



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 73-2019

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. ERIC G. SANTOS FROM
THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR TWO (2)
MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 7 January 2019 of the Second Division in Administrative Case No. 12203, entitled "Lordito S. Diaz vs. Atty. Eric G. Santos," to wit:

The Court RESOLVES to ADOPT and APPROVE the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines in the attached Notice of Resolutions dated February 21, 2015¹ and November 29, 2016.² Accordingly, the Court finds respondent Atty. Eric G. Santos (respondent) GUILTY of violating Canon 17 and Rules 18.03 and 18.04, Canon 18 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, and is thus, meted with the penalty of SUSPENSION from the practice of law for a period of two (2) months, with a STERN WARNING that a repetition of the same or similar infraction will be dealt with more severely.

The suspension in the practice of law, shall take effect immediately upon receipt of this Resolution by respondent. He is DIRECTED to immediately file a Manifestation to the Court that his suspension has started, copy furnished all courts and quasi-judicial bodies where he has entered his appearance as counsel.

¹ Rollo, p 195, including its dorsal portion. Signed by National Secretary Nasser A. Marohomsalic.


² Id. at 223-224. Signed by Secretary for the Meeting Avelino V. Sales, Jr.

Let copies of this Resolution be furnished to: (a) the Office of the Bar Confidant to be appended to respondent's personal record as an attorney; (b) the IBP for its information and guidance; and (c) the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country.

SO ORDERED.

3 May 2019


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

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