



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

**OCA CIRCULAR NO. 129-2012**

**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 ONE (1) YEAR OF ATTY. ARNEL C. CAPISTRANO

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision of the Third Division dated 16 April 2012, in Administrative Case No. 6903, entitled "**Suzette Del Mundo vs. Atty. Arnel C. Capistrano**," to wit:

"**WHEREFORE**, respondent Atty. Arnel C. Capistrano, having clearly violated Canons 16 and 18 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, is **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for one year with a stern warning that a repetition of the same or similar acts shall be dealt with more severely. He is **ORDERED** to return to Suzette Del Mundo the full amount of PhP73,500.00 within 30 days from notice hereof and **DIRECTED** to submit to the Court proof of such payment."

In a Resolution dated 30 July 2012, the Court further **DENIED** with **FINALITY** the respondent's motion for reconsideration as no substantial matters were raised to warrant its reconsideration. Respondent received the said resolution on 4 October 2012 per Registry Return Receipt No. 42895.

28 November 2012

  
**JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ**  
Court Administrator