



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 59-2019

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

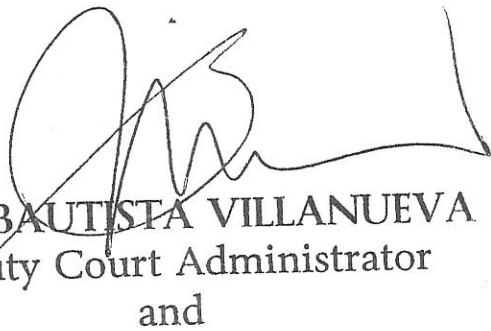
SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF ATTY. IRENEO M. DE
LUMEN FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW
FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 17 August 2016 of the First Division in Administrative Case No. 8899, entitled "Belinda R. Ong vs. Atty. Ireneo M. De Lumen," to wit:


The Court resolves to *ADOPT* and *APPROVE* the recommendation of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines' Board of Governors in the Notice of Resolution No. XXI-2014-522 dated August 10, 2014 (Annex "A") which reversed and set aside the report and recommendation of the Investigating Commissioner dated November 13, 2013. Accordingly, respondent Atty. Ireneo M. De Lumen is *SUSPENDED* from the practice of law for six (6) months from notice hereof, for demanding the excessive amount of One Hundred Fifty One Thousand Pesos (₱151,000.00) from complainant as payment of taxes and incidental expenses for the transfer of title of a condominium unit and for insisting to first deduct his additional legal expenses before turning over the amount entrusted for a specific purpose.

As per Registry Return Receipt No. 29803, respondent received a copy of the Resolution dated 17 August 2016 on 27 September 2016. In a Resolution dated 9 January 2017, the Court DENIED WITH FINALITY the respondent's motion for reconsideration.

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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