



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 236-2017

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 PROSECUTOR MARY ANN T. CASTRO-ROA

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 22 February 2017 of the Third Division in Administrative Case No. 9871, entitled "In Re: A.M. No. 04-7-373-RTC [Report on the Judicial Audit conducted in the Regional Trial Court, Branch 60, Barili, Cebu] and A.M. No. 04-7-374-RTC [Violation of Judge Ildefonso Suerte, Regional Trial Court, Branch 60, Barili, Cebu of Administrative Order No. 36-2004 dated March 3, 2004], Prosecutor Mary Ann T. Castro-Roa, Respondent," to wit:

The Court resolves to NOTE respondent's Motion to Lift Suspension and Reinstatement of Practice of Law dated January 27, 2017 submitting (a) Certifications of January 27, 2017 and January 30, 2017 from the Executive Judge Gilbert P. Moises, Regional Trial Court, Cebu City and Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP)-Cebu City Chapter, respectively, affirming that respondent has ceased and desisted from the practice of law from July 26, 2016 to January 26, 2017; (b) photocopies of her leave of absence without pay from July 26, 2016 to January 26, 2017; and (c) Certification dated July 27, 2017 from the Acting Chief Personnel Division, Hedeliza Q. Encabo, Department of Justice (DOJ), Manila, stating that respondent has not received her salaries for April, September, and November 2016 up to the present and praying that an order be issued lifting her suspension under OCA Circular No. 178-2016 and

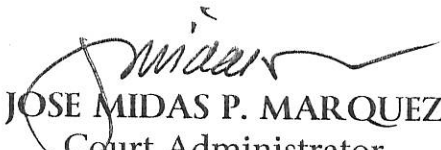
reinstating her to the practice of law effective January 27, 2017.


Acting on the Report and Recommendation dated February 15, 2017 of the Office of the Bar Confidant (OBC), stating that respondent has already served the six (6) months suspension from the practice of law, as mandated in the Decision of June 29, 2016, and has submitted the necessary documents from the Office of the Executive Judge where she practices, IBP local chapter where she belongs, and the DOJ where she works, the Court, upon the recommendation of the OBC, further resolves to LIFT the order of suspension and ALLOW her to RESUME her law practice.

The said report and recommendation of the OBC is NOTED.

Case is considered CLOSED and TERMINATED.

21 December 2017


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

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