



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 68-2014

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 FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) YEAR OF ATTY. JAMES JOSEPH GUPANA 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 Decision of the First Division dated 05 February 2014 in Administrative Case No. 4545, entitled "**Carlito Ang v. Atty. James Joseph Gupana,**" to wit:

WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. James Joseph Gupana is found administratively liable for misconduct and is **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for one year. Further, his notarial commission, if any, is **REVOKED** and he is disqualified from reappointment as Notary Public for a period of two years, with a stern warning that a repetition of the same or conduct in the future will be dealt with more severely.

28 April 2014

JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator