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Reviewer on Administrative Law

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Administrative Law

- **Definition:** All the laws and policies that regulate or control the administrative *organization and operations* of the government through administrative agencies (AAs)
- **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”) which are *partial* (having some but not all features of legislative or judicial power) (“quasi”)
- 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

Administrative Agencies (AAs)

“4th Branch”

Public Offices

Legal Persons

Delegates/
Agents/
Subordinates

Fusion of
Powers

Duty-Bearers/
Accountable
Institutions

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 |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 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 (implied powers – power to appoint carries power to discipline unless law says otherwise)
5. Duties and Responsibilities
6. Relationships
7. Jurisdiction
8. Structure
9. Budget
10. Dissolution

Differentiators

Jurisdiction

- Law can provide exclusions
- AAs must respect statutory exclusions, i.e., IPRA exempts Baguio City from coverage)
- A GOCC cannot enter into exploration contracts with foreign-owned corporations
- Application of remedies and options for restructuring must be in furtherance of the original mandate of GSIS (cushion the impact of life's contingencies)
- COA's jurisdiction over final money judgments rendered by the courts pertains only to the execution stage

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)

AA Categories

Creation

- Constitution
- Congress
- Executive
- AA themselves

Geographical

- National: NGAs
- Local: LGUs

Capital Structure

- GOCC
- GI

Functional

- Offers gratuities, grants or privileges
- Performs specific governmental functions
- Undertakes public service
- Regulates businesses affected with public interest
- Exercises police power to regulate private businesses
- Resolves controversies

Government Bureaucracy

- Administrative Agency/
Government Agency
- Government-Owned and -
Controlled Corporation
 - special charter (law)/
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. Corporation
2. Organized as stock or **non-stock** corporation
3. Created by law or under Corporation Code
4. Public character of its function
5. **Government directly or indirectly owns or controls at least a majority or 51% share of the capital stock**
6. 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. GICP

| | 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 (GI) | Created under an Executive Order GI; not a GOCC since neither stock nor non-stock |
| Phl Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals | Quasi-Public Corporation (Private) Not subject to COA |
| Manila Economic and Cultural Office (Not GOCC; Not GI) | 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 (GI and GOCC) | 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 (GOCC) | 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 |

Recent Jurisprudence

| Entity | Characterization |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Philippine Fisheries Dev't Authority (GI) | 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 (GOCC) | 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) | GI since not integrated within the department framework but is an agency attached to the DTI |
| Philippine Reclamation Authority (GI) | 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; "GOCC") | 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) |
| Bureau of Local Government Finance (DOF) | Not an AA whose findings on questions of fact are given weight and deference in the courts since only provide consultative services and technical assistance to LGUs |

Recent Jurisprudence

| Entity | Characterization |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bases Conversion Development Authority (GI) | 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 Exempt from Creditable Withholding Tax on the sale of its properties |
| Corregidor Foundation (GOCC) | 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) | 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 (GOCC) | 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) | GOCC under supervision of President Subject to COA Non-chartered GOCC; under DTI |

| AA | Create | Function | Structure | Gov't | Class | Effect |
|-------|----------|----------------|-----------|------------|--------------|------------|
| PSPCA | Law | Animal Welfare | Private | X Control | Quasi-Public | X COA |
| MIAA | EO | Airport | X Stock | 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 Stock | | GI | X RPT |
| WD | PD | Water | | | GOCC | COA |
| PEZA | Law | Eco. Zones | | Attached | GI | DTI |
| PRA | PD | Reclamation | X Stock | Control | Inc. GI | X RPT/ X Y |
| MWSS | PD | Water | Stocks | | (GOCC)/ GI | X RPT/ Y |
| BCDA | Law | Bases | X Stock | | GI | X Docket |
| Corr. | SEC/ CC | Relics | Non-stock | Control | GOCC | COA |
| UP | Law | Education | | | GI | X RPT |
| PICC | PD/ CC | Convention | Stock | Subsidiary | GOCC | COA/ BSP |
| PNCC | CC | Construction | Stock | 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 PCs (e.g. Departments, Gl's and Commissions)
4. GOCCs are Corporations, Gl's are not; GOCCs cannot be Gl's (except BSP)
5. GOCCs, not Gl's, must meet twin constitutional test of common good *and* economic viability
6. There are chartered (special law) and non-chartered GOCCs (Corporation Code)
7. All Quasi-Corporations are GOCCs, All GOCCs are Quasi-Corporations; Gl's are not QCs since they are not corporations

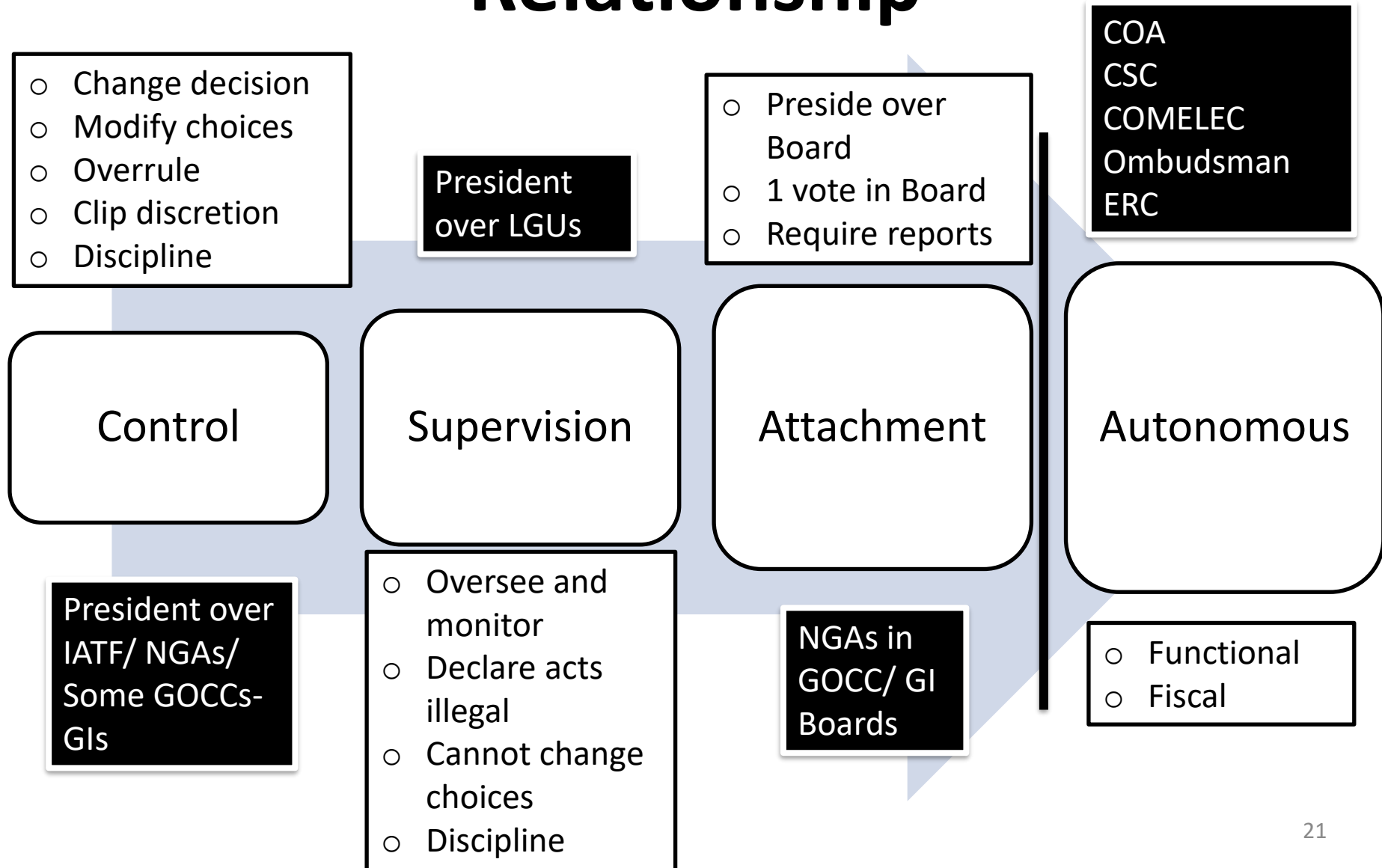
Why Distinguish?

1. Local taxation (GIs exempt – PFDA, MIAA, PRA, **UP**, **MWSS** [the tax-exempt status of a government instrumentality is not lost when it grants the beneficial use of its real property to a taxable person; only the exemption of the real property ceases in such case])
2. Legal/ docket fees (GIs exempt – **BCDA**) and **Commissioners' Fees** (Land Bank since performing governmental function related to agrarian reform)
3. COA jurisdiction (subject to COA – BSP, WD, MECO, **Corregidor**, **PICC**, **PNCC**)
4. Garnishment (**GI** – **PPA** exempt from execution/ garnishment)
5. Employment (GOCCs – civil service laws; chartered GOCCs – follow charter)
6. Relationship either attachment, control or supervision (**VFP** – control and supervision; and **BSP**, **PRA**, **PEZA** – attached; **PNCC** – supervision; under **DTI**; **Corregidor** - control)

Administrative Relationship

- Areas: policies, rules, actions, operations, budget, decisions, day-to-day, policy and program coordination
- Types:
 1. Independent/ Autonomous (*e.g. Commission on Elections*)
 2. Control and Supervision (*e.g. President and DOTr, PRA; Mayor over Department Heads; President over DOE in taking over utilities*)
 3. Administrative Supervision (*e.g. Province over Component City/ Municipality*)
 4. Attachment (*e.g. DENR and LLDA; DOF and SSS; the approval or disapproval of the DBM Secretary, sitting as ex officio officer as required under the law would not have the effect of one member of the board overturning the votes of the majority of the board since it is, by legal fiat, actually the act of the President exercised through his alter ego; Doctrine of qualified political agency does not attach to the acts performed by cabinet secretaries in connection with their position as ex officio members of an AA*)

Spectrum: Administrative Relationship



| Power of “Higher” over “Lower” to | Control | Supervision | Attachment |
|--------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|------------|
| Alter-ego | ✓ | X | X |
| 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 and limitations – under the law, COA audit jurisdiction shall be limited to the 5% franchise tax and the 50% of the gross earnings pertaining to the Government as its share)
- When there is a conflict, law prevails over rules
- In general, liberal, not strict, interpretation of powers
- AAs (except for LGUs) cannot prohibit what law does not prohibit
- Basic Powers
 1. Investigative
 2. Rule-Making or Quasi-Legislative
 3. Adjudicative or Quasi-Judicial

Powers

Delegated
(not inherent)

Subordinate
Legislation

Mandate-
Driven

Liberal
Interpretation

Exercise of Powers

Ministerial *(duty to do a particular thing in a particular way)*



Discretionary *(decide or act according to one's judgment)*

Mandatory *(requirements must be followed and non-observance is not excusable)*



Directory *(non-compliance with requirement is excusable)*

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**; delegation of power of the President to DOE to takeover utilities); *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**; **public interest**; but not vague; not vague when AA has no unbridled discretion; even if term undefined in law, reasonableness is a question of fact that can be determined by the circumstances; efficiency and effectiveness of delivery of metro-wide services; may be stated in separate law; **implied from purpose of law considered as a whole**)

Twin Tests of Valid Delegation

1. Completeness *and*

- sets forth therein the policy to be executed, carried out, or implemented by the delegate (*delegate will just enforce*)

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

Law vs. Rule

Law (Congress/ LGUs)

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

Rule (AAs)

- How implemented?
- What are details?
- When statutory provisions become operative (if parameter/ condition in law)?

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 questions of law

Menu of AA Powers

Investigate-
Protect-Compel

Administrative/
Executive

Quasi-
Legislative

Quasi-Judicial

Police Power

Others/
Corporate

Investigate-Protect-Compel

Express/ Implied in Charter

- Cease and Desist
- Withdrawal of Privilege

Delegated by Law

- Preventive Suspension
- Abatement of Nuisance

Informational

Preventive/
Protective

Coercive/
Penal

Express/ Implied in Charter

- Fact-Finding
- Clearance
- Ocular Inspection
- Visitorial
- Investigate anomalies
- File cases

Delegated by Law

- Contempt
- Subpoena
- Search & Seizure

Cease and Desist Orders

Depending on Charter/ law:

- Mandate/ purpose of AA defines object of CDO
- Power can be express or implied
- Can be an incident of administrative or quasi-judicial proceedings
- Can be done *motu proprio, ex parte* or after notice and hearing (pre- or post-issuance)
- Observe pre-conditions (e.g. show cause order)
- Subject to administrative reversal and/ or judicial review

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. Create committee to investigate
 6. 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: **Laws are controlling and cannot be amended by a rule;** 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; interpretations must not override, supplant or modify laws (alkylate cannot be the subject of excise tax as this has no textual or non-textual support; AA can exempt from coverage of 20% senior citizen benefit membership dues since these are not payment for sale of a service but cannot exempt payment of fees for locker rental since the benefit extends to all establishments such as golf courses; in terms of traffic management in Metro-Manila, MMDA policies prevail over LGU ordinances (which are purely local))

Rule-Making

- Rationale: regulation highly complex, future situations cannot be fully anticipated, practicability, expediency and **expertise**
- **2 tests** of valid exercise of subordinate legislation
 1. Germane to objects and purposes of law
 2. Regulation not contradict and must conform with law
- An administrative issuance must comply with the following 4 **requisites** to be held valid:
 1. Its promulgation must be authorized by the legislature;
 2. It must be promulgated in accordance with the prescribed procedure;
 3. It must be within the scope of the authority given by the legislature; and
 4. It must be reasonable.

Rules on Rule-Making

1. Executive in nature
2. Rules partake of the nature of a statute
3. Force and effect of law (but are not laws)
4. Procedural rules are to be strictly adhered to in the collection of taxes
5. Germane to the objects of the law
6. By authority of law
7. Issued by proper issuer
8. Interpretations persuasive (deserves cogent consideration); not controlling upon courts (courts must apply the rules if validity of rules not put in issue; findings of BLGF, an agency created to provide consultative services, are not given weight by the courts)
9. Presumed legal, valid and constitutional
10. Notice and hearing not required (*unless law requires, affect vested/ contractual rights, affect specific parties/ persons and material change*)

Rules on Rule-Making

10. Mandatory to issue rules if “shall” used in enabling law
11. Pass reasonable test
12. Operative effect
13. Must be followed by other AAs; cannot postpone the application (DOE Rules by ERC)
14. Rules of an AA may be used as basis for rules of another AA
15. Subject to judicial review unless business judgment (RTC can determine if rule contravenes the Constitution or law)
16. Subject to repeal and amendment unless vested or contractual rights involved
17. 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. Compliance: franchises may be subject to compliance with NTC rules and regulations

Rule-Making

7. Issuer: Issued by proper authority for assigned subject matter/ within its jurisdiction (FDA can issue circular based on AO of SoH; IAC-Tobacco can issue rules on the basis of its authority to regulate health aspects of tobacco; CSC cannot issue rules on positions exempt from classification since outside jurisdiction; Career Executive Service Board (CESB) is expressly empowered to promulgate rules, standards and procedures on the selection, classification, compensation and career development of the members of the CES)

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]*

6 Types of Rules

Supplementary/
Implementing

Procedural

Penal

Contingent

Interpretative/
Opinions

Internal

6 Rules

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Supplementary</i> | Supplies the details, implements and supplements the law, and governs the public. |
| <i>Procedural</i> | Outlines the procedures and remedies. |
| <i>Contingent</i> | Determines the existence of a fact which is specified and defined in the law, and operationalizes said statutory provision. |
| <i>Penal</i> | Provides for the conditions and penalties for the violation of rules as expressly allowed under the law. |
| <i>Interpretative</i> | States the official position or opinion of the AA. |
| <i>Internal</i> | Governs the administration and operations of a particular AA or other AAs. |

Examples of Rules

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Supplementary</i> | Providing incentives to all government and private Health Institutions with Breastfeeding Practices |
| <i>Interpretative</i> | Issuing guidelines on treatment of discounts extended by power suppliers |
| <i>Procedural</i> | Outlining the procedure for the disqualification of nuisance candidates |
| <i>Penal</i> | Setting the penalties for violation of rules pursuant to the Fair Election Act Penalty of P1,000.00 per day for repeated defiance of its final and executory judgment is reasonable and fair in relation to the purpose of preserving the CSC's Constitutional mandate |
| <i>Contingent</i> | Lowering the National Tax Allotment of LGUs on the basis of a declaration of an unmanageable public sector deficit |
| <i>Internal</i> | Disallowing release of retirement benefits to those with pending cases |

Allows Contingency Rule

xxx Provided, That in the event that the national government incurs an **unmanageable public sector deficit**, the President of the Philippines is hereby authorized, upon the **recommendation** of Secretary of Finance, Secretary of Interior and Local Government and Secretary of Budget and Management, and subject to **consultation** with the presiding officers of both Houses of Congress and the presidents of the “liga”, to make the necessary adjustments in the internal revenue allotment of local government units but in no case shall the allotment be less than thirty percent (30%) of the collection of national internal revenue taxes of the third fiscal year preceding the current fiscal year: xxx

Allows Penal Rule

Violation of this Act and the **rules and regulations** of the COMELEC issued to **implement this Act** shall be an **election offense** punishable under the first and second paragraphs of Section 264 of the Omnibus Election Code (Batas Pambansa Blg. 881).

Why Differentiate?

| <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

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 |
| provides exception to transferability of agricultural land subject to regulations | recognized rule on succession and implemented owner-cultivator policy in agricultural development |
| 20% on sale of goods and services | Exempt from discount membership dues |

Rule-Making: Valid Rules

| <i>Law</i> | <i>Rules</i> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CSC constitutional mandate | imposed penalty of P1,000.00 per day for repeated defiance of its final and executory judgment |
| Not give power to legislate (MMDA) | adopt number coding-scheme is rule-making |
| Law excludes heinous crimes from benefit | Inclusion of heinous crime in exception |
| Law silent as to amortization input tax credit | rule bridges gap between 2 provisions of law |
| Dishonesty | serious, less serious, and simple dishonesty |
| Registration through examination with Bachelor's Degree (work experience and updated education) | Registration without examination (100 hours of workshops) |

Rule-Making: Valid Rules

| <i>Law</i> | <i>Rules</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BIR duty of assessment and collection of tax due | Obligates registration of book of accounts and pay annual registration fees |

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 |

Rule-Making: Invalid Rules

| <i>Law</i> | <i>Rules</i> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| develop road programs | declare roads - limited access |
| 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> |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| increase awareness among lawyers | prescribe mandatory training for lawyers |
| prescribe minimum standards for law admission | require passing of test otherwise law schools cannot admit |
| implement Salary Standardization Law | revise salary grades |
| election at next election after effectivity of law | upcoming election where election period started |
| power to issue rules | create substantial distinctions between types of contractors |
| exempted under the Charter to fix compensation | fix compensation contrary to applicable law |

Rule-Making: Invalid Rules

| <i>Law</i> | <i>Rules</i> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| “shall allow” end-users to the contestable market | mandatory migration to market (application needed; transfer is not automatic) |
| “other benefits” | “wage-related benefits” |
| fix salaries schemes exempt under SSL | Cannot fix without GCG approval |
| Appropriation ordinance vote requirement: quorum based on all members of council | Quorum based on members present |
| SEC jurisdiction over corporations | SEC jurisdiction over individuals (accountants under PRC) |
| Senior Citizen benefits for funeral and burial includes interment (broad undefined term) | Restricts funeral and burial expenses by excluding interment |

Rule-Making: Invalid Rules

| <i>Law</i> | <i>Rules</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Excise tax on distillation | alkylate, a product of alkylation subject to excise tax |
| 20% on sale of goods and services | Discount not extend to fees for locker rental in golf courses |
| MMDA law granting MMDA power to issue rules on traffic management | LGU ordinances on traffic management |
| BIR duty of assessment and collection of tax due | Requiring submission of affidavits containing fee structures/ factors |
| New Good Conduct Time Allowance includes any offender or any convicted prisoner | Excluded recidivists |

Rule-Making: Invalid Exercise

Law

Creates

Strict Requirements

No Requirement

Stated Requirement

Enumeration Exclusive

List with “others”

No Classification

Limited Application

Broad Application

Fixed Period

Continue Practice

Grant Power

Rule

Abolishes

Liberalizes Requirements

Imposes Requirement

Alters/ Deletes Requirement

Adds/ Deletes Requirement

Others not germane to list

Discriminates/ Classifies

Expands Application

Abridging 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
 - CIAC: jurisdiction covers transactions within construction industry where parties are in construction industry and does not extend to damages to property of private parties inflicted by a construction company
 - CTA: no jurisdiction over inter-AA disputes
 - PRC: no appellate jurisdiction over decisions of Board for Professional Teachers since no law prescribes this

Quasi-Judicial Power

- Jurisdiction: AA must acquire jurisdiction over subject matter to have authority to dispose of case; if no jurisdiction, case should be dismissed
- Extent: Typically, only questions of fact (questions of law or mixed if expressly permitted under the Charter/ law)
- Limitation: Subject to Judicial Review (cannot deprive courts of constitutional mandate)

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

2 Proceedings before AAs

| 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>Examples: (1) Grant of authorization or permission to undertake a regulated activity (NTC)</p> <p>(2) Determine best qualified provider (adapting a point system)</p> | <p>complaint proceedings involving the assessment and settling of the contending parties' respective rights and obligations (NTC)</p> |

Examples

Administrative

- DOH: List of Notifiable Diseases
- DSWD: Emergency Subsidy Program
- DILG: Investigation of Complaints
- DENR-EMB: Issuance of Special Permit to Transport Hazardous Wastes; **determine appropriate report for a particular project**
- FDA: Authorizations and Licenses to Operate
- SSS: Grant of Small Business Wage Subsidy
- BOC: Seizure of COVID 19-Necessary Goods
- PPA: Issuance of Certificate of Entry/ Withdrawal Permit
- PACC: Investigation of Complaints
- NTC: Grant of license/ franchise
- PCC: Clearance for M&As

Quasi-Judicial

- DTI: Violation of Consumer Act
- COMELEC: Election Protests
- IC: Statement of Claims
- ERC: Capital Expenditure
- Ombudsman: Disciplinary Actions
- LLDA: Pollution-related
- Higher LGU: complaint against local elective officials

12 Rules on Quasi-Judicial

1. Power expressly given
2. Jurisdiction defined by Charter (*not by AA or parties*)
3. Questions of fact and/ or law
4. Non-delegable (*reception of evidence can be sub-delegated*)
5. Follow procedural rules
6. Due process – Notice and Hearing required (*absence curable*)
7. Impartial Tribunal
8. Substantial Evidence (*not bound by technical rules but must have some proof of authenticity*)
9. Decision needed (*need not be full blown like in courts; based on completed investigation; resolve all issues raised*)
10. Counsel dispensable
11. Subject to Judicial Review
12. Courts accord great respect

Quasi-Legislative or -Judicial

| Quasi-Legislative | Quasi-Judicial |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Increasing rates for all public utility buses | Application for rate increase by a particular public utility operator |
| Prescribing the procedure to disqualify nuisance candidates | Disqualifying a nuisance candidate |
| Adopting the procedures for applying for a franchise | Revoking a specific franchise |
| Issuance of Resolution on Reinvestment Fund for Sustainable Capital Expenditures | Declaring improper the reinvestment |

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/ Due Process | Required/ Tax Investigation & Assessment | 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 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)
- Writ of Certiorari: there must be a specific statutory grant to issue (not by self-conferment of authority and not implied from quasi-judicial/ legislative power)

QJ Proceedings

- Due Process (DINA): Decision, Impartial Tribunal, Notice and Explain/ Appear/ Defend (anchored on fairness and equity; defenses considered; reasonable opportunity to be heard; observed when affidavits submitted and evidence considered in earlier ruling; due process requires that a decision must be based on completed, not unfinished investigation; party sufficiently informed of reasons for conclusions)
- Procedure: reasonable, due process, meet ends, published

QJ 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

QJ Proceedings

- 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) (discretion in granting respondent's Motion for Extension of Time to File Appeal from the Decision)

Due Process: Notice and Hearing

Required

- Quasi-Judicial (except motu proprio/ ex parte orders)
- Rule-making if:
 - Law provides
 - Affects a particular party like vested and contractual rights
 - Material change
- Administrative/ Executive Actions if:
 - Notice/ hearing required by law
 - Cannot be issued motu proprio/ ex parte
- Tax investigation and assessment since affect the proprietary rights of specific persons
- MR filed by a particular party

Not Required

- Rule-making unless:
 - Law requires
 - Material change
- Changes in rules and practices affecting general public, not a particular party with vested and contractual rights
- Motu Proprio/ Ex Parte Administrative and Executive Action

QJ Proceedings

- Evidence
 - Substantial (unless law provides different quantum; **need not be overwhelming or preponderant**; reasonable ground to believe that respondent is responsible for the misconduct complained of)
 - 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)**; party sufficiently informed of reasons for conclusions
- 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 (courts cannot determine the type of environmental report which is within the AA knowledge and competence; COA's requirement for prior clearance is an instance of pre-audit which COA can impose)
- AA findings must be accorded great respect (even finality) if supported by substantial evidence or amount of evidence which a reasonable mind might accept as adequate to justify a conclusion; in the absence of substantial showing that such findings were made from an erroneous estimation of the evidence presented; unless sharp conflict with law; not conclusive and final before courts and should not be applied in a straightjacket such as when there is grave abuse of discretion; findings of fact by the Office of the Ombudsman are conclusive when supported by substantial evidence unless there is grave abuse of discretion

Judicial Review of Administrative Findings

- Administrative decisions in matters within the executive jurisdiction can only be set aside on proof of gross abuse of discretion, fraud, or error of law
- Findings on questions of fact of an AA which only provide consultative services and technical assistance to LGUs are not given weight and deference in the courts
- An order, constituting executive or contemporaneous construction of a statute by an administrative agency charged with the task of interpreting and applying the same, is entitled to full respect and should be accorded great weight by the courts, unless such construction is clearly shown to be in sharp conflict with the Constitution, the governing statute, or other laws
- AA business judgments/ policy matters/ purely administrative matters (e.g. increase in SSS premiums) cannot be interfered with by Courts

Changing Factual Findings

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

1. Not based on substantial evidence (like bare unsubstantiated circumstances/ allegations) clearly, manifestly, and patently insufficient and insubstantial evidence to support the administrative agency's findings
2. Palpable errors
3. Acted arbitrarily with 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)

Changing Factual Findings

4. Fraud, mistake, collusion
5. Mis-appreciation or **erroneous estimation** of evidence to compel a contrary conclusion (the reviewing court may delve into the records and examine for itself the questioned findings)
6. Conflict in factual findings (**e.g. among Labor Arbiter, NLRC and CA; contrary to findings of arbitrators**)
7. **Rates fixed are unreasonable**

The exceptions must be alleged, substantiated, and proved by the parties so the Court may evaluate and review the facts of the case.

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

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

Judicial Review

1. Certiorari

2. Prohibition

3. Injunction

4. Mandamus

5. Declaratory Relief

6. Appeal

- 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
- Mandamus not lie to direct the exercise of judgment or discretion in a particular way on mass testing and efficient testing for COVID
- RTC has jurisdiction over the validity or constitutionality of a rule
- Certiorari proper to assail an admin rule

Scenarios



Defenses

- ***Ripeness:*** No actual injury, filed case in AA or Court
- ***Primary Jurisdiction:*** Instead of filing case before AA, filed directly with Court
- ***Finality of Action:*** While case pending before AA Level 2, filed case in Court
- ***Non-Exhaustion:*** 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/ Prior Resort**: AA concurrent with courts; needs administrative discretion and expertise of AA
 - File with DAR Secretary, not courts, cancellation of patents and titles under RA 9700
 - 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
 - If jurisdictions do not intersect, doctrine does not apply (each AA will rule based on its mandate/ 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 to 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
 - remedy available in requesting information from government
 - factual considerations in mass testing and efficient testing
 - DOJ when question legality of tax code provisions

Exceptions: Non-Exhaustion

JPLCS

- Questions essentially Judicial
- Administrative Remedy is Permissive
- Pure question of Law (facts not disputed; local tax; very authority of assessor to impose the assessment; WON failure to implead a party results in case dismissal)
- Constitutionality (impairment; freedom of speech)
- Small amount that exhaustion will be costly

DRIED

- Utter disregard for Due Process
- No plain speedy Remedy
- Strong public Interest (increase in FMVs in local taxation; non-reimbursement of insurance claims within prescribed time)
- Estoppel
- Continued and unreasonable Delay/ Urgency (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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