



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 12-2017

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: DROPPING AND STRIKING OFF FROM THE ROLL OF ATTORNEYS THE NAME PATRICK A. CARONAN WITH ROLL OF ATTORNEYS NO. 49069

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Decision dated 12 July 2016 of the Court *En Banc* in Administrative Case No. 11316, entitled "**Patrick A. Caronan v. Richard A. Caronan a.k.a. "Atty. Patrick A. Caronan"**," to wit:

WHEREFORE, respondent Richard A. Caronan a.k.a. "Atty. Patrick A. Caronan" (respondent) is found **GUILTY** of falsely assuming the name, identity, and academic records of complainant Patrick A. Caronan (complainant) to obtain a law degree and take the Bar Examinations. Accordingly, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate civil and/or criminal cases, the Court hereby resolves that:

- (1) the name "Patrick A. Caronan" with Roll of Attorneys No. 49069 is ordered **DROPPED** and **STRICKEN OFF** the Roll of Attorneys;
- (2) respondent is **PROHIBITED** from engaging in the practice of law or making any representations as a lawyers;
- (3) respondent is **BARRED** from being admitted as a member of the Philippines Bar in the future;
- (4) the Identification Cards issued by the Integrated Bar of the Philippines to respondent under the name "Atty. Patrick A. Caronan" and the

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Certificates issued in such name are **CANCELLED**
and/or **REVOKED**; and

- (5) the Office of the Court Administrator is ordered to **CIRCULATE** notices and **POST** in the bulletin boards of all courts of the country a photograph of respondent with his real name, "Richard A. Caronan," with a warning that he is not a member of the Philippines Bar and a statement of his false assumption of the name and identity of "Patrick A. Caronan."

18 January 2017


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator