



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SENATE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL

COA-NCR Bldg., Batasan Road, Quezon City

FRANCIS N. TOLENTINO,

Protestant,

SET Case No. 001-16

-versus-

LEILA M. DE LIMA,

Protestee.

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RESOLUTION NO. 16 - 71

Resolution No. 16-69, dated 11 October 2017, granted accreditation to all the revisors, alternate revisors, supervisors and assistant supervisors which are included in the parties' respective lists, as well as the counsel of Protestee de Lima, thereby allowing them to participate in or observe the revision proceedings.

It would appear, however, that Protestant Tolentino, in his *Manifestation* dated 09 October 2017, failed to identify his legal counsel for accreditation. Realizing the omission, Protestant Tolentino filed on 12 October 2017 another *Manifestation* dated 11 October 2017, identifying in its Annex "A" the names of his counsel in the revision proceedings, as follows:

	Name	Address
1	Atty. Reody Anthony M. Balisi	4 th Floor, S & L Bldg., Dela Rosa cor. Esteban Streets, Legaspi Village, Makati City
2	Atty. Alex Francis Ver R. Lopez	
3	Atty. Sara Mae D. Mawis	

Although Resolution No. 16-65, dated 14 September 2017, required the parties to submit the names and addresses of their respective party revisors, alternate party revisors, supervisors and counsel not later than 09 October 2017, the said Order is not restrictive in character. The deadline given is only for the purpose of giving the Human Resources Management Service of the Tribunal ample time to prepare the Identification Cards to be issued to all the personnel

identified by the parties as their authorized representatives before the start of the revision proceedings on 16 October 2017.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, the Executive Committee of the Tribunal hereby resolves to **GRANT** accreditation to all the above-named legal counsel of Protestant Tolentino. The accreditation is likewise governed by the limitations set forth in Rule 14 in relation to Rule 29 of the Rules and Procedures Governing the Revision of Ballots under the Automated Election System which allow only one party counsel in the revision area at any given time.

Moreover, their accreditation may be withdrawn, in accordance with Rule 48 of the 2013 Rules of the Tribunal, for disorderly conduct, unruly behavior or for such acts as would tend to delay, disrupt and/or disturb the proceedings. In such instances, the Tribunal Revision Supervisor is authorized to remove or oust a party counsel from the revision proceedings, and prohibit participation in subsequent proceedings.

SO ORDERED.

18 October 2017.


TERESITA J. LEONARDO-DE CASTRO

Associate Justice
Acting Chairperson


LUCAS P. BERSAMIN
Associate Justice
Member


JOEL VILLANUEVA
Senator
Member