

**[ IPO Office Order No. 15-067, April 10, 2015 ]**

**SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES TO OFFICE ORDER NO. 154, S. 2010**

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Pursuant to the directive under Executive Order No. 523, and Section 7.1 of Rep. Act No. 8293, also known as the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines ("IP Code"), Office Order No. 154, s. 2010 (Rules of Procedure for IPO Mediation Proceedings) is hereby modified, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 2 of Office Order No. 154, s. 2010 is hereby modified to read:

" Section 2. Mandatory mediation of cases. – All cases enumerated under Section 1 shall be referred to mediation. The mediator shall be selected from the list of IPO accredited mediators.

" Subject to the attached Guidelines (Annex), parties may also opt/agree to submit their dispute to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Mediation."

**SECTION 2.** The sanctions provided in the first paragraph of Section 8 of Office Order No. 154, s. 2010, shall also apply to cases submitted to WIPO Mediation.

**SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.*** – All other office Memoranda, memorandum circulars, rules or regulations inconsistent with this Office Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Office Order is declared unconstitutional or void by any court of competent jurisdiction, or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the constitutionality and validity of the remainder of this Office Order shall not be affected thereby, and to this end the sections and provisions hereof are declared to be severable.

**SECTION 5. *Effectivity.*** – This Office Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after date of publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

**SECTION 6. *Submission to the University of the Philippines Law Center.*** – Three (3) certified copies of this Office Order shall be submitted to the National Registry at the University of the Philippines Law Center.