



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 120-2016

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: SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) MONTH OF ATTY. WILLIAM B. BALAYO

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 17 February 2016 of the Court (Second Division) in A.C. No. 10605, entitled "Bienvenido T. Canlapan vs. Atty. William B. Balayo," to wit:

WHEREFORE, this Court finds Atty. William B. Balayo guilty of conduct unbecoming of a lawyer and violating Canon 1, Canon 7, Rule 7.03, and Canon 8, Rule 8.01 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. He is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for one (1) month and **WARNED** that commission of the same or similar acts in the future will be dealt with more severely.

In his Manifestation, dated 28 April 2016, respondent states that he received on 27 April 2016 the aforesaid resolution which ordered his suspension from the practice of law for one month, and he intends to serve the penalty starting on 28 April 2016.

25 May 2016


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator