



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 87-2019

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: DISBARMENT OF PRESIDING JUDGE JOSEPH
CEDRICK O. RUIZ

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 2 February 2016 of the Court *En Banc* in Administrative Matter No. RTJ-13-2361, entitled "Office of the Court Administrator vs. Presiding Judge Joseph Cedrick O. Ruiz, Regional Trial Court, Branch 61, Makati City," to wit:

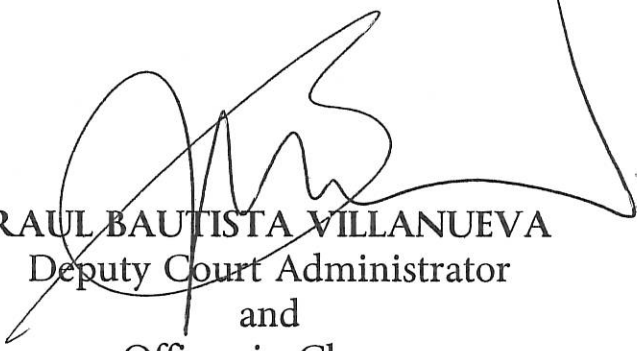
WHEREFORE, premises considered, Judge Joseph Cedrick O. Ruiz is hereby **DISMISSED FROM THE SERVICE** with forfeiture of all benefits, except accrued leave credits, and with prejudice to reemployment in the Government or any of its subdivision, instrumentalities, or agencies including government-owned and -controlled corporation. As a consequence of this ruling, Judge Ruiz is likewise declared **DISBARRED** and **STRICKEN FROM** the roll of attorneys.

Let a copy of this Decision be (1) attached to the records of Judge Ruiz with the Office of the Bar Confidant of this Court and with the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, and (2) posted at the Supreme Court website for the information of the Bench, the Bar, and the general public.

In a Resolution dated 2 April 2019 in Administrative Case No. 11215 (Re: Decision Dated February 2, 2016 in A.M. No. RTJ-13-2361 [Office of the Court Administrator vs. Presiding Judge Joseph

Cedrick O. Ruiz] vs. Presiding Judge Joseph Cedrick O. Ruiz), the Court Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Office of the Bar Confidant, to NOTE and APPROVE the instant administrative case as a record of the sanction imposed upon respondent former Judge Joseph Cedrick O. Ruiz as a member of the Philippine Bar in the Decision dated February 2, 2016 in A.M. No. RTJ-13-2361 (Office of the Court Administrator vs. Presiding Judge Joseph Cedrick O. Ruiz).

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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