

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 168-2018

TO

THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN. COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS. SHARI'A DISTRICT COURTS. METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL **CIRCUIT** COURTS. SHARI'A CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S **OFFICE** INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT:

SUSPENSION OF ATTY. JOSE VICENTE M. ARNADO FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) YEAR

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 5 June 2018 of the Court *En Banc* in Administrative Case No. 12088, entitled "Maria Luz P. Cayme v. Atty. Jose Vicente M. Arnado," to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court finds respondent Atty. Jose Vicente M. Arnado GUILTY of gross misconduct and of violation of Canon 1, Rule 1.01, Canon 15, Canon 16, Rule 16.01 and Canon 18, Rule 18.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. Accordingly, he is SUSPENDED from the practice of law for one (1) year with a STERN WARNING that a repetition of the same or similar act will be dealt with more severely. Respondent's suspension is effective as of the date of this Resolution. He is ordered to restitute the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Pesos (PhP75,825.00) to complainant Maria Luz P. Cayme within ten (10) days from notice of this Resolution. Non-payment of said amount constitute direct contempt of Court.

Let copies of this Resolution be furnished all courts of the land, the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, as well as the Office of the Bar Confidant for their information and guidance.

<u>13</u> August 2018

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Court Administrator

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