



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 79-2020

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 : SUSPENSION OF ATTY. LEONARDO F. ABELEDA, JR. FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 08 July 2019 of the Second Division in A.C. No. 10551, titled "Segundino Macalintal, et al. vs. Atty. Leonardo F. Abeleda, Jr.," to wit:

WHEREFORE, Atty. Leonardo F. Abeleda, Jr. is found GUILTY of violation of Rule 12.04, Rule 15.05, Canon 18, and Rule 18.04 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. He is SUSPENDED from the practice of law for six (6) months with stern warning that a repetition of a similar offense be dealt with more severely.

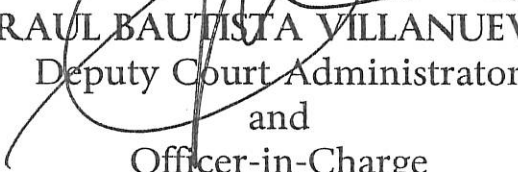
Atty. Leonardo F. Abeleda, Jr. is DIRECTED to report the date of his receipt of this Resolution within five (5) days from notice.

Let copies of this Resolution be furnished the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and the Office of the Court Administration [sic] which shall circulate the same in all courts in the country. The Office of the Bar Confidant is further required to attach copy of this Resolution to the personal records of Atty. Leonardo F. Abeleda, Jr.

In a Resolution dated 22 January 2020, acting on respondent's Motion for Reconsideration (with plea of leniency) of the Resolution

dated 08 July 2019, the Court DENIED the motion with FINALITY for lack of substantial merit.

06 March 2020



RAUL BAUTISTA VILLANUEVA
Deputy Court Administrator
and
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Court Administrator
(Per Office Order No. 04-2020 dated 26 February 2020)

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