

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 58-2019

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 THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT:

SUSPENSION OF ATTY. EL CID C. FAJARDO FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) YEAR

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 19 November 2018 of the Second Division in Administrative Case No. 9422, entitled "Atty. Florante S. Legaspi vs. Atty. El Cid C. Fajardo," to wit:

WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. El Cid C. Fajardo is found guilty of violating Rules 15.01 and 15.03, Canon 15 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. Accordingly, he is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law for a period of one (1) year, effective immediately upon his receipt of this Decision. He is STERNLY WARNED that a repetition of the same or similar acts will be dealt with more severely.

Further, he is DIRECTED to report to this Court the date of his receipt of this Decision to enable it to determine when his suspension from the practice of law shall take effect.

Let copies of this Decision be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant to be appended to respondent's personal record as an attorney, the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for its information and guidance, the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country.

As per Registry Return Receipt No. 132742, respondent received a copy of the Decision dated 19 November 2018 on 21 December 2018.

<u>3</u> April 2019

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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