



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 146-2013

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 TWO (2) YEARS OF ATTY. LEONARDO E. JIZ

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision of the Court *En Banc* dated 5 March 2013, in Administrative Case No. 9615, entitled "*Gloria P. Jinon v. Atty. Leonardo E. Jiz,*" to wit:

WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. Leonardo E. Jiz, having clearly violated Rules 16.01 and 16.03, Canon 16 and Rule 18.03, Canon 18 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and disobeyed lawful orders of the Commission on Bar Discipline, is **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for two (2) years, 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 complainant Gloria P. Jinon the full amount of ₱45,000.00 with legal interest of 6% *per annum* from date of demand on September 22, 2004 up to the finality of this Decision and 12% *per annum* from its finality until paid.

In a Resolution dated 10 June 2013, the Court **DENIED** with **FINALITY** respondent's motion for reconsideration. In a Resolution dated 2 July 2013, the Court **TREATED** his Motion for Leave to Admit Amended Motion for Reconsideration and Amended Motion for Reconsideration as a Second Motion for Reconsideration, and **DENIED** the same for lack of merit, considering that it is a prohibited pleading.

12 November 2013


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator