



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 10-2016

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) YEARS OF ATTY. DENNIS N. ACORDA

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision of the Court En Banc dated 16 June 2015 in Administrative Case No. 9603, entitled "**Dominic Paul D. Lazareto vs. Atty. Dennis N. Acorda,**" to wit:

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Resolution No. XX-2012-196, dated June 9, 2012, of the IBP Board of Governors is **SET ASIDE**. Respondent Atty. Dennis N. Acorda is **ORDERED** suspended from the practice of law for three (3) years from and after notice of this Decision. We also **WARN** him that the commission of the same or similar act or acts shall be dealt with more severely.

Atty. Dennis N. Acorda is **DIRECTED** to formally **MANIFEST** to this Court, upon receipt of this Decision, the date of his receipt which shall be the starting point of his suspension. He shall furnish a copy of this Manifestation to all the courts and quasi-judicial bodies where he has entered his appearance as counsel; to his employer (if he is employed); and to his law firm.

Respondent, thru counsel, received this Decision on 28 August 2015. In a Resolution dated, 16 November 2015, the Court further **DENIED** with **FINALITY** the respondent's motion for reconsideration.

14 January 2016


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator