

## Republic of the Philippines Supreme Court Office of the Court Administrator Manila

## OCA CIRCULAR NO. 22-2014

TO

THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'A DISTRICT COURTS, METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'A CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE

INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT:

SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR FIVE (5)

YEARS OF ATTY, ALBERT T. VILLASECA

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision of the Court *En Banc* dated 1 October 2013, in Administrative Case No. 7922, entitled "Mary Ann T. Mattus v. Atty. Albert T. Villaseca," to wit:

WHEREFORE premises considered, we find Atty. Albert T. Villaseca guilty of negligence, in violation of Rule 12.03 and 18.03 and Canon 17 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. He is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law for five (5) years, effective upon his receipt of this Decision, and STERNLY WARNED that a repetition of the same or similar offense will be dealt with more severely.

Respondent received on 12 November 2013 the said Decision as shown in the Registry Return Receipt No. 3460.

30 January 2014

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