

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 09-2017

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 ATTY. DWIGHT M. GALARRITA FROM

THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Decision dated 7 July 2015 of the Court *En Banc* in Administrative Case No. 10662, entitled "Jun B. Luna v. Atty. Dwight M. Galarrita," to wit:

WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. Dwight M. Galarrita is SUSPENDED from the practice of law for two (2) years, with a stern warning that a repetition of the same or similar acts shall be dealt with more severely. He is ORDERED to return to complainant Jun B. Luna the amount of ₽100,000.00, with legal interest of 6% per annum from February 2006¹⁰⁵ until fully paid, without prejudice to the filing of a collection case for retainer's fee against complainant Luna.

Respondent, thru authorized agent, received the resolution dated 2 February 2016 denying his motion for reconsideration on 6 April 2016.

16 January 2017

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¹⁰⁵ Id. At 242-243