



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 274-2016

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 OF ATTY. LEONARDO M. REAL FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 20 September 2016 of the Court *En Banc* in Administrative Case No. 10574, entitled "**Patrick R. Fabie v. Atty. Leonardo M. Real,**" to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court **FINDS** respondent Atty. Leonardo M. Real guilty of violating Canon 18, Rule 18.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and the Lawyer's Oath and thus **SUSPENDS** him from the practice of law for a period of six months effective from notice, **ORDERS** him to return to complainant Patrick R. Fabie within 10 days from notice the sum of ₱40,000.00 with legal interest of 12% *per annum* reckoned from the time he received the amount on August 24, 2009 until June 30, 2013, and 6% *per annum* from July 1, 2013 until full payment thereof, and **STERNLY WARNS** him that commission of any similar infraction in the future will be dealt with more severely. Finally, he must **SUBMIT** to this Court written proof of his compliance within 30 days from notice of this Resolution.

Respondent received the resolution on 12 October 2016.

20 December 2016


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator