



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 206-2019

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

SUBJECT: DISBARMENT OF ATTY. EMMANUEL N. CRUZ

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 31 July 2018 of the Court *En Banc* in Administrative Case No. 11724, entitled "HDI Holdings Philippines, Inc. vs. Atty. Emmanuel N. Cruz," to wit:

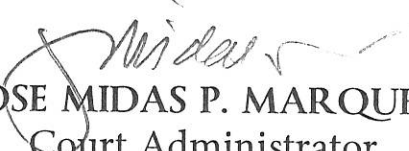
IN VIEW OF ALL THE FOREGOING, we find respondent ATTY. EMMANUEL CRUZ, guilty of gross misconduct by violating the Canon of Professional Responsibility through his unlawful, dishonest, and deceitful conduct, and willful disobedience of lawful order rendering him unworthy of continuing membership in the legal profession. He is thus ordered **DISBARRED** from the practice of law and his name stricken off of the Roll of Attorneys, effective immediately.

Furthermore, Atty. Cruz is **ORDERED** to **RETURN** to complainant HDI the amounts of ₱6,000,000.00, ₱21,250,000.00, ₱4,408,067.18 and ₱1,689,100.00, with legal interest, if it is still unpaid, within ninety (90) days from the finality of this Decision.

Let copies of this Decision be furnished the Office of the Bar Confidant, which shall forthwith record it in the personal file of respondent. All the courts of the Philippines; the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, which

shall disseminate copies thereof to all its Chapters; and all administrative and quasi-judicial agencies of the Republic of the Philippines.

07 November 2019


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

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