



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 45-2017

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 ATTYs. ALFREDO VILLAMOR, JR. AND RAUL IBAY TOLENTINO FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) YEAR

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 7 April 2015 of the First Division in Administrative Case No. 9851, entitled "**Clarissa Victoria Umale v. Atty. Alfredo Villamor, Jr. and Raul Ibay Tolentino,**" to wit:

The Court resolves to **ADOPT** and **APPROVE** the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations of the Investigating Commissioner in the attached Report dated March 22, 2010 (Annex A) as approved by the Board of Governors of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines in IBP Board Resolution No. XIX-2001-517 dated June 27, 2011 (Annex B) and Resolution No. XX-2012-458 dated November 10, 2012 (Annex C). Accordingly, respondents are hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for one (1) year for engaging in forum-shopping.

In a Resolution dated 28 September 2015, the Court **DENIED WITH FINALITY** respondents' motion for reconsideration.

7 March 2017


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator