



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 138-2019

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. ROMMEL N. CARIÑO FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) YEAR

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 9 July 2018 of the First Division in Administrative Case No. 12078, entitled "Marites Pardo vs. Atty. Rommel N. Cariño," to wit:


The Court resolves to *NOTE*:

- (1) the Notice of Resolution No. XXI-2015-519 dated June 20, 2015 of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines' Board of Governors which adopted and approved the Report and Recommendation of the Investigating Commissioner dated May 27, 2015 and suspended respondent Atty. Rommel N. Cariño from the practice of law for his failure to do his duty with utmost diligence and competence in protecting the interest of his clients; and
- (2) the Notice of Resolution No. XXII-2017-1265 dated April 20, 2017 of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines' Board of Governors which affirmed its Resolution No. XXI-2015-519 dated June 20, 2015 and denied the respondent's motion for reconsideration thereof, there being no new reason and/or argument adduced to reverse the previous findings and decision of the Board of Governors, transmitted by letter dated February 7, 2018 of Director Marlou B. Ubano together with the records and the compact disc containing the PDF file of the case.

The Court further resolves to *ADOPT* and *APPROVE* the recommendation of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines' Board of Governors in its Notice of Resolution No. XXI-2015-519 dated June 20, 2015 and Notice of Resolution No. XXII-2017-1265 dated April 20, 2017 (Annexes "A" and "B"), respectively. Accordingly, respondent Atty. Rommel N. Cariño is *SUSPENDED* from the practice of law effective immediately for a period of one (1) year, for his failure to do his duty with utmost diligence and competence in protecting the interest of his clients."

In a Resolution dated 3 June 2019, the Court **DENIED** with **FINALITY** the respondent's motion for reconsideration as no substantial argument having been adduced to warrant the reconsideration sought.

30 July 2019


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Court Administrator

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