



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

CIRCULAR NO. 81-2000

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 TRIAL COURTS AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF ATTY. CESILO A. ADAZA FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

Quoted hereunder for the information and guidance of all concerned are pertinent portions of the decision of the Third Division of this Court, in Administrative Case No. 4083 entitled "Leonito Gonato and Primrose Gonato vs. Atty. Cesilo A. Adaza" dated March 27, 2000, to wit:

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xxx. His act of requiring complainants to pay an exorbitant amount on the pretext that it was needed for the payment of court fees which were not even substantiated by proper official receipts, constitutes malpractice which is serious breach of professional duty toward complainants whose trust responded disregarded and violated. xxx

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WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. Celiso A. Adaza is hereby suspended from the practice of law for the period of six (6) months from notice, with the warning that a repetition of the similar acts will be dealt with more severely. xxx.

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Copy of the said decision was received by Atty. Adaza on April 12, 2000. Notice of the resolution denying his motion for reconsideration of the said decision was received by Atty. Adaza on September 6, 2000.

November 6, 2000.


ALFREDO L. BENIPAYO
Court Administrator