

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 60-2020

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, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR. **PUBLIC** ATTORNEY'S **OFFICE AND** THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT:

SUSPENSION OF ATTY. RESTITUTO S. MENDOZA FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 16 October 2019 of the Third Division in A.C. No. 8608, titled "Adelfa Properties, Inc. (now Fine Properties, Inc.) vs. Atty. Restituto S. Mendoza," to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court finds Atty. Restituto S. Mendoza GUILTY of violation of Rules 13.02, Canon 21, 21.01 and 21.02 of the Code of Professional Responsibility for which he is SUSPENDED from the practice of law for a period of six (6) months, effective upon receipt of this Resolution, with a STERN WARNING that a commission of the same or similar offense in the future will result in the imposition of a more severe penalty.

Let a copy of this Resolution be entered into the records of Atty. Restituto S. Mendoza and furnished to the Office of the Clerk of Court, the Office of the Bar Confidant, the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, and all courts in the Philippines, for their information and guidance.

Atty. Mendoza is **DIRECTED** to **INFORM** the Court of the date of his receipt of this Resolution so that the Court can determine the reckoning point when his suspension shall take effect.

Per the Manifestation and Compliance dated 12 December 2019 of herein respondent, he received a copy of the said Resolution on 06 December 2019 at exactly 2:41 P.M.

<u>11</u> February 2020

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Court Administrator

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