

Republic of the Philippines
SUPREME COURT
Manila

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A.M. No. 10-4-29-SC

THE 2010 RULES OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL

TITLE AND CONSTRUCTION

Rule 1. Title. - These Rules shall be known and cited as *The 2010 Rules of the Presidential Electoral Tribunal.* (R1a)

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Rule 57. Procedure of hearings. - At the hearings, the affidavits of the witnesses submitted by the parties shall constitute their direct testimonies. Witnesses who testify may be subject to cross - examination, redirect or re-cross examination. Should the affiant fail to testify, his affidavit shall not be considered as competent evidence for the party presenting the affidavit, but the adverse party may utilize the same for any admissible purpose.

Except on rebuttal or surrebuttal, no witness shall be allowed to testify unless his affidavit was previously submitted to the Tribunal

However, should a party desire to present additional affidavits or counter-affidavits as part of his direct evidence, he shall manifest during the preliminary conference, stating their purpose. If allowed by the Tribunal, the additional affidavits of the protestee shall be submitted to the Tribunal and serve on the adverse party not later than five days after the termination of the preliminary conference. If the additional affidavits are presented by the protestant, the protestee may file his counter-affidavits and serve the same on the protestant within five days of such service. (R55a)

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