

Republic of the Philippines Supreme Court Manila

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION OF COURTS

CIRCULAR NO. 11-90

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THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'A DISTRICT COURTS, METRO-POLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'A CIRCUIT COURTS AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF ATTY. JUAN B. MONTECILLO FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW

For the information and guidance of all concerned, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Court En Banc Resolution dated October 2, 1990, in G. R. No. 94714 entitled "Monte-Gamo Market vs. Court of Appeals and Leonides Azul, et al.", to wit:

"G. R. No. 94714 (Monte-Gamo Market vs. Court of Appeals and Leonides Azul, et al.). -

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"It seems obvious that the bare recitation of the foregoing facts, without more, establishes clearly and conclusively Atty. Juan Montecillo's defiance, even disdain, of this Court's authority as well as of settled and quite fundamental principles of law. He has repeatedly ignored the Court's warnings and injunctions. He has quite openly and blatantly, engaged in forum shopping, and abused the processes of the courts. He has closed his mind to law and logic and misused his profession. He is guilty of gross misconduct and of contempt of court. The Court cannot allow him to go unpunished.

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"The Court further Resolved to SENTENCE Atty. Juan B. Montecillo, of 3350 Ibarra Street,

Makati, Metro Manila, to pay a FINE of One Thousand Pesos (\$1,000.00) payable within ten (10) days, or to suffer IMPRISONMENT in the local jail for ten (10) days in case he fails to pay the fine within the time appointed, and to SUSPEND him from the practice of law throughout the Philippines for a period of SIX (6) MONTHS from and after finality of this Resolution, with the warning that any other similar misconduct on his part will be dealt with more severely. xxxxx "

Manila, October __15__, 1990.

MEYNARDO A. TIRO Court Administrator

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