



**Supreme Court of the Philippines  
Manila**

**OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR**

CIRCULAR NO. 51-91

T O : 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 AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF **ATTY. BENITO JALANDOON, SR.** FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW

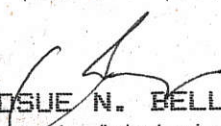
For the information and guidance of all concerned, quoted hereunder are pertinent portions of the decision of the Court en banc dated July 18, 1991, in A. C. No. 1311 entitled "Ramona L. Vda. de Alisbo and Norberto S. Alisbo vs. Atty. Benito Jalandoon, Sr.", to wit:

"The surrounding circumstances leave us with no other conclusion than that Attorney Jalandoon, betrayed his client Ramon Alisbo's trust and did not champion his cause with the whole-hearted fidelity, care and devotion that a lawyer is obligated to give to every case that he accepts from a client. There is more than simple negligence resulting in the extinguishment and loss of his client's right of action; there is a hint of duplicity and lack of candor in his dealings with his client, which call for the exercise of this Court's disciplinary power.

"The Honorable Solicitor General who conducted the investigation of this case found respondent Attorney Benito Jalandoon, Sr. guilty of serious misconduct and infidelity. Although the Solicitor General recommended the suspension of respondent Attorney Benito Jalandoon, Sr. from the practice of law for a period of one (1) year, the Court, after due deliberation, decided to suspend him for a period of two (2) years from the finality of this decision.

IT IS SO ORDERED."

December 19, 1991.

  
JOSUE N. BELLOSILLO  
Court Administrator