



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 144-2006

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. SERGIO E.
BERNABE, REVOCATION OF HIS NOTARIAL
COMMISSION AND DISQUALIFICATION
FROM REAPPOINTMENT AS NOTARY
PUBLIC FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS

In the decision of the First Division of this Court dated 09 February 2006, in Administrative Case No. 6963 entitled, "**Victoria Bautista vs. Atty. Sergio E. Bernabe**" respondent Atty. Sergio E. Bernabe was suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year, his notarial commission was revoked and was disqualified from reappointment as Notary Public for a period of two (2) years (subject of OCA Circular No. 54-2006 dated 21 March 2006).

In the same decision, Atty. Bernabe was further warned that a repetition of the same or of similar acts shall be dealt with more severely. He was **DIRECTED** to report the date of receipt of the Decision in order to determine when his suspension shall take effect. Copy of the decision was received by Atty. Bernabe on 10 March 2006. The respondent's Motion for Reconsideration was denied with finality in the resolution dated 5 June 2006.

This circular amends OCA Circular No. 54-2006 dated 21 March 2006.

18 October 2006.


CHRISTOPHER O. LOCK
Court Administrator