



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 239-2017

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. MELJOHN B. DE LA PEÑA FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Decision dated 9 February 2016 of the Court *En Banc* in Administrative Case No. 7594, entitled "Adelpha E. Malabed v. Atty. Meljohn B. De la Peña," to wit:

WHEREFORE, we find respondent Atty. Meljohn B. De la Peña **GUILTY** of gross misconduct and accordingly **SUSPEND** him from the practice of law for two (2) years with a **WARNING** that the commission of the same or similar act or acts shall be dealt with more severely.

Respondent received a copy of the aforesaid Decision on 10 March 2016.

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Court Administrator