



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD FOR LIBRARIANS
RESOLUTION NO. 03(A)
Series of 2017

**ALLOWING ONLY REGISTERED AND LICENSED PROFESSIONAL LIBRARIANS
TO USE AND APPEND TO THEIR NAMES THE PROFESSIONAL TITLE "RL"**

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9246 or The Philippine Librarianship Act of 2003, which was enacted on February 19, 2004, is the law which regulates the practice of librarianship in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, this law grants to the Professional Regulatory Board for Librarians (Board), as an incident to its power to regulate the librarianship profession, the duty and authority to promulgate and administer rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of the law; to look into the conditions affecting the practice of librarianship, and when necessary, adopt such measures as may be deemed proper for the enhancement and maintenance of high ethical, moral and professional standards of librarianship; and to discharge other powers and duties as the Board may deem necessary for the practice of librarianship and the continued growth and development of librarians, libraries and library education in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, illegal practice of the librarianship profession is committed if a person practices or offers to practice as a librarian or assumes any position which involve performing the functions of a librarian, without a valid Certificate of Registration (COR), Professional Identification Card (PIC), or Temporary/Special Permit (TSP) (**Section 26, Article IV, RA No. 9246**);

WHEREAS, it is likewise punishable under Philippine criminal laws **to use fictitious name**, or **falsely pretend to possess** power, influence, **qualifications**, property, credit, agency, business or imaginary transactions, or by means of other similar deceits (**Section 315, Chapter Six, Book II, Act No. 3815 Revised Penal Code**);

WHEREAS, the use and appending of a professional title to one's name gives or tends to give an impression that the bearer thereof is a bona fide registered and licensed professional, as in the case of "MD" for Medical Doctors, "RN" for Registered Nurses, "Engr." for Engineers, "LPT" for Professional Teachers, among a few;

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to bar any person from misleading or misrepresenting to the public that he/she is a registered and licensed professional through the use or appending of professional titles to one's name, when in truth and in fact, he/she is not;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI), the Accredited and Integrated Professional Organization (AIPO) of Librarians, has issued Board Resolution No. 10, Series of 2017, entitled: "Resolution Requesting the Professional Regulatory Board for Librarians (PRBFL) to Issue a Resolution Allowing the Use of Initials 'RL' at the End of a Filipino Librarian's Name to Mean 'Registered Librarian'" to provide for a uniform reference to all professional librarians similar to the other professionals as therein mentioned;

WHEREFORE, the Board, upon these considerations, hereby **RESOLVES**, as it is so **RESOLVED**, to allow only registered and licensed librarians to use and append to their names the professional title "**RL**", under pain of sanctions for breach thereof.

This Resolution shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its full and complete publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of national circulation.

Let copies hereof be further furnished the U. P. Law Center and such other professional librarians organizations/associations for information.

Done this 8th day of Sept. 2017 in the City of Manila.


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