

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 181-2019

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

SUBJECT:

SUSPENSION OF ATTY. AARON R. LIRAZAN FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) YEAR 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 dispositive portion of the Decision dated 20 March 2019 of the First Division in Administrative Case No. 9361, entitled "Johaida Garina Roa-Buenafe vs. Atty. Aaron R. Lirazan," to wit:

WHEREFORE, Atty. Aaron R. Lirazan is found GUILTY of violating Canons 1 and 9 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and Section 2, Rule VI of the 2004 Rules on Notarial Practice. He is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law for one (1) year; his notarial commission is REVOKED if presently commissioned: and he **DISQUALIFIED** is reappointment as notary public for a period of two (2) years. Atty. Lirazan is STERNLY WARNED that a repetition of the same or similar conduct in the future shall be dealt with more severely. He is DIRECTED to report the date of his receipt of this Decision to enable this Court to determine when his suspension shall take effect.

Let a copy of this Decision be attached to the personal records of Atty. Aaron R. Lirazan in the Office of the Bar Confidant and copies thereof be furnished the courts and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines.

As per Registry Return Receipt No. 45827, respondent received a copy of the aforesaid Decision on 13 June 2019.

14 October 2019

JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

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