

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 242-2017

TO

: THE COURT OF APPEALS. SANDIGANBAYAN. COURT **OF** TAX APPEALS. REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS. SHARI'A DISTRICT COURTS, **METROPOLITAN** COURTS, TRIAL TRIAL COURTS MUNICIPAL 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. REGGIE G. DURAN FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 20 February 2017 of the Third Division in Administrative Case No. 11544, entitled "Selective Security Services, Inc. and Edwin C. Embudo v. Atty. Reggie G. Duran," to wit:

WHEREFORE, We AFFIRM Resolution No. XXI-2014-791 dated October 11, 2014 of the IBP Board of Governors and the Extended Resolution dated March 1, 2016 of the IBP Commission on Bar Discipline in CBD Case No. 13-3971. with MODIFICATION to the penalty. We find as respondent GUILTY of violating Canon 7, Rule 7.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and the Lawyer's Oath. Accordingly, We SUSPEND Atty. Reggie G. Duran from the practice of law for six (6) months effective upon finality of this Resolution, with a warning that a repetition of the same or similar act in the future will be dealt with more severely.

In the Resolution dated 17 July 2017, the Court DENIED with FINALITY the respondent's motion for reconsideration of the Resolution dated 20 February 2017 as no substantial matters were raised to warrant its recommendation. As shown in the Registry Return Receipt, respondent received the copy of the aforesaid Resolution, without indicating the date of her receipt.

21 December 2017

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