



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 23-2017

**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. IGMEDIO S. PRADO, JR. FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Decision dated 18 April 2016 of the Third Division in Administrative Case No. 7447, entitled "**Rene B. Hermano v. Atty. Igmedio S. Prado, Jr.,**" to wit:

**WHEREFORE**, the Court finds respondent Atty. Igmedio S. Prado, Jr. **GUILTY** of violation of Canon 16, Rule 16.01, Canons 17 and 18, Rules 18.02, 18.03 and 18.04 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. Accordingly, the Court **SUSPENDS** him from the practice of law for six (6) months effective upon finality of this Decision and **ORDERS** him to return the amount of ₱25,000.00 to complainant Rene B. Hermano for legal services he failed to render within thirty (30) days from receipt of this Decision. He is further **WARNED** that a repetition of the same or similar offense shall be dealt with more severely.

Respondent received the Resolution dated 5 October 2016 on 9 December 2016.

24 January 2017

  
**JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ**  
Court Administrator