



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

**OCA CIRCULAR NO. 19-2016**

**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 :** COURT RESOLUTION DATED 02 SEPTEMBER  
2015

Pursuant to 02 September 2015 Resolution of the Court *En Banc*, in **A.C. No. 7425** (*Elizabeth Dupaya v. Atty. Plaridel L. Villacete*), the Court AFFIRMED the Resolution No. XIX-2010-455 dated 28 August 2010 passed by the Integrated Bar of the Philippines Board of Governors, the relevant portions of which are quoted as follows:

On February 27, 2009, the Commission on Bar Discipline of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (*IBP*) recommended the suspension of Villacete from the practice of law for six (6) months for lack of good moral character. On August 28, 2010, the IBP Board of Governors passed Resolution No. XIX-2010-455, adopting the report and recommendation of the Investigating Commissioner, thus:

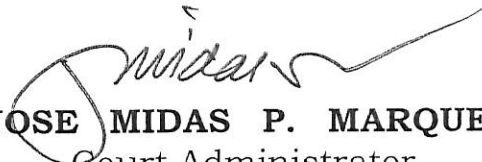
RESOLVED to ADOPT and APPROVE, as it is hereby unanimously ADOPTED and APPROVED the Report and Recommendation of the Investigating Commissioner of the above-entitled case, herein made part of this Resolution as Annex "A"; and, finding the recommendation fully supported by the evidence on record and the applicable laws and rules, and considering Respondent's lack of good moral character, Atty. Plaridel L. Villacete is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for six (6) months.


However, since Villacete had long ceased practicing law and has no more intention to resume in the future, he is deemed to have already served his suspension from the practice of law from the date of the IBP Resolution or on August 28, 2010 up to February 28, 2011.

**WHEREFORE**, the Court **AFFIRMS** the Integrated Bar of the Philippines Board of Governors Resolution No. XIX-2010-455 dated August 28, 2010. (Emphasis added)

For your information, guidance and strict compliance.

21 January 2016

  
**JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ**  
Court Administrator

  
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