



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

**OCA CIRCULAR NO. 52-2016**

**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 SIX (6) MONTHS OF ATTY. ARNALDO P. DIZON AND PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR ALADIN C. BERMUDEZ, JR.


For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution of the First Division dated 12 January 2015 in Administrative Case Nos. 9029, entitled "[formerly CBD Case No. 12-3404] (Sharon Flores-Concepcion vs. Atty. Arnaldo P. Dizon and Provincial Prosecutor Aladin C. Bermudez, Jr.," to wit:

The Court **RESOLVES** to **ADOPT** and **APPROVE** the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines in the attached Resolution<sup>1</sup> dated June 22, 2013. Accordingly, the Court finds respondents Atty. Arnaldo P. Dizon and Provincial Prosecutor Aladin C. Bermudez, Jr. **GUILTY** of violating Canon 7 and Canon 10, Rule 10.1 and 10.2 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and are thus meted with the penalty of **SUSPENSION** from the practice of law for a period of six (6) months, with a **STERN WARNING** that a repetition of the same shall be dealt with more severely.<sup>2</sup>

In a Resolution dated 29 June 2015, the Court **DENIED** with **FINALITY** the respondents' motion for reconsideration as no substantial matter has been raised therein to warrant a modification of this Court's resolution.

12 February 2016

  
**JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ**  
Court Administrator

  
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<sup>1</sup> Rollo (Vol. 1), pp. 368-369. Signed by National Secretary Nasser A. Marohomsalic  
<sup>2</sup> See *Sonic Steel Industries, Inc. v. Chua*, A.C. 6942 July 17, 2013, 701 SCRA 340