



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 24-2020

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. RICHARD C. LEE

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 19 March 2019 of the Court *En Banc* in Administrative Case No. 9833, entitled "FORTUNE MEDICARE, Inc., represented by its President and Chief Operating Officer, Dorothea J. Sibal, and Atty. Melan Espela vs. Atty. Richard C. Lee," to wit:

WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. Richard C. Lee is found **GUILTY** of violation of Rule 1.01, Rule 7.03, Canon 7, and Canon 8 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. Accordingly, he is **DISBARRED** from the practice of law effective upon the finality of this Decision.

Let copies of this Decision be furnished the Office of the Bar Confidant to be reflected on the records of respondent; the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for distribution to all its chapters; and the Office of the Court Administrator for dissemination to all courts throughout the country.

28 January 2020


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator