



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SENATE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL
COA-NCR Bldg., Batasan Road, Quezon City

FRANCIS N. TOLENTINO,
Protestant,

- versus -

SET CASE No. 001-16

LEILA M. DE LIMA,
Protestee.

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RESOLUTION NO. 16-27

Before the Tribunal are:

- (a) *Entry of Appearance* of the Esguerra & Blanco Law Firm as collaborating counsel for Protestant Francis N. Tolentino;
- (b) *Manifestation with Motion* of counsel for Protestee Leila M. de Lima, stating that Protestee has still to receive a copy of Protestant Tolentino's Motion for Reconsideration (of Resolution No. 16-21) and praying that Protestee be allowed to have a copy of said Motion from the records of the Tribunal instead of waiting for the copy intended for her to arrive either by registered mail or personal service and that she be given three (3) days from receipt of a copy of the Motion for Reconsideration within which to submit her Comment and/or Opposition thereto; and
- (c) *Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply* filed by the Commission on Elections (Commission), through its Law Department, requesting an additional period of ten (10) days from 17 January 2017 or until 27 January 2017 within which to file its Reply to Protestant Tolentino's *Comment on Manifestation and Motion*, due to the

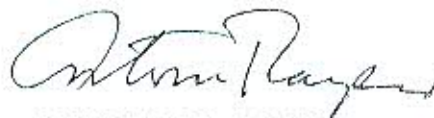
number of cases lodged or filed against the Commission, all on top of its mandate and other duties.

ACTING ON THE FOREGOING, the Executive Committee of the Tribunal resolves to:

- (a) **NOTE** the *Entry of Appearance* of the Esguerra & Blanco Law Firm as collaborating counsel for Protestant Francis N. Tolentino;
- (b) **GRANT** the *Motion* of Protestee Leila M. de Lima. Let a copy of Protestant Tolentino's *Motion for Reconsideration (of Resolution No. 16-21)* be furnished counsel for Protestee de Lima, who is given three (3) days from receipt thereof within which to file the required Comment; and
- (c) **GRANT** the *Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply* filed by the Commission on Elections. The Commission is given ten (10) days from 17 January 2017 or until 27 January 2017 within which to file the required Reply.

SO ORDERED.

17 January 2017.



ANTONIO T. CARPIO
Senior Associate Justice
Chairperson



TERESITA J. LEONARDO-DE CASTRO
Associate Justice
Member



LUCAS P. BERSAMIN
Associate Justice
Member