NON-PLAGIARISM, GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE [GENAI] USE, AND RESEARCH ETHICS COMPLIANCE PLEDGE

I, _____, submit my thesis as part of the requirement for the *Juris Doctor*/Master of Laws degree at the Ateneo Law School, and certify that I have not plagiarized any part of my thesis and have made the proper acknowledgment and attribution of all my sources, including the use of GenAI. Further to the ATENEO LAW SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND PLAGIARISM, I acknowledge PLAGIARISM as -

"Plagiarism" is the unauthorized use, without adequate attribution, of the published ideas, expressions or works of another, with the intent or through neglect to pass the same as his or her own in any written materials submitted, printed or published in any Law School publication or in compliance with academic requirements (Rules and Regulations, Catalogue of the Ateneo de Manila Law School). Notwithstanding any jurisprudence to the contrary, and in accordance with the exercise of the constitutionally recognized "academic freedom," plagiarism is identified not through intent but through the act itself: the objective act of falsely attributing to one's self what is not one's work, whether intentional or out of neglect, is sufficient to conclude that plagiarism has occurred. One who pleads ignorance, appeals to lack of malice or alleges poor instruction from teacher or superiors, are not valid excuses.

"Published ideas, expressions or works" means works, which, with the consent of the authors, are made available to the public by wire or wireless means in such a way that the members of the public may access these works from a place and time individually chosen by them: provided, that the availability of such copies has been such as to satisfy the reasonable requirements of the public, having regard to the nature of the work (Sec. 171.7, R.A. No. 8293). (ATENEO LAW SCHOOL HANDBOOK)

ETHICS CLEARANCE: I am aware of the University Research Integrity Office (URIO) requirements on ethics review and clearance; and based on its rules:

☐ I certify that I need NOT secure URIO's ethics clearance because my thesis involves purely desk research on information a.) accessible to the public with no reasonable expectation of privacy; and b.) that has no human interaction/intervention.

☐ I have completed the URIO's process and secured the necessary ethics clearance and/or exemption, attaching the relevant document(s) hereto.

USE OF GENAI: I am aware that the use of AI tools must be primarily kept to research support, with limited allowance for permissible GenAI use, namely: *identifying potential sources and/or gaps in collated literature, compiling laws and jurisprudence, quantitative analysis of large amounts of anonymized data; checking of spelling, grammar and syntax refinement, and formatting citations.* This limited use of GenAI does not extend to paraphrasing, altering the tone of significant portions of text, and does not replace independent legal reasoning. I acknowledge that I am responsible for ensuring the academic integrity and originality of this thesis. I certify that:

☐ I did not use GenAI in any aspect of my thesis.

☐ I used GenAI tools: [*e.g.,* ChatGPT, Claude, Microsoft Copilot, etc.] _____

☐ I used GenAI for the following purpose(s): _____

I am executing this certification with full knowledge of my responsibilities under the rules/guidelines on plagiarism, research ethics, and GenAI use, and the possible consequences for violating them.

_____
Signature over Printed Name of Student
Student ID Number _____
Date: _____