



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 67-2018

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, 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. JESUS M. DELA CRUZ FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS


For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 4 September 2017 of the Second Division in Administrative Case No. 9832, entitled "**Lolita R. Martin v. Atty. Jesus M. Dela Cruz,**" to wit:

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

The suspension in the practice of law shall take effect immediately upon receipt by respondent. Respondent is **DIRECTED** to immediately file a Manifestation to the Court that his suspension has started, copy furnished all courts and quasi-judicial bodies where he has entered his appearance as counsel.

The respondent has not filed any pleading and/or Motion for Reconsideration of the aforesaid Resolution.

April 2, 2018


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