



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 51-2017

**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. ERNESTO V. VILLAGARCIA FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) MONTH

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 8 August 2016 of the First Division in Administrative Case No. 8210, entitled "**Spouses Manolo and Milinia Nuezca v. Atty. Ernesto V. Villagarcia,**" to wit:

**WHEREFORE,** respondent Atty. Ernesto V. Villagarcia is found **GUILTY** of violation of Rule 8.01, Canon 8 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. He is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for a period of one (1) month, effective upon his receipt of this Resolution, and is **STERNLY WARNED** that a repetition of the same or similar acts will be dealt with more severely.

8 March 2017

  
**JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ**  
Court Administrator