



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 94-2017

TO : THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN,  
COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL  
COURTS, SHARĪA DISTRICT COURTS,  
METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL  
TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL  
COURTS, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS,  
SHARĪA CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE  
CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S  
OFFICE AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE  
PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF ATTY. EDGARDO P. PALAY FROM  
THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS  
AND REVOCATION OF HIS NOTARIAL  
COMMISSION AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM  
REAPPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR TWO  
(2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the  
Decision dated 21 September 2016 of the Third Division in  
Administrative Case No. 10150, entitled "Gina E. Endaya v. Atty. Edgardo  
O. Palay," to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court finds respondent Atty.  
Edgardo O. Palay GUILTY of violating Canon 1, Rule 1.01 of  
the Code of Professional Responsibility and the 2004 Rules  
on Notarial Practice. Accordingly, the Court SUSPENDS him  
from the practice of law for six (6) months, REVOKES his  
incumbent notarial commission, if any, and DISQUALIFIES  
him from being commissioned as a notary public for two (2)  
years. Respondent is also STERNLY WARNED that more  
severe penalties will be imposed for any further breach of the  
Canons in the Code of Professional Responsibility.

Respondent received the aforesaid Decision on 18 November 2016.

21 April 2017

  
JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ  
Court Administrator