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Administrative Law and Administrative Agencies

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Administrative Law

- **Definition:** All the laws and policies that regulate or control the administrative *organization and operations* of the government
- **Classifications:**
 1. Internal and External Administration
 2. Law that Controls (Charter) and those issued by Administrative Agencies (Rules)
 3. Substantive and Procedural Administrative Law
 4. General and Special Administrative Law
 5. Geographical and Functional Jurisdiction

Administrative Agencies (AAs)

- An agency which exercises some *significant form or combination* of executive, legislative or judicial powers (“4th Branch”)
- All AAs are Public Offices
- AAs are “Delegates”
- Include boards, commissions, departments, bureaus, offices, authorities, government corporations, government instrumentalities, and local governments
- Rationale: complex, diverse and specialized concerns

Creation of AAs

- Constitution
- Congress (Special Law-Chartered; GOCCs - economically viable and common good; LGUs – law then plebiscite)
- President (Executive Order; by authority under the Constitution or of law)
- Supreme Court (classifies; confirms; invalidates)
- AAs themselves (Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws; by authority of law; non-chartered)
- Local Governments (Ordinance; by authority of law)

Creation of AAs

Creating Authority	Enabling Instrument	Examples
Constitution/ Voters	Constitution	Commission on Elections
Congress	Special Law	Social Security System
President	Executive Order	Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission
Administrative Agencies	AIBL	PNOC-Renewables Corporation
Local Governments	Ordinance; AIBL	Cebu Property Ventures Dev't Corp.

Charter: Enabling Instrument

1. Name
2. Principles
3. Mandate/ Purpose
4. Powers
5. Duties and Responsibilities
6. Relationships
7. Jurisdiction
(can provide exclusions)
8. Structure
9. Budget
10. Dissolution

Characteristics of AAs

1. Size
2. Specialization/
Functions
3. Territory
4. Responsibility for
Results
5. Administrative Duties
6. Delegated
Authorities
7. Accountability
8. Relationships
9. Capitalization/
Funding (Stocks,
if any)

Types of AAs

1. Offers gratuities, grants or privileges (*PAO, SSS*)
2. Performs specific governmental functions (*DENR, BIR*)
3. Undertakes public service (*PRA, MWSS*)
4. Regulates businesses affected with public interest (*NTC, IPO*)
5. Exercises police power to regulate private businesses (*SEC, Cities*)
6. Resolves controversies (*NLRC, ERC*)

Government Bureaucracy

- Administrative Agency/
Government Agency
- Government-Owned and -
Controlled Corporation
 - special charter/ parent
 - non-chartered under
Corporation Code/
subsidiary
- Government
Instrumentality with
Corporate Powers
- Government Financial
Institution
- State Universities and
Colleges
- Public Corporation
- Public Office
- National Government
Agency
- Quasi-Corporation
- Quasi-Public Corporation
- Municipal Corporation
Proper/ Local Government
Unit
- Quasi-Municipal
Corporation

GOCC vs. GICP

GOCC

1. Organized as stock or **non-stock** corporation
2. Created by law or under Corporation Code
3. Public character of its function
4. **Government directly or indirectly owns or controls at least a majority or 51% share of the capital stock**
5. Created for common good *and* must be economically viable

GICP

1. Neither stock nor non-stock
2. Not a corporation
3. Created by law only (not under Corporation Code)
4. Agency of the national government
5. Not integrated within the department framework
6. Vested with special functions or jurisdiction by law
7. Endowed with some if not all corporate powers
8. Administering special funds
9. Enjoying operational autonomy
10. Need not be economically viable

GOCC vs. GI

	GOCC	GI
Created by Special Law	✓	✓
Created under Corp Code	✓	X
Governmental Function	✓	✓
Common Good	✓	✓
Economic Viability	✓	X
Corporate Powers	✓	✓
Stocks divided into Shares	✓	X
Non-Stock	✓	X

Recent Jurisprudence

Entity	Characterization
Manila Int'l Airport Authority	Created under an Executive Order GI; not a GOCC since neither stock nor non-stock
Manila Economic and Cultural Office	Created under Corporation Code as non-stock corporation Not a GOCC (not owned by Government); Not a GI (since incorporated under Corporation Code) <i>Sui Generis</i> Funds subject to COA
Boy Scouts of the Philippines	Created as corporation under Special Law (Commonwealth Act) Juridical person under Civil Code (other corporations with public purpose) Public function - vital role of the youth GOCC and GI – attached agency; need not meet twin test (economic viability and control/ ownership test) - <i>Sui Generis</i>
Veterans Federation of the Philippines	Created under RA 2640 and registered with the SEC “Public corporation” per Charter; Adjunct of government; Classified as GOCC to be privatized Sovereign function; Control and supervision of DND; DBM can in the future allocate funds

Recent Jurisprudence

Entity	Characterization
Philippine Fisheries Development Authority	Created under PD 977 as amended by EO 772 GI; not a GOCC (has capital stock, but not divided into shares)
Leyte Metropolitan Water District	Created pursuant to PD 198 GOCC with an original charter (since not under Corporation Code, not a private corporation) Quasi-Public under Charter
Philippine Economic Zone Authority	GI since not integrated within the department framework but is an agency attached to the DTI
Philippine Reclamation Authority	Incorporated GI Not a GOCC since not a stock nor a non-stock corporation; has capital stock but not divided into shares Not a GOCC since while established for common good, it need not meet test of economic viability nor compete in market place
Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System	GI under Executive (EO 596-2006) and Legislative (GCG Law) By its nature, it is a GOCC (stock corporation; meets common good and economic viability tests)

Recent Jurisprudence

Entity	Characterization
Bases Conversion Development Authority	Not stock: Capitol stock not divided into shares Not non-stock: not organized under list purposes under Corp. Code As GI, exempt from paying legal or docket fees
Corregidor Foundation	Non-stock corporation organized under Corporation Code Has public interest, to maintain and preserve the war relics Government has substantial participation in the selection of governing board; has control over Foundation GOCC Under COA Audit
University of the Philippines	GI under its Charter Tax exemption pertains to assets owned by UP (not extend to assets owned by lessee of UP land)
Philippine International Convention Center	Incorporated under PD 520; sole stockholder is Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Non-Chartered GOCC, subsidiary of BSP Subject to COA
Philippine National Construction Corporation	GOCC under supervision of President Subject to COA

Summary

AA	Create	Function	Structure	Gov't	Class	Effect
MIAA	EO	Airport	X Stocks	Owned	GI	X RPT
MECO	SEC/CC	Trade, Fees	Non-stock	X owned	X GOCC/ X GI	COA
BSP	Law	Youth		Attached	GOCC/ GI	COA
VFP	Law/ SEC	Veterans		Adjunct	(PC/ GOCC)	DND
PFDA	PD	Fisheries	X Stocks		GI	X RPT
WD	PD	Water			GOCC	COA
PEZA	Law	Eco. Zones		Attached	GI	DTI
PRA	PD	Reclamation	X Stocks	Control	Inc. GI	X RPT/ X Y
MWSS	PD	Water	Stocks		(GOCC)/ GI	X RPT/ Y
BCDA	Law	Bases	X Stocks		GI	X Docket
Corr.	SEC/ CC	Relics	Non-stock	Control	GOCC	COA
UP	Law	Education			GI	X RPT
PICC	PD/ CC	Convention	Stocks	Subsidiary	GOCC	COA/ BSP
PNCC	CC	Construction	Stocks	Supervise	GOCC	COA

Rules

1. All AAs are POs, not all POs are AAs (e.g. Congress, Courts)
2. All AAs are GAs, All GAs are AAs (under GCG Act)
3. All PCs are AAs, not all AAs are not PCs (e.g. Departments, GIs and Commissions)
4. GOCCs are Corporations, GIs are not; GOCCs cannot be GIs (except BSP)
5. GOCCs, not GIs, must meet twin constitutional test of common good *and* economic viability
6. There are chartered (special law) and non-chartered GOCCs (Corporation Code)

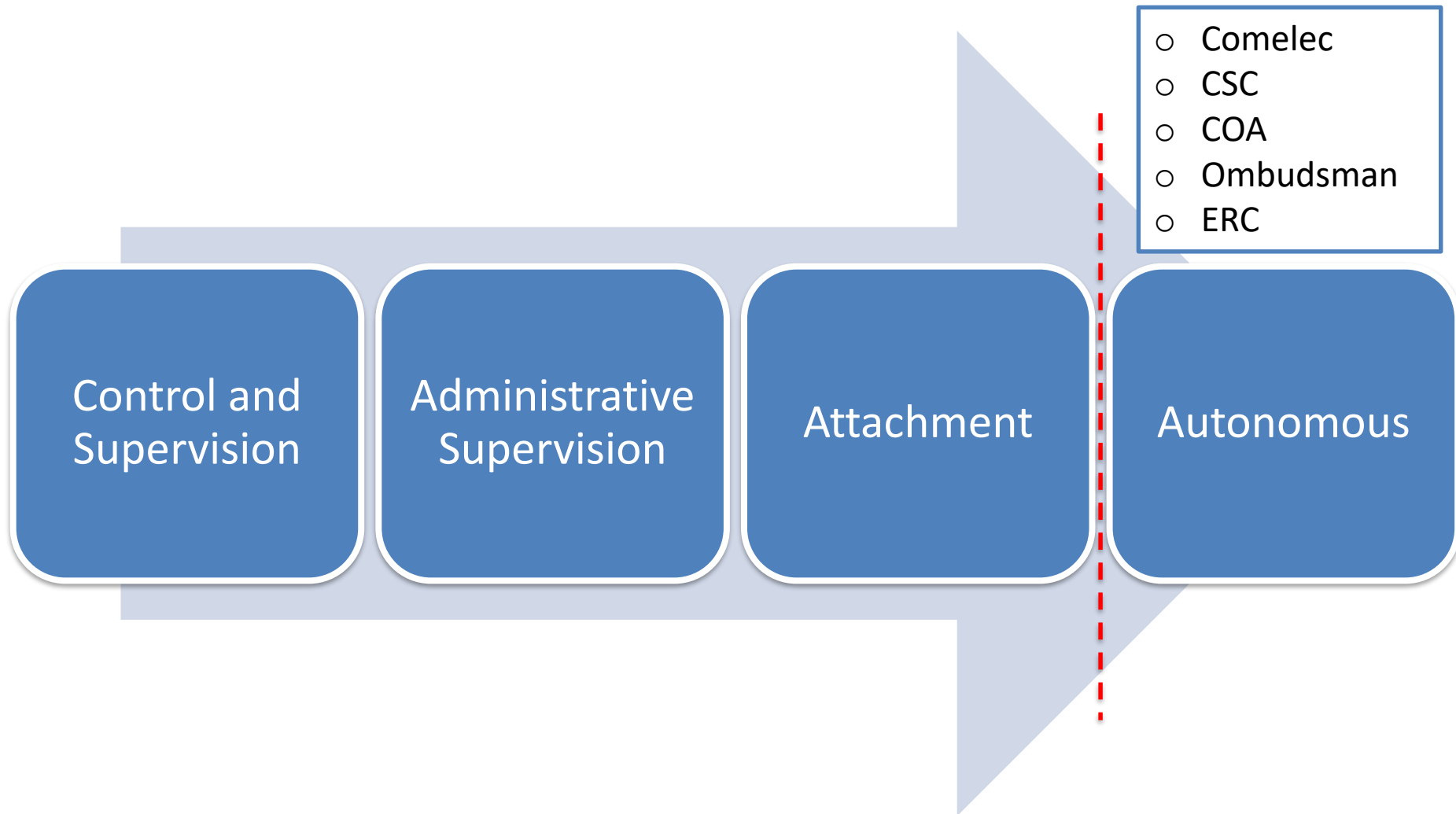
Rules

7. All Quasi-Corporations are GOCCs, All GOCCs are Quasi-Corporations; GIs are not QCs since they are not corporations
8. GOCC-GI distinction matters:
 - a. Local taxation (GIs exempt – PFDA, MIAA, PRA, **MWSS, UP**)
 - b. Legal/ docket fees (GIs exempt – **BCDA**)
 - c. COA jurisdiction (subject to COA – BSP, WD, MECO, **Corregidor, PICC, PNCC**)
 - d. Relationship either attachment, control or supervision (VFP – control and supervision; and BSP, PRA, PEZA – attached; **PNCC – supervision; Corregidor - control**)

Administrative Relationship

- Areas: policies, operations, budget, decisions, day-to-day, policy and program coordination
- Types:
 1. Independent/ Autonomous (*e.g. Constitutional Commissions*)
 2. Supervision and Control (*substitute judgment; rules on how to execute act; alter-ego; e.g. President and DOTr, PRA; Mayor over Department Heads*)
 3. Administrative Supervision (*oversight, reports, proper performance; not over appointments and contracts, not reverse decisions; discipline; e.g. Department and Regulatory Agencies; Province over Component City/ Municipality*)
 4. Attachment (*may sit in Board; reporting; not day-to-day; e.g. DENR and LLDA; DOF and SSS*)

Administrative Relationship



Power of “Higher” over “Lower” to	Control	Supervision	Attachment
Substitute judgment	✓	X	X
Overrule discretionary acts	✓	X	X
Change wisdom-based decision	✓	X	X
Impose rules on how to act	✓	X	X
Revise policy/ rules	✓	X	X
Discipline	✓	✓	X
Declare acts illegal/ ultra vires	✓	✓	X
Declare acts improper/ arbitrary	✓	X	X
Declare acts prejudicial to public welfare	✓	X	X
Review contracts on legal matters	✓	✓	X
Require periodic reports	✓	✓	✓
Oversee to ensure actions legal	✓	✓	X
Vote and Membership in Board	✓	X	✓
Veto/ disapprove decisions of Boards	✓	X	X
Participate in day-to-day operations	✓	X	X

Powers

- AAs possess Delegated, *not* Inherent, Powers
- Subordinate, *not* Superior to/ above Enabling Instrument/ Charter, Laws (set boundaries/ limit powers/ define jurisdiction/ **provide exclusions**)
- In general, liberal, not strict, interpretation of powers
- AAs cannot prohibit what law does not prohibit (unless LGU)
- Basic Powers
 1. Investigative
 2. Rule-Making or Quasi-Legislative
 3. Adjudicative or Quasi-Judicial

Must be Expressed in Enabling Law

General:

1. “What” law is
2. Relationship
3. Prohibitory Powers
4. Jurisdiction

Investigation:

5. Contempt
6. Subpoena
7. Search and Seizure

Quasi-Legislation:

8. Contingent Rule
9. Penal Rule

Quasi-Judicial:

10. Quasi-Judicial
11. Enforcement of Decisions
12. Resolve ?s of law

Delegation of Powers

- *Potestas delegata non potest delegari*
- Exceptions:
 - President – tariff and emergency
 - Local Governments
 - People’s Initiative
 - Administrative Agencies
- Tests of Valid Delegation:
 1. Completeness (the ‘what’, rights; **even if “formulate plan” under Cybercrime Law**); *and*
 2. Sufficient Standards (may be broad, such as public order, safety, social justice, **quality of education, law and order under definition of “Cybersecurity”**; **genuine local development**; but not vague; may be stated in separate law)

Tests of Valid Delegation

1. Completeness

- sets forth therein the policy to be executed, carried out, or implemented by the delegate.

2. Sufficient Standard

- provides adequate guidelines or limitations in the law to map out the boundaries of the delegate's authority and prevent the delegation from running riot
- specifies the limits of the delegate's authority, announces the legislative policy, and identifies the conditions under which it is to be implemented

Scope of Delegation

Law

- Why of law (purpose/ policy)?
- Who covered (not covered)?
- What:
 - Scope? Boundaries? Limitations? Exclusions?
 - Acts?
 - Rights?
 - Classes?
 - Obligations?
 - Standards? Conditions?
 - Offenses?
 - Requirements?
- When take effect?

Rule

- How implemented?
- What are details?
- When take effect (if parameter/ condition in law)?

Investigative Powers (IP)

- partakes of judicial discretion, not judicial function
- **Express Grant**
 1. Contempt (can be adjunct of IP, if law provides; not exclusive to courts)
 2. Subpoena (enabling law needed; not implied from IP)
 3. Search and Seizure
(If not delegated, apply before courts)
(Presence of counsel not required)
- **Express or Implied**
 1. Clearance
 2. Fact-Finding
 3. Ocular Inspection
 4. Visitorial
 5. Investigate anomalies (CSC)
Comelec can cite a person for indirect contempt for non-appearance (implied from constitutional power to IP, CHOPFE and enforce laws)

Rule-Making

- Definition: Power to Issue Rules/ Fill in details/ ‘How’ (not ‘What’) a Law will be implemented; means to provide direct and efficacious solutions to problems
- Nature: Subordinate Legislation, i.e., Inferior/ must not be inconsistent with the Constitution, Laws and Charter, i.e., cannot change, amend or be in conflict with
- Rationale:
 1. regulation highly complex
 2. future situations cannot be fully anticipated
 3. practicability
 4. expediency
 5. expertise

Rule-Making

Effects

1. Force and effect of law (but are not laws)
2. Interpretations persuasive (deserves cogent consideration); not controlling upon courts
3. Presumed legal and constitutional
4. Mandatory to issue rules if “shall” used in enabling law
5. Operative effect
6. Must be followed by other AAs; cannot postpone the application (DOE Rules by ERC)
7. Rules of an AA may be used as basis for rules of another AA
8. Subject to judicial review
9. Subject to repeal and amendment
10. Prospective application

Rule-Making

Requisites

1. Authority: by authority of law (DOJ has no authority to issue a circular on HDO which curtails right to travel absent an enabling law; not fall within inherent power of DOJ to issue rules)
2. Nature: Executive (not legislative - Congress cannot limit or take over the President's power to adopt IRR for a law it has enacted; if issued by the President, power is self-executory by virtue of its being inherently executive in nature; falls under Faithful Execution Clause)

Rule-Making

3. Substance: not contrary to law (subordinate legislation)
4. Scope: germane to the objects and purposes of the law
5. Procedure: properly promulgated; publication and hearing, if required by law (Circular/ not Administrative Regulation [internal rule] so not require hearing, publication and consultation)
6. Issuer: Issued by proper authority for assigned subject matter/ within its jurisdiction (FDA can issue circular based on AO of SoH; CSC cannot issue rules on positions exempt from classification since outside jurisdiction)

Dos and Don'ts/ Can and Cannot

Dos/ Can	Don'ts/ Cannot
Issue rules to implement laws	Enact/ amend/ repeal laws
Prescribe the “how” and provide details	Define the “who, why, what, when”
Use or apply rules of other AAs	Not follow or postpone the implementation of rules of other AAs
Issue rules as directed by law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Issue rules outside of its mandate○ Refuse to issue rules if directed by statute
Issue supplementary, interpretative, internal and procedural rule based on express or implied authority	Issue contingent and penal rules absent express authority
Issue internal and interpretative rules without publication	Issue supplementary, contingent, penal and procedural rule without publication

Rule-Making

Standard: *Reasonableness*

- Relation to purpose; germane to the objects and purposes of the law
- Supported by good reasons
- Not arbitrary
- Free from legal infirmities

Rule Defined

“Rule” means any **agency statement of general applicability** that **implements or interprets** a law, fixes and describes the **procedures** in, or practice requirements of, an agency, including its **regulations**. The term includes **memoranda** or statements concerning the **internal administration** or management of an agency **not affecting the rights** of, or procedure available to, the public. *[Section 2 (2), Chapter 1, Book VIII, Revised Administrative Code]*

Types of Rules (PIPICS)

<i>Type</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Publication</i>
Supplementary/ Implementing Interpretative	Express (E) or Implied (I) E or I	Required Not Required
Contingent	E	Required
Penal	E	Required
Procedural	E or I	Required
Internal	E or I	Not Required

Ordinance-Making Powers

President

- Executive Order (general or permanent character; must be published)
- Administrative Order (aspects of government operations)
- Proclamation (dates or declare status; must be published)
- Memorandum Order (administrative detail, concerns particular officer)
- Memorandum Circular (internal administration for all/ some agencies)
- General or Special Order (as commander-in-chief)

Local Governments

- Territorial Application
- Sanggunian-enacted and Governor/ Mayor-approved
- More or less permanent in character
- Ordinances *and* Resolutions

Examples of Rules

Supplementary	Providing incentives to all government and private Health Institutions with Breastfeeding Practices
Interpretative	Issuing guidelines on treatment of discounts extended by power suppliers
Procedural	Outlining the procedure for the disqualification of nuisance candidates
Penal	Setting the penalties for violation of rules
Contingent	Lowering the National Tax Allotment of LGUs on the basis of a declaration of an unmanageable public sector deficit
Internal	Disallowing release of retirement benefits to those with pending cases

Rule-Making: Invalid Rules

<i>Law</i>	<i>Rules</i>
provident and/or employee-housing	both provident/ retirement and housing benefits superior to those ...
vacation leave and sick leave shall be cumulative	not cumulative
2 years from payment	10 years from payment
appeal 15 days	10 days
illegitimate children “may” use name of father	“shall” use
provide additional allowances	from only 1 source
enumerate fixed list of benefits	added benefits
lists requirements for creation of provinces	provides exception
qualifications fixed for elective officials	added drug test
classify and mark tobacco	exclusive sources
develop road programs	declare roads - limited access

Rule-Making: Invalid Rules

<i>Law</i>	<i>Rules</i>
regulates promotion of milk	ban certain aspects
academic freedom	ban review classes
state insofar as it concerns their individual franchise or right to exist as such entity	state/general public or other entity
campaign airtime limit per medium	airtime limit for all stations
“Electronic Data Message”	“but not limited to”
“abortifacient”	“primarily” includes abortion
not prohibit electro-fishing	prohibit electro-fishing
silent on fixing fines	fixed fines

Rule-Making: Invalid Rules

<i>Law</i>	<i>Rules</i>
prescribe minimum standards for law admission	require passing of test otherwise law schools cannot admit
increase awareness among lawyers	prescribe mandatory training for lawyers
implement Salary Standardization Law	revise salary grades
election at next election after effectivity of law	upcoming election where election period started

Rule-Making: Valid Rules

<i>Law</i>	<i>Rules</i>
AA decision final after 15 days	appeal to OP within 30 days
procedure allowed but silent on period	provide for 60 days
control and supervision	require reports
DAR to CA	DAR to OP to CA
exclusive authority to investigate	withheld right to examine and cross-examine during investigations
prescribe competition	determine eligibility of bidders
provide for termination of OFW employment	determine causes and factors

Rule-Making: Invalid Exercise

Law

Creates

Strict Requirements

No Requirement

Stated Requirement

Enumeration Exclusive

No Classification

Limited Application

Fixed Period

Continue Practice

Grant Power

Rule

Abolishes

Liberalizes Requirements

Imposes Requirement

Alters/ Deletes Requirement

Adds/ Deletes Requirement

Discriminates/ Classifies

Expands Application

Changes Period

Discontinues Practice

Nullifies Power

Quasi-Judicial Power

- Definition: Deciding controversies, resolving conflicting claims and positions
- Grant of Power:
 - Express (Issuance of HDOs is judicial which DOJ has no authority to wield)
 - Includes those necessary powers (i.e., authority of DAR to conclude proceedings under a law includes coordinate authority to continue its QJ over controversies arising from said proceedings)
 - Clearly defined jurisdiction/ cannot go beyond (NCIP: disputes involving rights of ICCs/IPs only when they arise between or among parties belonging to the same ICC/IP group/ intra-IP)
- Extent: Typically, only questions of fact (questions of law or mixed if expressly permitted under the Charter/ law)
- Limitation: Subject to Judicial Review

Types of Disposition

1. Directing (corrective/ award), e.g., *backwages*
2. Enabling (grant/ permit), e.g., *grant of franchise/ license (purely administrative proceedings; not QJ)*
3. Dispensing (exempt/ relieve), e.g., *amnesty*
4. Summary (compel/ force), e.g., *cease and desist*
5. Equitable

Administrative vs. Quasi-Judicial

Administrative Proceedings	Quasi-Judicial Proceedings
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. direct implementation of laws to certain given facts as a consequence of regulation; or 2. an undertaking to gather facts needed to pursue a further legal action or remedy in the case of investigation <p>(Not involve the settling of disputes involving conflicting rights and obligations (not make binding pronouncements as to a party's rights and/or obligations as a result of a conflict or controversy whether legal or factual))</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. hearing and determining questions of fact to which the legislative policy is to apply 2. deciding in accordance with the standards laid down by the law itself in enforcing and administering the same law. 3. taking and evaluating evidence 4. determining facts based upon the evidence presented 5. rendering an order or decision supported by the facts proved 6. determining, what the law is; what the legal rights and obligations of the contending parties are; and based thereon and the facts obtaining, the adjudication of the respective rights and obligations of the parties.
<p>Example: grant of authorization or permission to undertake a regulated activity is warranted (NTC)</p>	<p>complaint proceedings involving the assessment and settling of the contending parties' respective rights and obligations (NTC)</p>

Quasi-Legislative or -Judicial

1. Increase rates for all public utility buses (*QL*)
2. Application for rate increase by a particular public utility operator (*QJ*)
3. Prescribing the procedure to disqualify nuisance candidates (*QL*)
4. Disqualifying a nuisance candidate (*QJ*)
5. Procedures for applying for a franchise (*QL*)
6. Revoking a specific franchise (*QJ*)
7. Issuance of Resolution on Reinvestment Fund for Sustainable Capital Expenditures (*QL*)

Quasi-Legislative vs. Quasi-Judicial

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Quasi-Judicial</i>	<i>Quasi-Legislative</i>
Grant	E	E or I
Parties	Particular	All/ Sectors
Adversarial	Yes	No
Controversy	Exists	None
Notice and Hearing	Required	Not Required (unless law requires; radical change) (Circular - internal)
Primary/ Exhaustion	Applicable	Not Applicable; judicial review at first instance
Time	Past/ Present	Future
Publication	Not Required	Depends on type
Res Judicata	Applicable	Not Applicable

QJ Administrative Proceedings

- Character: Adversarial, quasi-judicial, civil
- Jurisdiction: Defined by Law/ Charter (not by AA or consent of parties, not acquired through or waived by any act or omission of the parties; DOJ has jurisdiction over all disputes “solely” [i.e., all without exception] between GOCCs involving questions of law)
- Nature: *not* delegable (but power to hear/ receive evidence can be sub-delegated)
- Due Process (DINA): Decision, Impartial Tribunal, Notice and Appeal/ Defend (reasonable opportunity to be heard, 2018; observed when affidavits submitted and evidence considered in earlier ruling)
- Procedure: reasonable, due process, meet ends, published

QJ Administrative Proceedings

- Notice and Hearing
 - Required (actual or constructive)
 - Subject to waiver and estoppel
 - Curable (i.e., subsequently heard, filing of motion of reconsideration, oral arguments)
 - Position papers allowed (unless a party invokes or does not waive hearing)
 - Not required when privilege, abatement, conditional right, legislative or administrative
- Right to counsel not imperative
- Full Hearing: All Claims, Rebuttal, Evidence and Cross-Examination (dispensable)
- AAs not bound by the technical rules of procedure (but must have some proof of authenticity or reliability as condition for the admission of documents)

QJ Administrative Proceedings

- Evidence
 - Substantial (unless law provides different quantum; **need not be overwhelming or preponderant**)
 - Ocular allowed (when relevant)
 - Adoption of reports allowed
- Decision: Bases, Form (need not be full-blown like court decisions), Parties, All Issues and Evidence; **based on defenses raised (AA cannot condone if condonation not raised)**
- Deliberative Process (arbitral proceedings): **excepted, provided predecisional and deliberative, from constitutional right to information**
- Enforcement: by AA if authorized by law (if not, courts)

Judicial Review of Administrative Findings

- In deference to technical expertise
- AA findings must be accorded great respect if supported by substantial evidence; not conclusive and final before courts; findings of fact by the Office of the Ombudsman are conclusive when supported by substantial evidence
- AA business judgments/ policy matters/ purely administrative matters (e.g. increase in SSS premiums) cannot be interfered with by Courts

Perspective: Judicial Review

Administrative Findings given weight (since AAs in better position to pass judgment thereon), *not* disturbed unless:

1. Not based on substantial evidence
2. Fraud, mistake, collusion
3. Palpable errors
4. Grave abuse of discretion (clear showing; arbitrary or despotic manner which must be so patent and gross as to amount to an evasion of a positive duty or a virtual refusal to perform the duty enjoined by law; capricious and whimsical exercise of judgment tantamount to lack of jurisdiction; acted without or in excess of jurisdiction - exception to doctrine of immutability)
5. Mis-appreciation of evidence
6. Conflict in factual findings (e.g. among Labor Arbiter, NLRC and CA; contrary to findings of arbitrators)
7. Rates fixed are unreasonable

Dos and Don'ts/ Can and Cannot

Dos/ Can	Don'ts/ Cannot
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resolve controversy based on mandate ○ Rule on question of law if authorized by law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expand jurisdiction of AA by agreement of parties or rule by AA ○ Not assume jurisdiction under its mandate
Delegate reception of evidence to sub-unit	Delegate QJ to its sub-unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Decide base on ocular inspection when issue based on perceivable facts ○ Decide case based on substantial evidence ○ Decide case based on report of sub-unit or affidavits ○ Render a decision which is not full blown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rule on case without notice and hearing unless cured or waived ○ Decide case based on position papers when parties invoke hearing ○ Not resolve all issues raised ○ Rule case based on extraneous defenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not follow technical rules of procedure ○ Dispense with cross-examination 	Decide case when there is no/ absent some proof of authenticity or reliability of documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Apply for execution of decisions before the courts if no authority to execute under the law ○ Issue subpoena or cite persons in contempt is empowered by law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Execute its own decisions if no express statutory authority ○ Not publish procedural rules ○ Apply procedural rules retroactively prejudicing parties

Judicial vs. Quasi-Judicial

	Judicial	Quasi-Judicial
Public Office	Courts	AAs
Proof	Criminal: Beyond Reasonable Doubt Civil: Preponderance	Substantial
Contempt/ Subpoena	Authorized	If authorized by law
Counsel	Indispensable	Dispensable
Technical Rules	Follow	Need not strictly follow
Decision	Full-Blown	Full-Blown not required
Cross-Exam	Indispensable	Dispensable
Enforcement	Authorized	If authorized by law

Judicial Review

1. Certiorari
 2. Prohibition
 3. Injunction
 4. Mandamus
 5. Declaratory Relief
 6. Appeal
- Constitutional
 - Decisions of AA which are declared by law final and unappealable are still subject to judicial review if:
 - fail the test of arbitrariness
 - upon proof of gross abuse of discretion
 - fraud
 - error of law
 - Covers grave abuse of discretion of an AA which does not exercise judicial, quasi-judicial or ministerial functions

Scenarios



1. No actual injury, filed case in AA or Court
2. Instead of filing case before AA, filed directly with Court
3. While case pending before AA Level 2, filed case in Court
4. After AA Level 1 decides case, filed case before Court

Defenses: Judicial Review Premature

1. Doctrine of **Finality of Administrative Action**:
Decision of AA must be final before Judicial Review;
Exceptions:
 - interlocutory orders
 - protect rights
 - violate Constitution
 - excessive use of power
2. Doctrine of **Primary Jurisdiction**: AA concurrent with courts; needs administrative discretion and expertise of AA
 - Court may suspend or, if the parties would not be unfairly disadvantaged, dismiss the case without prejudice
 - if 2 AAs have concurrent, where 1st filed provided that AA opts to take cognizance, acquires jurisdiction)

Defenses: Judicial Review Premature

3. Doctrine of **Ripeness for Review**: Controversy must be real, present or imminent (not future/ imaginary/ remote)
4. Doctrine of **Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies**: exhaust all administrative remedies before recourse to courts (reassignment – Governor; failure of bidding – BAC; rate adjustment with ERC; security of tenure of water district employees with LWUA Board then CSC; reconsideration of DND memorandum; mixed questions of law and fact indispensable to resolution of case; validity of tax ordinance with DOJ; personnel action against PAGC employee with CSC; HLURB to OP since there is prompt relief for injurious effects of judgment; DAR Secretary to OP following rules), condition precedent, with some 20 exceptions, namely: **JPLCS DRIED DARNI CLRNT**

Exceptions: Non-Exhaustion

JPLCS

- Questions essentially **J**udicial
- Administrative Remedy is **P**ermissive
- Pure question of **L**aw (facts not disputed; local tax)
- **C**onstitutionality (impairment; freedom of speech)
- **S**mall amount that exhaustion will be costly

DRIED

- Utter disregard for **D**ue **P**rocess
- No plain speedy **R**emedy
- Strong public **I**nterest (increase in FMVs in local taxation)
- **E**stoppel
- Continued and unreasonable **D**elay/ **U**rgency (impending maturity if bonds; elections nearing)

Exceptions: Non-Exhaustion

DARNI

- Irreparable **D**amage by party
- **A**lter Ego Bears approval of President
- No administrative **R**eview is provided
- Insistence on exhaustion will lead to **N**ullification of claim
- Resort to admin. remedy is an **I**dle ceremony

CLRNT

- **C**ivil action for damages
- **L**and not part of public domain
- Special **R**easons demanding immediate judicial relief
- No **D**ecision rendered
- **T**ranscendental issues

Compare/ Contrast the Defenses

Defenses/ Aspects	Finality of Admin. Action	Primary Jurisdiction	Non-Exhaustion of Admin. Remedies	Ripeness for Review
Concept	AA not yet final (pending)	Concurrent AA and court; AA 1 st instance	AA process (all levels) not yet completed	No controversy (future, imaginary, remote)
What has to be done/ Court action	Await decision of AA	Allow AA to assume jurisdiction <i>Court dismisses</i>	Complete whole process (all levels) <i>Court suspends</i>	Await matter to become real/ present or imminent
Pendency before AA	While pending in an AA level, go to court	No AA case yet; filed with court directly	Process complete at 1 level, not elevate to next level, then file with court	Pending or no pending AA case
w/ exceptions	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Exceptions	Interlocutory Preserve status quo Protect rights Violate Constitution Great damage Excess power	Judicial discretion Question of law AA has no jurisdiction	Pure question of law Transcendental issue Constitutional issue No adequate remedy Alter-ego Public interest	None (Declaratory Relief)
Applicability	QJ	QJ	QJ	QJ and QL

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