

RE : Supreme Court (“SC”) *Administrative Circular No. 34-2020*  
*Extension of Enhanced Community Quarantine Over Luzon*  
*until 30 April 2020*

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#### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?

- The Supreme Court extended the “*adjustments*” it implemented in **SC Administrative Circular 31-2020** as a result of the extension of the *Enhanced Community Quarantine* over Luzon until 30 April 2020.



Among the **new** adjustments are the following :

- **ALL COURTS** shall remain **PHYSICALLY CLOSED** to all court users and **ALL COURT ACTIONS** for non-urgent matters shall continue to be **SUSPENDED** until 30 April 2020. Nevertheless, the courts shall continue its office operations from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- **ALL ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION MUST BE TRANSMITTED TO THE COURTS FROM 8:30 AM TO 2:00 PM.**
- The following shall **CONTINUE TO BE IN EFFECT** until 30 April 2020:
  - **Online filing of criminal complaints and information;**
  - **Posting of bail; and**
  - **Submission of other urgent pleadings.**
- The **FILING** of *Petitions and Appeals, Complaints, Motions, Pleadings and other Court submissions* that fall due until 30 April 2020 shall be **EXTENDED** for thirty (30) calendar days, counted from 1 May 2020. Nevertheless, *Pleadings and other Court submissions* may still be filed on or before 30 April 2020 through electronic means, if available.
- **PRESCRIPTIVE PERIODS** are also extended for thirty (30) calendar days, the same to be counted from 1 May 2020.

NOTE:

It is submitted that abovementioned **FILING PERIOD** and **PRESCRIPTIVE PERIOD** pertains to those periods falling within the 8 April 2020 (date of SC Administrative Circular 34-2020) to 30 April 2020 time frame.



HERE'S AN EXAMPLE :



- If Atty. Juan dela Cruz is required to file his *Answer* on 10 April 2020 (deadline for filing), he has the following options:
  - He may file his *Answer*, without being in default, on 31 May 2020 (i.e. : 30 days counted from 1 May 2020); or
  - He may file his *Answer* on or before 10 April 2020 either by **facsimile** or by any **electronic means** (e.g. e-mail), if available.

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