

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 37-2020

TO

THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'A DISTRICT COURTS, METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'A CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT:

SUSPENSION OF ATTY. LUCAS V. SUGUI FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS AND REVOCATION OF HIS NOTARIAL COMMISSION AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM REAPPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 03 April 2019 of the Second Division in Administrative Case No. 10592, entitled "Napoleon R. Agaton vs. Atty. Lucas V. Sugui," to wit:

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, the Court finds respondent Atty. Lucas V. Sugui GUILTY of violating the Rules on Notarial Practice of 2004. Accordingly, the Court hereby: SUSPENDS him from the practice of law for a period of six (6) months effective immediately upon receipt of this Resolution; REVOKES his incumbent commission as notary public, if any; and DISQUALIFIES him from being commissioned as a notary public for a period of two (2) years. He is further WARNED that a repetition of the same offense or similar acts in the future shall be dealt with more severely. He is DIRECTED to immediately file a Manifestation on the date of his receipt of this Resolution to enable this Court to determine when his suspension shall take effect, copy furnished all courts and quasi-judicial bodies where he has entered his appearance as counsel.

Let copies of this Resolution be furnished the Office of the Bar Confidant to be appended to respondent's personal record as an attorney, the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for its information and guidance, and the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country. Per Registry Receipt No. 4114, respondent received a copy of the said Resolution at his given address at No. 404 CCI Bldg., N. Lopez St., Ermita, Manila, on 09 August 2019.

<u>31</u> January 2020

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Court Administrator

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