



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 127-2016

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 SIX (6) MONTHS OF ATTY. GINES N. ABELLANA

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 23 June 2014 of the Court (First Division) in A.C. No. 3452, entitled "**Henry Samonte vs. Atty. Gines N. Abellana**," to wit:

ACCORDINGLY, the Court **AFFIRMS** the Resolution dated June 22, 2013 of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines Board of Governors subject to the **MODIFICATION** that Atty. Gines N. Abellana is **SUSPENDED FOR SIX (6) MONTHS FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW** effective upon receipt of this decision, with the stern warning that any repetition by him of the same or similar acts will be punished more severely.

In a Resolution dated 22 October 2014, the Court **DENIED** with **FINALITY** the respondent's motion for reconsideration.

31 May 2016


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator