



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 179-2019

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. PRISCO B. SANTOS FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR THREE (3) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 19 June 2018 of the Court *En Banc* in Administrative Case No. 10178, entitled "Kimeldes Gonzales vs. Atty. Prisco B. Santos," to wit:


WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. Prisco B. Santos is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for three years, with a **STERN WARNING** that a repetition of the same or similar acts shall be dealt with more severely. In addition, he is **ORDERED** to return to complainant the amount of ₱20,000.00 within 90 days upon finality of this Decision.

Respondent is also **DIRECTED** to report to this Court the date of his receipt of this Decision to enable this Court to determine the effectivity of his suspension.

Let a copy of this Decision be attached to respondent's personal record with the Office of the Bar Confidant and copies be furnished to all chapters of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and to all courts of the land.

As per Registry Return Receipt No. 74782, respondent received a copy of the aforesaid Decision on 13 August 2018.

14 October 2019


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator