

**[ OTO OFFICE ORDER NO. 40-05, April 04, 2005 ]**

**DELEGATION OF FINAL APPROVING AUTHORITY TO THE DEPUTY OMBUDSMAN FOR LUZON, DEPUTY OMBUDSMAN FOR VISAYAS AND DEPUTY OMBUDSMAN FOR MINDANAO**

In the exigency of the service, except when otherwise ordered by the Ombudsman, the disposition of administrative and criminal cases involving any of the following, viz:

- 1) City and Municipal mayors;
- 2) Provincial vice-governors, members of the sangguniang panlalawigan, provincial treasurers, assessors, engineers and other provincial department heads;
- 3) City vice-mayors, members of the sangguniang panlungsod, city treasurers, assessors, engineers and other city department heads;
- 4) Assistant city and provincial prosecutors;
- 5) Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors;
- 6) Presidents, directors or trustees, or managers of state universities or educational institutions or foundations;
- 7) Chancellors of state universities, colleges and other educational institutions or foundations;
- 8) Director-Generals of government/public hospitals and/or medical institutions; and
- 9) Labor arbiters,

as the highest ranking respondent, where the offense charged involves injury or damage amounting to, or valued at, Two Million Pesos (P2,000,000.00) or less, or where the maximum imposable penalty for any of the offense charged does not exceed twenty (20) years imprisonment, shall be subject to the final approval of the Deputy Ombudsman concerned; *provided*, that, where the offense charged involves injury or damage amounting to, or valued at, more than Two Million Pesos (P2,000,000.00), or where the maximum imposable penalty for any of the offense charged is more than twenty (20) years imprisonment, the disposition shall be subject to the final approval of the Ombudsman.

In the foregoing dispositions that are subject to the final approval of the Deputy Ombudsman concerned, the undersigned hereby delegates to the latter further authority to approve and sign any corresponding criminal information, whether to be filed with the regular courts or the Sandiganbayan; *provided*, however, that,