



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 178-2016

**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

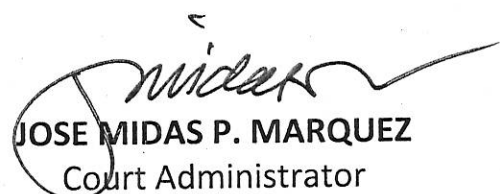
**SUBJECT:** SUSPENSION OF PROSECUTOR MARY ANN T. CASTRO-ROA FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Decision dated 29 June 2016 of the Third Division in Administrative Case No. 9871, entitled "*In Re: A.M. No. 04-7-373-RTC [Report on the Judicial Audit Conducted in the Regional Trial Court, Branch 60, Barili, Cebu] and A.M. No. 04-7-374-RTC [Violation of Judge Ildefonso Suerte, Regional Trial Court, Branch 60, Barili, Cebu of Administrative Order No. 36-2004], Prosecutor MARY ANN T. CASTRO-ROA,*" to wit:

**WHEREFORE,** Resolution No. XX-2011-220, dated November 19, 2011 is **MODIFIED**; Prosecutor Mary Ann T. Castro-Roa is **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for six (6) months, effective upon the receipt of this Decision. She is warned that a repetition of a similar act will be dealt with more severely.

Respondent personally received the said decision on 26 July 2016.

1 August 2016

  
JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ  
Court Administrator