



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 59-2018

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. JUAN S. SINDINGAN
FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR THREE (3)
MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 2 August 2017 of the First Division in Administrative Case No. 11614, entitled "Judge Zosimo V. Escano v. Atty. Juan S. Sindingan," to wit:

The Court resolves to *NOTE*

- (1) the Notice of Resolution No. XXI-2014-718 dated October 10, 2014 of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines' Board of Governors which adopted and approved with modification the Report and Recommendation of the Investigating Commissioner dated October 22, 2013, and suspended respondent Atty. Juan S. Sindingan from the practice of law for three (3) months for violation of Rules 11.04 and 11.05 of Canon 11 of the Code of Professional Responsibility; and
- (2) the Notice of Resolution No. XXII-2016-324 dated May 28, 2016 of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines' Board of Governors which resolved to deny the motion for reconsideration and affirm respondent's suspension from the

practice of law for a period of three (3) months, there being no new reason and/or new argument adduced to reverse the previous findings and decision of the Board of Governors, transmitted by letter dated February 6, 2017 of Director Ramon S. Esguerra together with the records and the compact disc containing the PDF file of the case.

The Court further resolves to *ADOPT* and *APPROVE* the recommendation of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines' Board of Governors in its Notice of Resolution No. XXI-2014-718 dated October 10, 2014 (Annex "A") and Notice of Resolution No. XXII-2016-324 dated May 28, 2016 (Annex "B"). Accordingly, respondent Atty. Juan S. Sindingan is *SUSPENDED* from the practice of law for three (3) months effective from notice hereof, for violation of Rules 11.04 and 11.05 of Canon 11 of the Code of Professional Responsibility.

In a Resolution dated 14 December 2017, the Court **DENIED** with **FINALITY** the respondent's Motion for Reconsideration.

22 March 2018


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator