



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 35-2012

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. JIMMY D. LACEBAL AND REVOCATION OF HIS NOTARIAL COMMISSION AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM REAPPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR TWO (2) YEARS.

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision of the Third Division dated 17 October 2011, in Administrative Case No. 7241, entitled "**Atty. Florita S. Linco vs. Atty. Jimmy D. Lacebal**", to wit:

"WHEREFORE, for breach of the Notarial Law and Code of Professional Responsibility, the notarial commission of respondent **ATTY. JIMMY D. LACEBAL**, is **REVOKED**. He is **DISQUALIFIED** from reappointment as Notary Public for a period of two years. He is also **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for a period of one year, effective immediately. He is further **WARNED** that a repetition of the same or similar acts shall be dealt with more severely. He is **DIRECTED** to report the date of receipt of this Decision in order to determine when his suspension shall take effect."

In a Resolution dated 15 February 2012, the Court **DENIED with FINALITY** the respondent's motion for reconsideration thereof.

April 27, 2012.


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

