## Practice Guidelines on Case Management During the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic No.3, dated 4 January B.E. 2564 (2021)

With reference to the Practice Guidelines on Case Management During the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic for offices under the Office of the Judiciary No. 1, dated 28 December B.E. 2563 (2020) and No. 2, dated 29 December B.E. 2563 (2020), as well as the current pandemic which affects many areas and causes a number of areas to be declared as the maximum control area (Red Zone) with the consequence of travel restriction experienced by parties to the court and the adjudication of cases by the Court, the Sub-Committee on Studying, Monitoring and Solving Problems Related to Case Management During the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic, in this regard, deems appropriate to prescribe the Practice Guidelines on Case Management During the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic for offices under the Office of the Judiciary No. 3, dated 4 January B.E. 2563 (2021), which shall be in effect between 4 – 31 January 2021, as follows:

- 1. Courts of First instance shall adjourn fast-track cases, general cases and complex cases which are scheduled for trial and adjudication between 5 31 January 2021, except for cases which can be managed under the Practice Guidelines No. 1, dated 28 December B.E. 2563 (2020). The measure on management for court offices in the maximum control area (Red Zone) under such Practice Guidelines and the Practice Guidelines No. 2, dated 29 December B.E. 2563 (2020), shall be applied;
- 2. Appellate courts and the Supreme Court may adjourn cases scheduled for adjudication between 5 31 January 2021 as deemed appropriate;
- 3. Work from home policy shall be implemented under Section 2.2 of the Practice Guidelines No. 1, dated 28 December B.E. 2563 (2020),
  - 3.1 Courts of First instance, Appellate courts and the Supreme Court

For tasks that do not need to be performed at the court, the responsible person for judicial affairs may permit judges to perform such tasks outside the court (Work from Home) as appropriate and necessary.

The responsible person for judicial affairs may assign judicial service officers to perform their duties at the office or outside the office according to the corresponding letter of the Office of the Judiciary, URGENT, No. *Sor Yor* 004/*Wor*64 (*Por*), dated 24 March B.E. 2563 (2020), Subject: Measure on Performing Work outside the Office During the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic, with the aim of reducing the

number of personnel on duty at the office as necessary to avoid detriment to judicial services.

3.2 Offices of the regional Chief Justice and the central offices under the Office of the Judiciary

The responsible person for judicial affairs may assign judges to perform their works as appropriate and necessary, and judicial service officers to perform their duties at the office or outside the office according to the corresponding letter of the Office of the Judiciary, URGENT, No. *Sor Yor* 004/*Wor*64 (*Por*), dated 24 March B.E. 2563 (2020), Subject: Measure on Performing Work outside the Office During the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic, with the aim of reducing the number of personnel on duty at the office as necessary to avoid detriment to judicial services;

- 4. All offices shall provide telephone numbers or means of communication to the public for any enquiry and such numbers and means of communication shall be publicized on websites and via electronic means;
- 5. All offices shall designate an officer to be responsible for giving advices on self-care, travel timeline for investigation and assistance of diagnostic test as well as treatment for personnel in the office. In this regard, the offices may contact the Operation Center for Preventing the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic, Office of Medical Service, Office of the Judiciary, Tel 0 2541 2189, 0 2512 8461, 099 621 6067.

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