



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 44-2020

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 : LIFTING OF SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW OF ATTY. ERIC G. SANTOS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 26 June 2019 of the Special Second Division in Administrative Case No. 12203, entitled "Lordito S. Diaz vs. Atty. Eric G. Santos," to wit:

Considering (1) the compliance dated 12 March 2019 with the Resolution dated 7 January 2019 by respondent that he received a copy of the aforesaid Resolution on 11 March 2018 at 11:00 in the morning and immediately ceased from his practice of law upon said date and will continue the same until the two-month suspension is fully served; and that he would like to express deep remorse for being remiss in the filing of appellees' brief for the client and accept his responsibility and fate, and (2) the motion to lift suspension and compliance dated 20 May 2019 by respondent, stating that to comply with the suspension order, he immediately (a) filed a leave of absence with the University of Baguio School of Law, (b) posted a notice of leave on his office, (c) desisted from appearing in all hearings, mediations and conferences where he has entered his appearance as counsel, (d) desisted from signing pleading, motions and court bound documents bearing his signature, and (e) desisted from engaging clients; that as proof of the same he is submitting certifications issued by the University of Baguio School of Law, by the Regional Trial Court of Baguio City, by the Municipal Trial Court of Baguio City, by the Regional

Trial Court and Municipal Trial Court both of La Trinidad Benguet, by the NLRC-RAB-CAR Baguio City, and Integrated Bar of the Philippines Baguio-Benguet, and pictures showing "notice of leave" in his office, the Court resolves to:

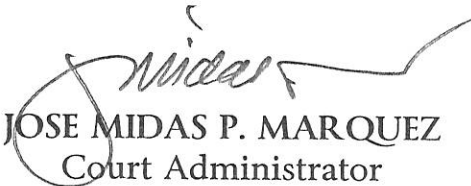
(1) NOTE the compliance dated 12 March 2019 of respondent Atty. Eric G. Santos;

(2) GRANT the motion to lift suspension and compliance dated 20 May 2019 of respondent Atty. Santos; and

(3) LIFT the order of suspension from the practice of law meted against respondent Atty. Santos, and ALLOW him to resume his practice of law.

The Court NOTES the Report and Recommendation dated 22 May 2019 of the Office of the Bar Confidant.

31 January 2020

  
JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ  
Court Administrator

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