

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION  
RELATIVE TO LIMITING THE CASELOAD OF THE  
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION TEMPORARILY**

**RESOLUTION NO. PDSC 99-06**

WHEREAS, The Canon of Ethics require that attorneys only handle a reasonable number of cases so as to be able to provide appropriate service to all clients and not to take on more clients than an attorney is able to adequately assist; and

WHEREAS, The position of Attorney IV was vacated by Ms. Kathleen Maher in July 1999. Subsequently, the PDSC Board of Trustees instructed then Acting Director Richard Dirkx to fill this vacancy with the hiring of an Attorney II and an Attorney I; and

WHEREAS, Job announcements were circulated relative to the availability of these positions, but the number of applicants who responded were very few. Those who did either exceeded the qualifications for these positions and were not willing to take a cut in their current salary or did not meet the minimum qualifications established for the positions; and

WHEREAS, The positions remained vacant on October 1, 1999, and as mandated by Public Law 25-72 (General Appropriations Act of 2000), were subsequently abolished; and

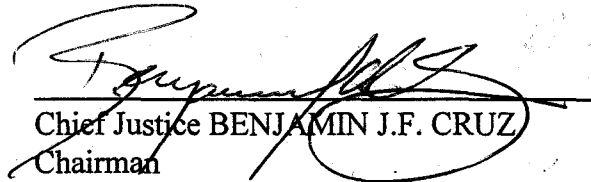
WHEREAS, The Public Defender Service Corporation is now struggling to keep up with an overwhelming caseload compounded by the loss of these positions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees of the Public Defender Service Corporation, in its meeting of November 9, 1999, directed the Executive Director to limit the caseload of the Corporation with regard to civil and domestic cases, to require that the Corporation handle only domestic and civil cases which involve violence or the threat of violence and in addition uncontested guardianships primarily for medical insurance purposes; be it further

RESOLVED, The aforesaid limitations shall commence immediately and continue in effect until the above-mentioned positions are filled, or until such time as the Board may direct.

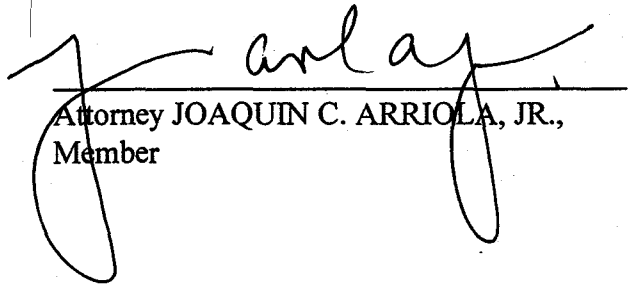
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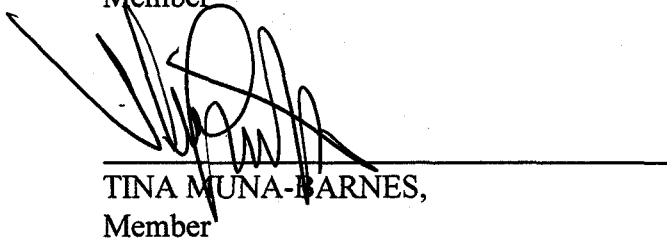
DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED this 9th day of November, 1999.

  
Chief Justice BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ  
Chairman

Absent  
Honorable ALBERTO C. LAMORENA III  
Vice-Chairman

Absent  
Senator JOHN C. SALAS  
Member

  
Attorney JOAQUIN C. ARRIOLA, JR.,  
Member

  
TINA MUNA-BARNES,  
Member