



## SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE LOWER COURTS

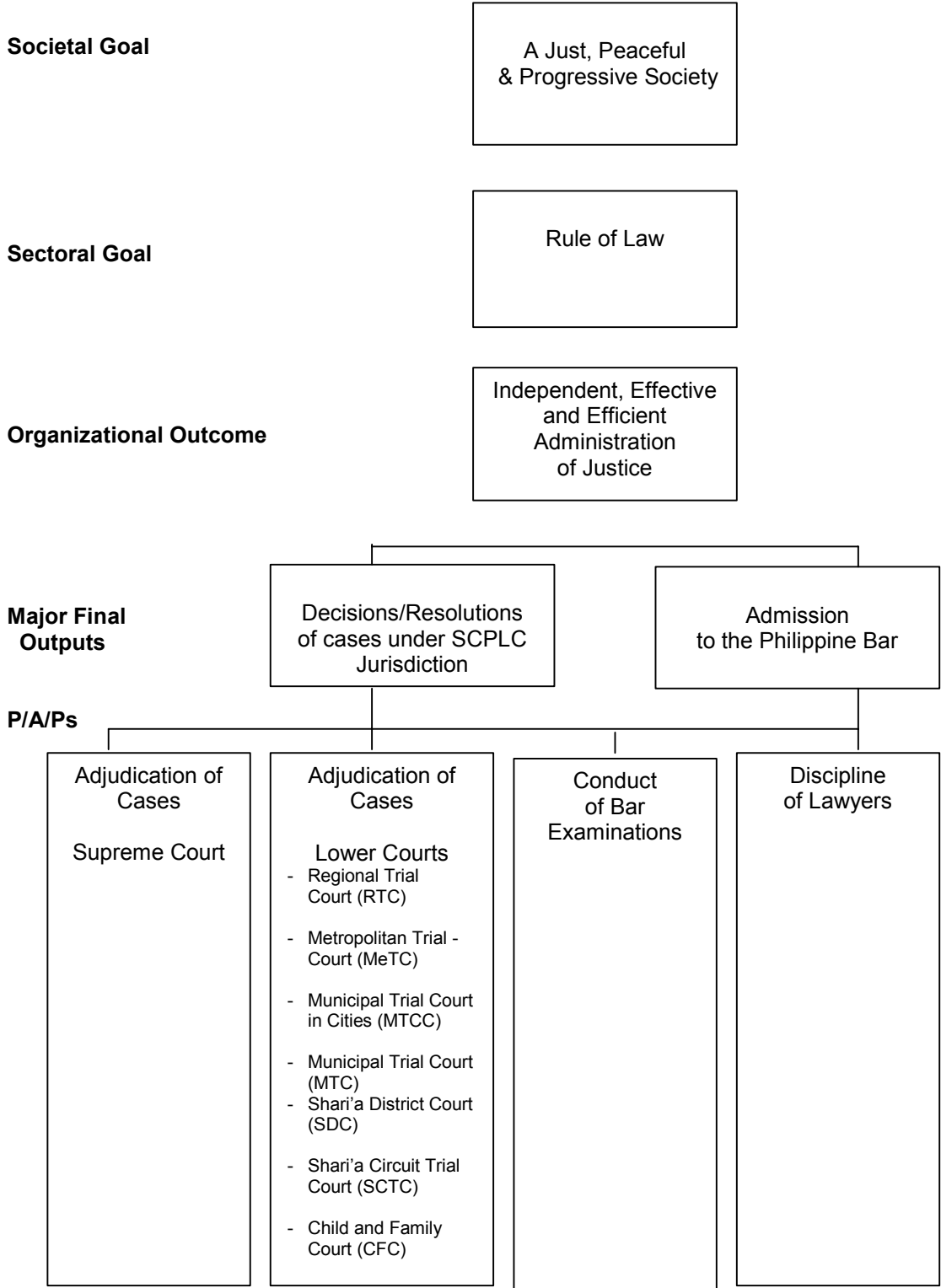
### Legal Basis

- **The Philippine Constitution of 1935, 1973, 1987** vested judicial power in one Supreme Court and in such lower courts as may be established by law.
- **Batas Pambansa Blg. 129** (August 14, 1981), Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, created first-level courts [Metropolitan Trial Courts (MeTCs) established in Metropolitan Manila, Municipal Trial Courts in Cities (MTCCs) outside Metropolitan Manila, Municipal Trial Courts (MTCs) in each of the other cities or municipalities, and Municipal Circuit Trial Courts (MCTCs) in each circuit comprising such cities and/or municipalities as grouped by law] and second-level courts [Regional Trial Courts (RTCs) established in each of the 13 regions in the Philippines].
- **Presidential Decree No. 1083** (February 4, 1997) established Shari'a Courts in Islamic regions and provinces to interpret and apply the Code of Muslim Personal Laws, with Shari'a Circuit Courts (SCCs) and the Shari'a District Courts (SDCs), at the same level as the Municipal Circuit Trial Courts (MCTCs) and Regional Trial Courts (RTCs), respectively.

### Mandate

The Supreme Court of the Philippines and the Lower Courts perform adjudicative functions vested on them by the Philippine Constitution and other applicable laws. Their judicial power includes "the duty of the courts of justice to settle actual controversies involving rights which are legally demandable and enforceable, and to determine whether or not there has been a grave abuse of discretion amounting to lack of or excess of jurisdiction on the part of any branch or instrumentality of the Government."

**LOGICAL FRAMEWORK (SCPLCs)**



## PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS

(Amounts in Thousand Pesos)

Particulars	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
	Actual/Amount	Target/Amount	Target/Amount
<b>MFO 1</b>			
<b>Decisions/Resolutions of cases under SCPLC Jurisdiction</b>	<b>9,097,707</b>	<b>9,431,220</b>	<b>11,273,439</b>
<b>No. of resolutions/decisions</b>			
Supreme Court	4,795	5,131	5,490
Disposition rate	42%	42%	42%
Regional Trial Courts (RTC)	154,442	157,567	173,324
Disposition rate	34%	33%	33%
Metropolitan Trial Courts (MeTC)	88,738	103,468	113,812
Disposition rate	44%	49%	53%
Municipal Trial Courts in Cities (MTCC)	79,576	95,576	105,134
Disposition rate	47%	52%	55%
Municipal Circuit Trial Courts (MCTC)	27,417	40,590	44,648
Disposition rate	35%	45%	47%
Municipal Trial Courts (MTC)	35,419	52,689	57,959
Disposition rate	37%	47%	50%
Shari'a District Courts (SDC)	46	70	76
Disposition rate	46%	67%	85%
Shari'a Circuit Courts (SCC)	295	379	416
Disposition rate	49%	53%	52%
Child & Family Courts (CFC)	31,226	34,349	37,783
Disposition rate	-	-	-
<b>MFO 2</b>			
<b>Admission to the Philippine Bar</b>	<b>P 21, 668</b>	<b>P 19,506</b>	<b>P 19,506</b>
No. of applications to bar processed	5,631	6,300	6,300
No. of certificates of admission issued	2,166	2,757	3,200
No. of other certificates	7,791	6,188	11,217
No. of resolutions/dec. of admin. cases	801	880	907
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>P 9,119,375</b>	<b>P 9,450,726</b>	<b>P 11,292,945</b>

**Notes:** No staffing pattern exists for Child and Family Courts; the RTC, has been designated to act on family cases. Disposition rate cannot be determined due to incomplete details on inventory of cases.

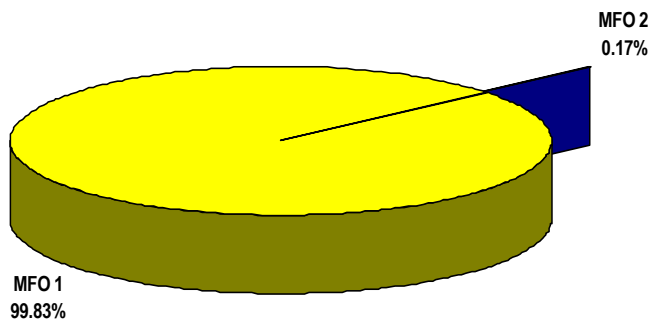
### FY 2009 MFO Budget

#### By MFO/By Expense Class

(In Thousand Pesos)

Particulars	PS	MOOE	CO	TOTAL	% Share
<b>MFO 1</b>					
Decisions/Resolutions of cases under SCPLC Jurisdiction	8,504,237	2,716,764	52,438	11,273,439	99.83%
<b>MFO 2</b>					
Admission to the Philippine Bar	-	19,506	-	19,506	0.17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,504,237</b>	<b>2,736,270</b>	<b>52,438</b>	<b>11,292,945</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>% Share</b>	<b>75.31%</b>	<b>24.23%</b>	<b>0.46%</b>	<b>100%</b>	

**BY MFO**  
( Total Budget = P11,292,945,000)



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