Civil Case No. 24-1119 For: Cancellation and Recovery of Title, Ownership and Damages</p>	<p>Atty. Clive Hendelson F. Cariaga (Counsel for LGU Brgy. 2, Jones, Isabela)</p>	<p>Court ordered the Plaintiff to serve Summons by Publication</p>
<p>xxxvii. Heirs of Primo Gaffud vs Municipality of Echague, Isabela Civil Case No. 04-0663 For: Accion Reivindicatoria or Recovery of Ownership and/or Possession</p>	<p>Atty. Analou A. Villeza (Counsel for LGU Echague, Isabela)</p>	<p>For submission of Pre-trial Brief</p>

xxxviii. Josefina Villanueva vs Brgy. Taggapan, Echague Civil Case No. 1089 SCA No. 2019-08 For: Unlawful Detainer	Atty. Analou A. Villeza (Counsel for LGU Echague, Isabela)	Compromise Agreement was executed by the parties
xxxix. City of Santiago vs Municipality of Cordon, San Isidro, Echague Province of Isabela, Municipality of Saguday, Quirino and DENR Civil Case No. 35-3978 For: Boundary Dispute	Atty. Analou A. Villeza (Counsel for LGUs Cordon, San Isidro and Echague, Isabela)	Pre-Trial Stage
xl. Pp vs Juanito Buizon Criminal Case No. 22-190 For: Reckless Imprudence Resulting to Homicide, Serious Physical Injuries and Damage to Property	Atty. Analou A. Villeza	Continuation of Reception of Evidence for the Prosecution
xli. DENR-PENR Sub-Office Roxas, Isabela vs Eliseo B. Arieta, Sr. at. Al. For violation of Sec. 78 of PD 705	Atty. Jann Victor D. Fermin III / Atty. Jean Ben G. Singson	Pending Negotiation
xlii. Balicasan vs. Geronimo et al.	Atty. Jean Ben G. Singson	Dismissed
xlili. Civil Service Commission vs. Hortencia R. Galapon For: Simple Neglect of Duty	Atty. John Ryan P. Torio Atty. Paul Angelo R. Uy	Decided (CSC found Ms. Galapon not guilty of Simple Neglect of Duty but admonished Ms. Hortencia Galapon to be more circumspect with her actions)
xliv. Heirs of Elma A. Danao vs. Fortunata Castro Tinaza PENRO Case No. 08-2021-218-03	Atty. Jann Victor D. Fermin III	Dismissed

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.

Below are the outcomes of the Preliminary Conferences conducted by the Provincial Legal Office, to wit:

PARTIES	ISSUE	OUTCOME
Joelito Ballesteros Lozano vs. Jessica R. Huidem	Collection of debt	Drafted Deed of Acknowledgment of Debt
Patricia Cabaccan vs. Rodrigo Cabaccan	Support of Children who are still studying in College	Both parties entered into a compromise agreement
Dolores M. Ubal vs. Rodrigo Cabaccan	Collection of Sum of Money	Compromise agreement was executed between the parties
Joelito Ballesteros Lozano vs. Jessica R. Huidem	Non-payment of debt	Compromise agreement was executed between the parties
Catherine T. Barber vs. Celestino D. Barber, Jr.	Abandonment; Failure to give support	Compromise agreement for support
Orlando Bulan vs. Graciano Larugal, Charlie Larugal and Eduardo Aguinaldo	Land Dispute	Claims of both parties regarding boundaries cannot be reasonably determined from the documents the brought. It is best that an actual survey of the lot, by both parties, be conducted.
Normalita Lee/IFFRACC vs. G. Severino Bacani	Learning Site Registration	IFFRAC decided to dose their ties with Bacani and its learning site. There will be scheduling of meetings regarding the said matter.
Imelda Aggabao-Dela Cruz vs. PagIBIG HDMF Tuguegarao Housing Business Center	Request for the revision of Deed of Sale by virtue of supervening event (Death of the Original Buyer)	PagIBIG HDMF granted the request for revision of the Deed of Sale
Brgy. San Juan, Delfin Albano, Isabela rep. by Brgy. Captain George Pua Marquez vs. Brgy. Kagawad Romulo Guting, Jr.	Removal of Obstruction from the Barangay Road/ Grant of Easement of right of way	Adverse Party refuses to remove pile of hollow blocks blocking the barangay road Adverse party likewise refuses to enter into a right of way agreement with the Barangay

We are looking ahead in further assisting the Provincial Government of Isabela attain its mandate, objectives and aims this 2023.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,


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Provincial Legal Officer