



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 187-2019

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 : IMPOSITION OF FINE ON ATTY. ELEONOR MARAVILLA-ONA

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 15 August 2017 of the Court *En Banc* in Administrative Case No. 11149, entitled "Laurence D. Punla and Marilyn Santos vs. Atty. Eleonor Maravilla-Ona," to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court hereby **ADOPTS** the findings of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and **FINDS** respondent ATTY. ELEONOR MARAVILLA-ONA **GUILTY** of gross and continuing violation of the Code of Professional Responsibility and accordingly **FINED** ₱40,000.00. Respondent is also **ORDERED** to **PAY** complainants the amount of ₱350,000.00, with 12% interest from the date of demand until June 30, 2013 and 6% *per annum* from July 1, 2013 until full payment.¹⁷ This is without prejudice to the complainants' filing of the appropriate criminal case, if they so desire.

Furnish a copy of this Decision to the Office of the Bar Confidant, which shall append the same to the personal record of respondent; to the Integrated Bar of the Philippines; and the Office of the Court Administrator, which shall circulate the same to all courts in the country for their information and guidance.

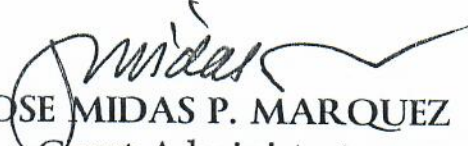
This Decision shall be immediately executory.

¹⁷ *Nacar v. Gallery Frames*, 716 Phil. 267, 283 (2013)

Records show that respondent was disbarred from the practice of law in Administrative Case No. 11064, *Suarez vs. Maravilla-Ona*, 27 September 2016.

In a Resolution dated 26 March 2019, the Court deemed as served the copy of the aforesaid Decision and previous resolutions sent to her which were all returned unserved.

15 October 2019


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator


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