

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 50-2019

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, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, **PUBLIC** ATTORNEY'S **OFFICE** AND INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT:

SUSPENSION OF ATTY. VIVIAN G. RUBIA FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR THREE (3) YEARS AND REVOCATION OF HIS NOTARIAL COMMISSION AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM REAPPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR THREE (3) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 3 July 2018 of the Court *En Banc* in Administrative Case No. 8854, entitled "Julieta Dimayuga vs. Atty. Vivian G. Rubia," to wit:

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, Atty. Vivian G. Rubia is found GUILTY of violating Section 27, Rule 138 of the Rules of Court, CANON 1 and Rule 15.07 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, and the Rules on Notarial Practice. Accordingly, she is SUSPENDED from the practice of law for three (3) years effective immediately with a STERN WARNING that future infractions shall be dealt with more severely. She is likewise DISQUALIFIED from being commissioned as a notary public for a period of three (3) years and her notarial commission, if currently existing, is hereby REVOKED.

Let copies of this Decision be furnished the Office of the Bar Confidant, to be appended to respondent's personal record as attorney. Further, let copies of this Decision be furnished the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and the Office of the Court Administrator, which is directed to circulate them to all the courts in the country for their information and guidance.

As per Registry Return Receipt No. 79282, respondent received a copy of the aforesaid Decision dated 3 July 2018 on 13 August 2018. In a Resolution dated 16 October 2018 the Court DENIED WITH FINALITY respondent's motion for reconsideration there being no substantial matters raised to warrant the reversal of the questioned decision.

3 April 2019

RAUL BAUTISTA VILLANUEVA
Deputy Court Administrator

and

Officer-in-Charge

Office of the Court Administrator (Per SC Office Order No. 07-2019 dated 29 March 2019)

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