



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 147-2016

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. ARNEL C. GONZALES

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. 5732, entitled "**Alfredo C. Olvida vs. Atty. Arnel C. Gonzales,**" to wit:

WHEREFORE, premises considered, respondent Atty. Arnel C. Gonzales is **SUSPENDED from the practice of law for three (3) years**, effective upon finality of this decision, with a **warning** that a repetition of the same offense shall be dealt with more severely.

Atty. Arnel C. Gonzales 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.

In a Resolution dated 12 January 2016, the Court **DENIED** the respondent's motion for reconsideration for lack of merit. Respondent received on 15 February 2016 this Resolution dated 12 January 2016.

1 July 2016


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator
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