



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 21-2015

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: REVOCATION OF NOTARIAL COMMISSION AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM REAPPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR ONE (1) YEAR OF ATTY. SAMUEL SM. LEZAMA

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution of the First Division dated 30 July 2014 in Administrative Case No. 10450, entitled "**Emerita B. Mahilum v. Atty. Samuel SM. Lezama,**" to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court hereby finds Atty. Samuel SM. Lezama **GUILTY** of violating the Notarial Law and the Code of Professional Responsibility. Accordingly, his incumbent notarial commission is **REVOKED** and he is **DISQUALIFIED** from being commissioned as a notary public for **ONE (1) YEAR**, effective immediately. He is further **WARNED** that a repetition of the same or similar offense shall be dealt with more severely.

Respondent received on 24 October 2014 the abovementioned Resolution dated 30 July 2014.

02 February 2015

JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator