

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

## OCA CIRCULAR NO. 86-2019

TO

THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL **DISTRICT** COURTS. SHARI'A COURTS. METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL **CIRCUIT** TRIAL CIRCUIT COURTS, COURTS, SHARI'A OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, **PUBLIC** ATTORNEY'S **OFFICE** AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT

SUSPENSION OF ATTY. DIEGO M. PALOMARES, JR. FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS AND REVOCATION OF HIS NOTARIAL COMMISSION AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM REAPPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 30 August 2017 of the Second Division in Administrative Case No. 8655, entitled "Ma. Regina S. Peralta vs. Atty. Diego M. Palomares, Jr.," to wit:

The Court RESOLVES to ADOPT and APPROVE fact. conclusions the findings of of law. recommendation of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines in the attached Resolution<sup>1</sup> dated August 27, 2016. Accordingly, the Court finds respondent Atty. Diego M. Palomares, Jr. (respondent) GUILTY of violating the notarial law and Rule 15.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and is thus meted with the penalty of: (a) SUSPENSION from the practice of law for a period of six (6) months, effective immediately upon his receipt of this Resolution; and (b) IMMEDIATE REVOCATION of his notarial commission and DISQUALIFICATION from being appointed as notary public for a period of two (2) years.

Respondent is DIRECTED to immediately file a Manifestation on the date of his receipt of this Resolution to enable this Court to determine when his

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Rollo, pp. 503-504. Signed by the Secretary for the meeting, Avelino V. sales, Jr.

suspension shall take effect, copy furnished to all courts and quasi-judicial bodies where he has entered his appearance as counsel.

Let copies of this Resolution 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; and, the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country.

19 June 2019

RAUL BAUTISTA VILLANUEVA
Deputy Court Administrator

and

Officer-in-Charge

Office of the Court Administrator (Per SC Office Order No. 10-2019 dated 13 June 2019)

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