

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 225-2017

TO

THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL DISTRICT COURTS, COURTS. SHARI'A MUNICIPAL COURTS. METROPOLITAN TRIAL 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. EDUARDO Z. GATCHALIAN FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 28 June 2017 of the First Division in Administrative Case No. 8371, entitled "Spouses Gerardo Montecillo and Dominga Salonoy v. Atty. Eduardo Z. Gatchalian," to wit:

WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. Eduardo Z. Gatchalian is found GUILTY of violating Canon 18, Rules 18.03 and 18.04 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. Accordingly, he is SUSPENDED from the practice of law for six (6) months effective from the finality of this Resolution, and is STERNLY WARNED that a repetition of the same or similar act shall be dealt with more severely.

To date, no motion for reconsideration has been filed by either party.

22 November 2017

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Court Administrator

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