



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 189-2019

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. FELINO R. QUIAMBAO FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR THREE (3) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 12 March 2019 of the Court *En Banc* in Administrative Case No. 12401, entitled "Nelita S. Salazar vs. Atty. Felino R. Quiambao," to wit:

WHEREFORE, Atty. Felino R. Quiambao is GUILTY of violating Canons 16, 17, 18, and Rules 16.01, 16.02, 16.03, and 18.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and the Lawyer's Oath. He is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law for three (3) years with a STERN WARNING that the repetition of a similar violation will be dealt with even more severely. He is DIRECTED to report the date of his receipt of this Decision to enable this Court to determine when his suspension shall take effect..

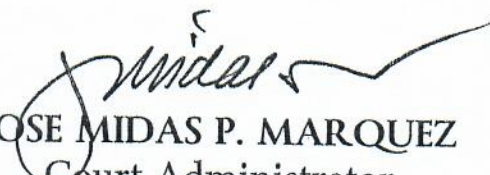
Further, Atty. Felino R. Quiambao is hereby ORDERED to return to complainant Nelita S. Salazar the amount of ₱170,000.00, with interest of twelve percent (12%) *per annum* reckoned from the respective date of receipt until June 30, 2013, and six percent (6%) *per annum* from July 1, 2013 until full payment, intended as payment for the processing, transfer of title, and other related fees, including his professional fees, as well as all relevant legal documents of the subject properties, within ninety (90) days from the finality of this Decision.

Atty. Felino R. Quiambao is also hereby meted a FINE in the amount of ₱10,000.00 for disobedience to the orders of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines - Commission on Bar Discipline. Failure to comply with the foregoing directives will warrant the imposition of a more severe penalty.

Let a copy of this Decision be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant to be entered into Atty. Felino R. Quiambao's records. Copies shall likewise be furnished to the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts concerned.

In a Resolution dated 9 July 2019, the Court DENIED WITH FINALITY the respondent's motion for reconsideration as the issues raised therein have been passed upon by the Court and no substantial arguments were presented to warrant the reversal of the question Decision.

15 October 2019


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator


MBC/FJC/jonas/sus_quiambao.doc