

MEMORANDUM No. 09, Series of 2008

To : **PRC Application Division**

FROM : **Professional Regulatory Board of ARCHITECTURE (PRBoA)**

RE : **Instruction to Immediately Accept Logbooks for Diversified Experience in Architecture (LDEA) WITH OR WITHOUT A DEAN'S SIGNATURE for All Examinee Applications filed for the 26 & 28 June 2008 Architecture Licensure Examinations (ALE) and for Future ALEs**

DATE : 23 May 2008

Mesdames and Sirs,

Recently, the PRBoA has been the recipient of several official/ unofficial complaints (received through various media) that the LDEAs of some examinees are being **deliberately withheld** by certain deans/ schools of architecture, **pending** the examinees' taking/ passing of a **pre-ALE** examination or **pre-ALE** interviews conducted by the said deans/ schools, preparatory to the June 26 & 28, 2008 ALE. Such an act has apparently **no** basis in law, has **no** requisite PRC/ PRBoA permission/ sanction and unduly compromises the rights of the examinees.

Please be advised that in a PRBoA letter to an architectural school and in the PRBoA position disseminated last December 2007 (copies of which were reviewed by/ furnished the PRC Chairperson Leonor Tripon-Rosero and other concerned PRC offices), the PRBoA has **officially ruled** that such practices are **not** in accordance with the spirit and intent of R.A. No. 9266 (The Architecture Act of 2004) **nor is there legal basis** under R.A. No. 9266 for such an **extra-academic/ post-baccalaureate** requirement.

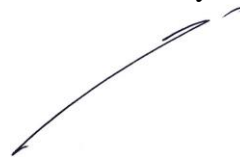
Electronic copies of the PRBoA letter and position concerning the standing of the deans' signatures of the LDEA have also been disseminated through the PRBoA website (www.architectureboard.ph) and through data CDs that have been submitted by the PRBoA to the PRC last March 2008 and thereafter freely distributed to various stakeholders (including the CODHASP, the organization of architectural schools and the UAP-IAPOA).

This apparent willful act of "hostaging" the examinees' LDEA was **never** countenanced by the previous PRBoA, a member of which (Arch. Miguel Caluza) previously explained to the incumbent PRBoA that the LDEA dean's box is simply for use to **convey information as to the examinees' school of origin**, nothing more. That the LDEA dean's box is now being used to potentially harass and impose **additional** conditions on aspirants to the profession (**after** they have graduated and **after** they have completed 2 years of **post-baccalaureate sub-professional** work) and to potentially **compromise**, if not **undermine** the constitutional rights/ liberties of the examinees, particularly their right to self-determination, are acts that must be **immediately addressed** by the PRBoA and the PRC, as such acts by the concerned deans/ schools have **no clear nor legal bases** under R.A. No. 9266.

In view of the foregoing and consistent with its official position, the PRBoA hereby officially instructs the **PRC Application Division to immediately accept** LDEAs submitted as part of the examinees' ALE application, **with or without a dean's signature**, which shall henceforth be treated as an **optional requirement** for ALE applications. **This matter shall take effect immediately and shall be the standing policy** insofar as LDEAs are concerned, until further notice from the PRBoA.

Thank You very much for the attention and assistance You shall give the PRBoA in regard to this very, very urgent and serious matter.

Yours sincerely,



ARMANDO N. ALLÍ, PRBoA Chairman

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