



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 196-2019

- 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. MARLON B. MERCADO FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS AND REVOCATION OF HIS NOTARIAL COMMISSION AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM REAPPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR ONE (1) YEAR


For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 7 August 2019 of the First Division in Administrative Case No. 11141, entitled "Eleanor C. Escobar vs. Atty. Marlon B. Mercado," to wit:


WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. Marlon B. Mercado is **GUILTY** of violating the 2004 Rules on Notarial Practice and the Code of Professional Responsibility. His notarial commission, if still existing, is hereby **REVOKED**, and he is hereby **DISQUALIFIED** from reappointment as Notary Public for a period of one (1) year. He is likewise **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for six (6) months effective immediately. Further, he is **WARNED** that a repetition of the same or similar acts in the future shall be dealt with more severely. He is **DIRECTED** to report the date of his receipt of this Resolution to enable this Court to determine when his suspension shall take effect.

Let a copy of this Resolution be attached to the personal records of Atty. Marlon B. Mercado in the Office of the Bar Confidant and copies thereof be furnished the courts and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines.

In his manifestation and compliance dated 12 September 2019, respondent stated that he received a copy of the aforesaid Resolution on 11 September 2019.

17 October 2019


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

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