



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 19-2020

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 : LIFTING OF SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW OF ATTY. SOLOMON A. LOBRIDO, JR.

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 14 August 2019 of the Special First Division in Administrative Case No. 7972, entitled "Angelito Cabalida vs. Attys. Solomon Lobrido, Jr. and Danny Pondevilla," to wit:

It appearing that the copy of the Decision dated October 3, 2018 which suspended respondent Atty. Danny L. Pondevilla from the practice of law for a period of one (1) year effective immediately for violation of Rule 8.02 of Canon 8 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, and likewise suspended respondent Atty. Solomon Lobrido, Jr., from the practice of law for six (6) months for failure to render proper legal assistance to his client, with warning to both respondents that repetition of the same or similar offenses shall be dealt with more severely, sent to complainant at his address at Purok Pag-asa, Brgy. Estefania 6100 Bacolod City, was returned to this Court on January 10, 2019 unserved with postal notation "RTS-Insufficient Address," the Court resolves to *CONSIDER* said decision as *SERVED*.

The Court further resolves:

- (1) to *NOTE* the compliance of Atty. Margot S. Sampaga of the Public Attorney's Office, counsel for complainant, with the Resolution dated

June 4, 2018, informing the Court that he was able to communicate with the complainant Angelito Cabalida and his present address is at Blk 65 Brgy. Sto Cristo, Dasmariñas, Cavite;

- (2) to *NOTE* the manifestation of respondent Atty. Solomon Lobrido, Jr., in compliance with the Resolution dated August 6, 2018, informing the Court that despite exerting earnest efforts, he was not able to locate the whereabouts of complainant;
- (3) to *NOTE* the manifestation of respondent Atty. Danny Pondevilla, in compliance with the Resolution dated August 6, 2018, stating that despite diligent efforts, he cannot supply the Court with the address of complainant since the whereabouts of the latter is still unknown;
- (4) to *GRANT* the motion to lift order of suspension dated June 11, 2019 (with enclosures) filed by respondent Atty. Solomon Lobrido, Jr., stating that he desisted from the practice of law from December 8, 2018 to June 8, 2019, attaching therewith certifications from the Office of Executive Judges of the Regional Trial Court and Municipal Trial Court in Cities of Bacolod City and Integrated Bar of the Philippines Negros Occidental Chapter, all affirming that respondent has not engaged in the practice of law or appeared in court during the period of his suspension from December 8, 2018 to June 8, 2019; and
- (5) to *LIFT* the order of suspension of Atty. Solomon A. Lobrido, Jr., and to *ALLOW* him to *RESUME* the practice of his legal profession.

The Report dated July 8, 2019 of the Office of the Bar Confidant is *NOTED*.

28 January 2020


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

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