



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 20-2016

**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:** LIFTING OF SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) YEAR OF ATTY. DANIEL RAFAEL B. PENUELA

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution of the Third Division dated 12 August 2015 in Administrative Case No. 7904 entitled "**Rhodora B. Yutuc vs. Atty. Daniel Rafael B. Penuela,**" to wit:


This refers to the Report and Recommendation dated June 19, 2015 of the Office of the Bar Confidant (OBC) on respondent's ex-parte motion to lift order of suspension, finding that respondent has fully served his one (1) year suspension from the practice of law from October 29, 2008 to October 29, 2009, submitted the required certifications from the courts and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines that he has not practiced law and not appeared in any court in Bacolod City and Negros Occidental during the suspension period and has reimbursed the full amount of ₱25,000 plus 6% interest to the complainant as directed in the Resolution dated September 22, 2008, the Court, upon the recommendation of the OBC, resolves to:

- (1) **LIFT** the one year suspension of Atty. Daniel Rafael B. Penuela and **ALLOW** him to **RESUME** his law practice; and

- (2) **INFORM** respondent that the request for clearance can only be issued upon lifting the order suspension of the Court and after payment of the necessary fee to the Supreme Court Cashier.

21 January 2016

  
**JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ**  
Court Administrator

  
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