



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 91-2013

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  
SIX (6) MONTHS OF ATTY. ABELARDO B.  
DUMAGUING

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution of the Third Division dated August 1, 2012, in Administrative Case No. 9390, entitled *Emilia O. Dhaliwal vs. Atty. Abelardo B. Dumaguing*, to wit:

**WHEREFORE**, Atty. Abelardo B. Dumaguing is adjudged **GUILTY** of violating Canon 16 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. He is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for a period of six (6) months effective upon receipt of this Resolution. He is also ordered to return to complainant Emilia O. Dhaliwal, the amount of ₱311,819.94 with legal interest of six percent (6%) per annum from the time of his receipt of the money on September 29, 2000 up to the finality of this Resolution and twelve percent (12%) per annum from finality thereof until paid.

In a Resolution dated 04 February 2013, the Court **DENIED with FINALITY** the respondent's motion for reconsideration as no substantial matters were raised to warrant its reconsideration.

July 15, 2013

  
JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ  
Court Administrator