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**SUBJECT : CREATION OF A ZERO BACKLOG TASK FORCE
UNDER THE LEGAL SERVICE**

In the interest of the service and in order to unclog the pending cases in the Legal Service, a Zero Backlog Task Force under the Legal Service is hereby created. The Unit shall undertake the following functions:

1. Resolve cases without delay if properly supported with sufficient manpower and resources, giving priority to cases filed 1999 or earlier;
2. Segregate and resolve all cases in which parties can be considered to have abandoned their claims due to non-submission of required pleadings or non-payment of fees;
3. Segregate and resolve all cases where the Legal Service affirms the Regional Office on procedural or substantive grounds;
4. Organize activities to assess current case management plans and strategies and improve these to expedite resolution of pending cases;
5. Tap the assistance of DENR officials/employees, as needed, in the accomplishment of these tasks; and
6. Perform other such functions toward the resolution of cases identified.

The Task Force shall submit periodic reports on status of cases handled to the Undersecretary for Legal, Legislative and Anti-Corruption through the Director, Legal Service.

All requirements for funding of operational and staffing requirements of the Task Force shall be sourced from DENR funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


ROY A. CIMATU
Secretary



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