



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 194-2019

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 ATTY. BERNIE PANAGSAGAN AND REVOCATION OF HIS NOTARIAL COMMISSION AND PERPETUAL DISQUALIFICATION FROM BEING COMMISSIONED AS NOTARY PUBLIC

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 11 September 2018 of the Court *En Banc* in Administrative Case No. 10962, entitled "Akira Yoshimura vs. Atty. Bernie Panagsagan," to wit:

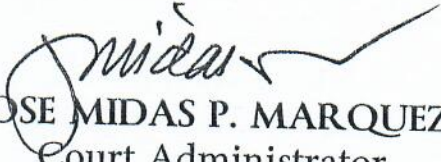
IN VIEW OF ALL THE FOREGOING, We find respondent ATTY. BERNIE PANAGSAGAN, GUILTY of gross misconduct, violation of the notarial law and willful disobedience of lawful orders, rendering him unworthy of continuing membership in the legal profession. He is, thus, ORDERED DISBARRED from the practice of law and his name stricken-off of (sic) the Roll of Attorneys, effective immediately. We, likewise, REVOKE his incumbent notarial commission, if any, and PERPETUALLY DISQUALIFIES (sic) him from being commissioned as a notary public.

Furthermore, Atty. Panagsagan is ORDERED to RETURN to Akira Yoshimura the total amount of ₱404,000.00, with legal interest of six percent (6%) *per annum* if it is still unpaid, within ninety (90) days from the finality of this Decision.

Let copies of this Decision be furnished the Office of the Bar Confidant, which shall forthwith record it in the personal file of respondent; all the courts of the Philippines; the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, which shall disseminate copies thereof to all its Chapters; and all administrative and *quasi-judicial* agencies of the Republic of the Philippines.

In a Resolution dated 4 June 2019, the Court DENIED WITH FINALITY the respondent's motion for reconsideration as no substantial arguments were raised to warrant the reversal of the questioned Decision.

15 October 2019


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator


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