



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 134-2017

TO : THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN,
COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL
COURTS, SHARIA DISTRICT COURTS,
METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL
TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL
COURTS, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL
COURTS, SHARIA CIRCUIT COURTS, THE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR,
PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE
INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF ATTY. NICANOR C. ALVAREZ
FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1)
YEAR

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Decision dated 20 April 2016 of the Second Division in Administrative Case No. 9018, entitled "Teresita P. Fajardo v. Atty. Nicanor C. Alvarez," to wit:

WHEREFORE, Respondent Atty. Nicanor C. Alvarez is guilty of violating the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees, the Lawyer's Oath, and the Code of Professional Responsibility. He is **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for one (1) year with a **WARNING** that a repetition of the same or similar acts shall be dealt with more severely. Respondent is **ORDERED** to return the amount of P500,000.00 with legal interest to complainant Teresita P. Fajardo.

Respondent received on 13 April 2017 the Resolution dated 8 March 2017 of the Court which **DENIED** with **FINALITY** respondent's motion for reconsideration of the Decision dated 20 April 2016.

12 July 2017


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator