

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 70-2019

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 TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'A CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE **PHILIPPINES**

DISBARMENT OF ATTY. DIONISIO B. APOYA, JR. SUBJECT:

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. 11981, entitled "Leah B. Taday vs. Attv. Dionisio B. Apoya, Jr.," to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court adopts the recommendation of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines Board of Governors and finds Atty. Dionisio B. Apoya, Jr. GUILTY of violating Canon 1, Rule 1.01 and Rule 1.02 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and Section 2, Rule IV of the 2004 Rules on Notarial Practice. He is DISBARRED from the practice of law and his name ordered stricken off the Roll of Attorneys, effective immediately.

Let a copy of this Decision be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant to be entered into Atty. Dionisio B. Apoya, Ir.'s records. Copies shall likewise be furnished the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts concerned.

In a Resolution dated 8 January 2019, the Court DEEMED as SERVED the Resolution dated 7 August 2018 with the copy of the Decision dated 3 July 2018.

2 May 2019

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