



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 115-2011

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 : DISBARMENT OF ATTY. ROMULO L. RICAFORT

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision of the Court *En Banc* dated 15 March 2011, in Administrative Case No. 8253, entitled "**Erlinda R. Tarog vs. Atty. Romulo L. Ricafort,**" to wit:

"**WHEREFORE**, we find and declare Atty. Romulo L. Ricafort guilty of a violation of Canon 16, Rule 16.01 and Canon 17 of the *Code of Professional Responsibility* and, accordingly, disbar him. The Bar Confidant is directed to strike out his name from the Roll of Attorneys.

Atty. Ricafort is ordered to return to Erlinda R. Tarog the sums of P65,000.00 and P15,000.00, plus interest of six percent *per annum* reckoned from the demand made in December 3, 2002, within twenty days from notice."

In a Resolution dated 14 June 2011, the Court DENIED WITH FINALITY the respondent's motion for reconsideration of the Decision dated 15 March 2011, as the basic issues raised therein have been passed upon by this Court and no substantial arguments were presented to warrant the reversal of the questioned decision.

15 August 2011.


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator