



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 97-2009

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 TWO (2) YEARS OF ATTY. SANTIAGO C.
SORIANO

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution of the Court *En Banc* dated 09 October 2007, in Administrative Case No. 7418, entitled "**Andrea Balce Celaje vs. Atty. Santiago C. Soriano**", to wit:

"**WHEREFORE**, respondent Atty. Santiago C. Soriano is found **GUILTY** of violating Canon 16 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for a period of two (2) years from notice, with a **STERN WARNING** that a repetition of the same or similar acts shall be dealt with more severely.

Respondent is further ordered to retribute to his clients through Andrea Balce Celaje, within 30 days from notice, the amount of P5,800.00. Respondent is directed to submit to the Court proof of payment within fifteen days from payment of the full amount."

Pursuant to the Resolution of the Court *En Banc* dated 04 March 2008, the Court Resolved to **CONSIDER** as **SERVED** the Notice of Judgment dated 09 October 2007 addressed to complainant at Cawacagan, Bato, 4435 Camarines Sur.

August 13, 2009.


JOSE P. PEREZ
Court Administrator