



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 18-2018

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

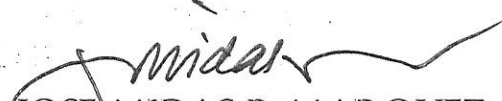
SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF ATTY. RUFINO C. LIZARDO
FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1)
YEAR.

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Decision dated 31 January 2017 of the Court *En Banc* in Administrative Case No. 10533, entitled "Silvestra Medina and Santos Medina Loraya v. Atty. Rufino Lizardo," to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court finds respondent Atty. Rufino C. Lizardo GUILTY of violating Canons 16 and 17, Rules 15.03 and 16.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. Accordingly, the Court SUSPENDS him from the practice of law for one year effective upon finality of this Decision, ORDERS him, under pain of contempt, to return TCTs No. 3900 and 13366 to complainant Silvestra Medina within 15 days from notice of this Decision, and WARNS him that a repetition of the same or similar offense shall be dealt with more severely.

In Registry Return Receipt No. 17921-A, respondent, thru Shen Saromines, received (without indicating date of receipt) a copy of the aforesaid Decision. To date, respondent has not filed a motion for reconsideration.

31 January 2018


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator