

## SECOND DIVISION

**[ G.R. No. 143385, September 07, 2000 ]**

**THE LEARNING CHILD, INC. AND REGINA ALFONSO,  
PETITIONERS, VS. ANNIE LAZARO AND GORGONIA LEDESMA,  
RESPONDENTS.**

### **D E C I S I O N**

**BUENA, J.:**

On June 16, 2000, petitioners, through counsel, filed with this Court, a motion for thirty (30) days extension of time, or up to July 17, 2000, to file petition for review on certiorari, to assail the Decision dated May 24, 2000, of the Court of Appeals in CA-G.R. No. 52788. Said motion was granted by this Court in a Resolution dated July 17, 2000. On even date, petitioners, with the conformity of the respondents, filed a Manifestation With Motion (For the Approval of Attached Compromise Agreement).

Attached to the Compromise Agreement (Annex "A" of the Manifestation and Motion) are the following annexes: Annex "B," which is a Special Power of Attorney executed by the Acting Corporate Secretary Mary Anne Alfonso of petitioner The Learning Child, Inc., appointing the law office of Zulueta, Puno, and Associates, as represented by Atty. Patricia Grace A. Gustilo, to be its attorney-in-fact to represent it at the compromise and settlement of this case; Annex "C," which is the Special Power of Attorney executed by petitioner Maria Regina Alfonso appointing the same law office as her attorney-in-fact to represent her at the compromise and settlement of this case; and Annex "D," which is a Secretary's Certificate stating that the Board of Directors of The Learning Child, Inc. resolved to appoint said law office as the corporation's attorney-in-fact, to do all acts necessary in final settlement of this case.

The duly notarized Compromise Agreement reads:

#### **"COMPROMISE AGREEMENT**

"Petitioners-Appellants The Learning Child, Inc. and Regina Alfonso, herein represented by their counsel and attorney-in-fact, Atty. Patricia Grace A. Gustilo of Zulueta, Puno, and Associates, duly appointed and authorized by Petitioners-Appellants pursuant to a Board Resolution and Special Power of Attorney (copies of which are hereto attached as Annexes 'A,' 'B,' and 'C,' and made as integral parts hereof) to enter into a settlement of the above-captioned case; and Respondents-Appellees Annie Lazaro and Gorgonia Ledesma, assisted by counsel, unto this Honorable Court, most respectfully submit the following Compromise Agreement:

"Whereas, the instant case arose out of a complaint for alleged 'illegal