



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 78-2009

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

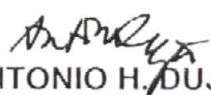
SUBJECT: SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW
FOR THREE (3) MONTHS OF ATTY.
GERARDO F. LARA

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision of the Second Division dated 30 January 2009, in Administrative Case No. 7024 entitled, "**Ofelia R. Somosot vs. Atty. Gerardo F. Lara**", to wit:

"**WHEREFORE**, premises considered, respondent Atty. Gerardo F. Lara is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for a period of three (3) months, effective upon receipt of a copy of this decision."

Acting on respondent's Motion for Reconsideration of the Decision dated 30 January 2009, the Court resolves to **DENY** the motion with **FINALITY**, the basic issues raised therein having been duly considered and passed upon by the Court in the said decision and there being no substantial merit, pursuant to the Resolution of the Second Division dated 27 April 2009.

June 30, 2009.


ANTONIO H. DUJUA
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