



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 178-2019

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

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF ATTY. NELLY E. ABAO FOR TWO (2) YEARS AND PERMANENTLY BARRED FROM BEING COMMISSIONED AS NOTARY PUBLIC


For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 10 April 2019 of the Court *En Banc* in Administrative Case No. 12467, entitled "Spouses Pepito and Prescila Frias vs. Atty. Nelly E. Abao," to wit:

WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. Nelly E. Abao is found GUILTY of malpractice as a notary public, and violating the lawyer's oath as well as Rule 1.01, Canon 1 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. Accordingly, she is SUSPENDED from the practice of law for two (2) years and BARRED PERMANENTLY from being commissioned as Notary Public, effective upon her receipt of a copy of this Decision.

Let copies of this Decision be furnished all the courts of the land through the Office of the Court Administrator, the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, the Office of the Bar Confidant, and be recorded in the personal files of Atty. Abao.

As per Registry Return Receipt No. 56739, respondent received a copy of the aforesaid Decision on 15 July 2019.

14 October 2019


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator