



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 201-2015

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. ASTORGA

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision of the Supreme Court *En Banc* dated 25 November 2014 in Administrative Case Nos. 4697 and 4728 entitled "Florencio A. Saladaga vs. Atty. Arturo B. Astorga," to wit:

WHEREFORE, respondent is hereby found **GUILTY** of the following: breach of the Lawyer's Oath; unlawful, dishonest and deceitful conduct; and disrespect for the Court, and causing undue delay of these cases, for which he is **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for a period of two (2) years, reckoned from receipt of this Decision, with **WARNING** that a similar misconduct in the future shall be dealt with more severely.

The copy of the aforesaid Decision was delivered on 16 February 2015 to respondent at his given address, but the latter refused to received the same, as shown in the Registry Return Receipt No. 6802.

27 August 2015


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator