



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 180-2017

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

SUBJECT: LIFTING OF SUSPENSION FROM THE  
PRACTICE OF LAW OF ATTY. GINES N.  
ABELLANA

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 28 June 2017 of the Special First Division in Administrative Case No. 3452, entitled "Henry Samonte v. Atty. Gines N. Abellana," to wit:

The Court resolves:

- (1) to *NOTE* and consider as *SATISFACTORY* the compliance of Atty. Gines N. Abellana, praying that the Court admit the thereto attached money orders as payment of the ₱5,000.00 fine imposed upon him in the Resolution dated September 21, 2016, and that his suspension be now lifted;
- (2) to *NOTE* the payment of court fine by respondent Atty. Gines N. Abellana in the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (₱5,000.00), in compliance with the Resolution dated September 21, 2016, as evidenced by the Certification issued by the Cash Collection and Disbursement Division, Fiscal Management & Budget Office, stating the receipt from respondent the Postal Money Order Nos. 13489/10653-54


dated March 3, 2017 amounting to ₱5,000.00, and O.R. No. 0173436-SC-EP dated March 20, 2017;

- (3) to *CONSIDER* as *SATISFACTORY* the compliance of respondent Atty. Gines N. Abellana with the Resolution dated September 21, 2016, informing the Court of his payment of fine with a request that an order be issued lifting his suspension from the practice of law; and
- (4) to *NOTE* the Report dated March 27, 2017 of the Office of the Bar Confidant.

The Court further resolves to *LIFT* the suspension of respondent Atty. Gines N. Abellana from the practice of law and he is allowed to *RESUME* his practice of law effective from notice.

22 August 2017

  
JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ  
Court Administrator

  
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