OCA CIRCULAR NO. 217-2015

TO : THE COURT OF APPEALS, THE SANDIGANBAYAN, THE COURT OF TAX APPEALS, THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, THE SHARI'A DISTRICT COURTS, THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, THE MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, THE SHARI'A CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, THE PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT : LIFTING OF SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) YEAR OF ATTY. JUSTO J. PARAS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution of the First Division dated July 1, 2015 in *Administrative Case No. 4947 (Rosa Yap Paras vs. Atty. Justo J. Paras)*, to wit:

Considering the affidavit of compliance dated March 25, 2015 (with enclosures) of respondent Atty. Justo J. Paras stating, among other matters, that he has served the suspension imposed upon him in the Resolution dated February 14, 2005, the Court resolves:

(1) to *NOTE* the aforesaid affidavit of compliance;

(2) to *NOTE* the complainant's comment/objections (with leave of court) to the said affidavit of compliance, and praying that respondent be sanctioned accordingly;

(3) to *NOTE* the respondent's supplemental submission for completion of affidavit of compliance (with prior leave of court) dated May 15, 2015;

(4) to **NOTE** the complainant's comment/objections (with enclosures) to the supplemental affidavit of compliance (with leave of court) dated May 17, 2015;

(5) to **LIFT** the order of suspension from the practice of law meted against respondent Atty. Justo J. Paras in the Resolutin dated February 14, 2005; and

(6) to **ALLOW** Atty. Justo J. Paras to **RESUME** his practice of law considering that he has already fully served his one-year suspension from the practice of law.

September __18__, 2015

JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

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