



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 72-2019

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. JOSE B. ALVAREZ, SR. FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 12 February 2019 of the Court *En Banc* in Administrative Case No. 12405, entitled "Elma E. Corro vs. Atty. Jose B. Alvarez, Sr.," to wit:

WHEREFORE, for his failure to account for and return the money of complainant Elma E. Corro at the time of demand, in clear violation of Canons 15 and 16, Rules 16.01 and 16.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, the Court hereby **RESOLVES** to **ADOPT** the findings and recommendations of both the Integrated Bar of the Philippines Investigating Commissioner and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines Board of Governors by **SUSPENDING** respondent Atty. Jose B. Alvarez, Sr. from the practice of law for two (2) years.

Let copies of this Resolution be furnished to all the courts, the Office of the Bar Confidant, and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for their information and guidance. The Office of the Bar Confidant is directed to append a copy of this Resolution to respondent's record as member of the Bar.

As per Registry Return Receipt No. 23418, respondent received the aforesaid Resolution on 29 March 2019. Respondent did not file a motion for reconsideration.

3 May 2019


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator