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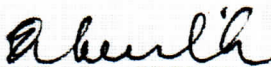
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SUBJECT : FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO COOPERATIVES  
DULY REGISTERED UNDER R.A. 6938

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Attached herewith is a copy of a Department Circular No. 26 of the Department of Justice, dated March 17, 1994.

In effect, this department circular directs all government prosecutors to provide free legal assistance to cooperatives duly registered with the Cooperative Development Authority.

For information.

  
EDNA E. ABERILLA  
Chairperson

Encl : a/s

March 17, 1994

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 26

TO: THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, REGIONAL  
STATE PROSECUTORS, PROVINCIAL AND  
CITY PROSECUTORS

RE: FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO COOPERATIVES  
DULY REGISTERED UNDER R.A. 6938

Article 63(10) of Republic Act No. 6938 (The Cooperative Code of the Philippines) provides that cooperatives duly registered under the Cooperative Development Authority shall enjoy the privilege of being represented by the provincial or city prosecutor or the Office of the Solicitor General, free of charge, except when the adverse party is the Republic of the Philippines.

In this connection, you are hereby directed:

a. to represent the cooperative seeking your services in all civil actions and special proceedings wherein the cooperative concerned or any official thereof, in his official capacity, is a party, except when such cooperative is already represented by the Office of the Solicitor General.

b. to render opinion in writing on any question of law when requested by the cooperative, or by its responsible officer;

c. to extend legal assistance in cases involving the internal affairs of the cooperative which require the services of a lawyer;

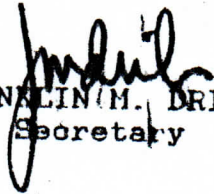
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d. to provide legal assistance in administrative cases filed by the cooperative against any of its officers or employees; and

e. to perform such other powers and duties or functions as may help the cooperative and as required by the circumstances.

Investigation and prosecution of criminal complaints initiated by the cooperative against any person, including its officers or employees, shall be conducted in accordance with existing rules and procedures on the matter.

This Order takes effect immediately and shall continue to be in force and effect until further orders.

  
FRANKLIN M. DRILON  
Secretary