



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 156-2015

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 ONE (1) YEAR OF ATTY. LOPE M. VELASCO AND REVOCATION OF HIS NOTARIAL COMMISSION AND PROHIBITED FROM REAPPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution of the Second Division dated 15 September 2014 in Administrative Case No. 8637, entitled "**Imelda Cato Gaddi vs. Atty. Lope M. Velasco**" to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court finds respondent Atty. Lope M. Velasco **GUILTY** of violating the 2004 Rules on Notarial Practice and the Code of Professional Responsibility. Accordingly, the Court **SUSPENDS** him from the practice of law for one year, **REVOKES** his incumbent notarial commission, if any, and **PROHIBITS** him from being commissioned as a notary public for two years, effective immediately, with a stern warning that a repetition of the same or similar offense shall be dealt with more severely.

28 July 2015


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator