

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

## OCA CIRCULAR NO. 50-2015

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:** 

SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR THREE (3) MONTHS OF ATTY. NAPOLEON NIÑOFRANCO

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution of the Second Division dated 18 August 2014 in Administrative Case No. 10181 entitled "Ruben B. Barja v. Atty. Napoleon Niñofranco," to wit:

ACCORDINGLY, we ADOPT the findings and recommendation of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines finding respondent Atty. Napoleon Niñofranco GUILTY of violation of the Code of Professional Responsibility and SUSPENDING him from the practice of law for a period of three (3) months, effective upon finality hereof, with MODIFICATION that he is ordered to restitute the amount of \$\pm\$7,000.00 to the complainant within 90 days from finality of this Resolution, the same with interest at the rate of 6% per annum from date of filing of this Complaint until fully paid.

Respondent did not file any motion for reconsideration thereof.

12 March 2015

OSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ

MBC/ADS/romer/sus\_niñofranco.doc