OCA CIRCULAR NO. 43-2020

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   :   LIFTING OF SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW OF ATTY. FRANCISCO M. BILOG

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 14 August 2019 of the Second Division in Administrative Case No. 10348, entitled "**Samson G. To vs. Atty. Francisco M. Bilog,**" to wit:

> The Court resolves to **DENY** for lack of merit respondent's urgent manifestation and motion to lift fine dated 18 December 2017, praying to reconsider the fine imposed on him.
>
> Acting on respondent's supplemental motion to lift order of suspension dated 13 June 2019, submitting the proof of payment of the Court fine in the amount of ₱5,000.00 under O.R. No. 0238075-SC-EP, and it appearing from the records and documents submitted by respondent that the order of his suspension from the practice of law for one (1) month and disqualification from being commissioned as notary public until the end of 2015 had duly been served, the Court further resolves to **LIFT** the order of suspension from the practice of law and disqualification from being commissioned as notary public imposed upon Atty. Francisco M. Bilog, and to **ALLOW** him to resume his practice of law and file his petition for notarial commission to the competent commissioning court which has exclusive jurisdiction whether or not to grant the petition.

The Court **NOTES** the Report and Recommendation dated 13 December 2018 and Report and Recommendation dated 27 June 2019, both of the Office of the Bar Confidant.

<u>31</u> January 2020

JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

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