



Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
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Manila

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 84-2009

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. GILBERT S.
OBMINA

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision of the First Division dated 21 April 2009, in Administrative Case No. 7813 entitled, "**Carlito P. Carandang vs. Atty. Gilbert S. Obmina**", to wit:

"**WHEREFORE**, the Court **AFFIRMS** the resolution of the IBP Board of Governors approving and adopting the report and recommendation of the Investigating Commissioner. Accordingly, Atty. Gilbert S. Obmina is found **GUILTY** of violation of Canon 18 and of Rules 18.03 and 18.04 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. The Court **SUSPENDS** Atty. Gilbert S. Obmina from the practice of law for one year, and **WARNS** him that a repetition of the same or similar offense will be dealt with more severely."

Respondent received the said Decision on 27 May 2009 per Registry Return Receipt No. 51993.

July 9, 2009.


JOSE P. PEREZ
Court Administrator