



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 198-2015

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 TWO (2) YEARS OF ATTY. ARTURO B. CEFRA AND REVOCATION OF HIS INCUMBENT NOTARIAL COMMISSION AND PERPETUAL DISQUALIFICATION FROM BEING COMMISSIONED AS A NOTARY PUBLIC

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution of the Supreme Court *En Banc* dated 10 February 2015 in Administrative Case No. 5482 entitled "**Jimmy Anudon and Juanita Anudon vs. Atty. Arturo B. Cefra**" to wit:

WHEREFORE, this court finds respondent Atty. Arturo B. Cefra **GUILTY** of notarizing the Deed of Sale dated August 12, 1998 in the absence of the affiants, as well as failure to comply with an order from this court. Accordingly, this court **SUSPENDS** him from the practice of law for two (2) years, **REVOKES** his incumbent notarial commission, if any, and **PERPETUALLY DISQUALIFIES** him from being commissioned as a notary public. Respondent is also **STERNLY WARNED** that more severe penalties will be imposed for any further breach of the Canon in the Code of Professional Responsibility.

Respondent, thru agent Marylou M. Cefra, received on 26 March 2015 the said Resolution, as shown in the Registry Return Receipt No. 18714. Respondent did not file a motion for reconsideration.

25 August 2015


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator