

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

## OCA CIRCULAR NO. 182-2019

TO

THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN. COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, **SHARI'A** DISTRICT 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** INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT:

SUSPENSION OF ATTY. HERNANDO P. CORTES FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR THREE (3) MONTHS

Court Administrator

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 12 March 2018 of the First Division in Administrative Case No. 9119, entitled "Eugenio E. Cortez vs. Atty. Hernando P. Cortes," to wit:

WHEREFORE, premises considered, respondent Atty. Hernando P. Cortes is found GUILTY of violation of Canon 20 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law for three (3) months, and is ordered to return to complainant Eugenio E. Cortez the amount he received in excess of the 12% allowable attorney's fees.

14 October 2019

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