



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 53-2020

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: DISBARMENT OF ATTY. ESTEFANO H. DE LA
CRUZ

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 15 October 2019 of the Court *En Banc* in Administrative Case No. 12318, titled "Atty. Francis V. Gustilo vs. Atty. Estefano H. De La Cruz," to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court FINDS and DECLARES respondent ATTY. ESTEFANO H. DE LA CRUZ to have violated Canon 1, Canon 7, and Canon 10 of the *Code of Professional Responsibility* through his unlawful, dishonest, and deceitful conduct; DISBARS him effective upon receipt of this decision; and ORDERS his name to be stricken off the Roll of Attorneys.

Let a copy of this decision be attached to the respondent's personal records in the Office of the Bar Confidant.

Furnish a copy of this decision to the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for its information and guidance; and the Office of the Court Administrator for dissemination to all courts of the Philippines.

A copy of the said Decision was sent to respondent at his given address at No. 1245-G, Cardona St., Rizal Village, Brgy. Poblacion, 1208 Makati City, and it was received by Ms. Gertrude P. Arante on 10 January 2020.

10 February 2020


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator