



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 41-2020

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 : SUSPENSION OF ATTY. MARIAN JO S.
MERCADO FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW
FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 17 September 2019 of the Court *En Banc* in Administrative Case No. 11778, entitled "Mary Grace P. Asanion vs. Atty. Marian Jo S. Mercado," to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court **ADOPTS** and **APPROVES** the Resolution No. XXI-2014-962 dated December 14, 2014 and Resolution No. XXII-2016-646 dated November 29, 2016 of the Board of Governors of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines in CBD Case No. 13-3733. Atty. Marian Jo S. Mercado is **GUILTY** of violating Rule 18.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, and is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for two (2) years to commence immediately from the receipt of this Resolution, with a **STERN WARNING** that a repetition of the same or similar offense will warrant a more severe penalty.

After Atty. Mercado has fully served her two (2) years suspension, she shall submit to the Office of the Bar Confidant (OBC) the corresponding certifications from the Office of the Executive Judge of the court where she constantly practices her legal profession and from the IBP Local Chapter where she is affiliated, affirming that she has ceased and desisted from the practice of law and has not appeared in court during her two-year suspension. Within two (2) weeks from submission of these certifications, the OBC shall submit the same to the


Court with its recommendation on whether the suspension may already be lifted.

Let copies of this Resolution be furnished all courts, the OBC, and the IBP for their information and guidance. The OBC is directed to append a copy of this Resolution to Atty. Mercado's record as member of the Bar.

Per Registry Receipt No. 118707, respondent received a copy of the said Resolution at her given address at No. 0446, Brgy. Gaya-Gaya, City of San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan on 20 November 2019.

31 January 2020


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

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