



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 71-2020

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. CHRISTIAN BANTA VALENCIA

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 11 December 2019 of the Special Second Division in A.C. No. 9267, titled "Rodolfo B. Agotilla, et al. vs. Atty. Christian Banta Valencia," to wit:

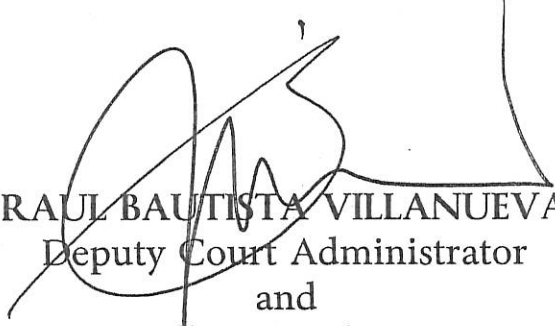
The Court NOTES respondent's (1) urgent motion to resolve [the urgent petition for reinstatement dated 31 May 2019] dated 16 September 2019, praying that the six (6)-month suspension from the of practice law imposed upon him be lifted immediately, and for the Court to issue a resolution/order reinstating respondent to the practice of law; and (2) compliance with *ex-parte* motion to lift suspension dated 31 October 2019, submitting the proof of payment of the fine imposed upon respondent in the Resolution dated 19 August 2019, and praying that the suspension from the practice of law be finally lifted.

Considering the payment by respondent of the fine of ₱5,000.00 as evidenced by O.R. No. 0266953-SC-EP imposed upon him in the Resolution dated 19 August 2019, and it appearing from the records and documents submitted that respondent has fully served the six-month suspension from the practice of law, the Court resolves to LIFT the order of suspension from the practice of law meted against Atty. Christian Banta Valencia and ALLOW him to RESUME his practice of law; however,

his disqualification from being commissioned as a notary public remains effective.

The Court NOTES the Report and Recommendation dated 29 November 2019 of the Office of the Bar Confidant.

06 March 2020



RAUL BAUTISTA VILLANUEVA
Deputy Court Administrator
and
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Court Administrator
(Per Office Order No. 04-2020 dated 26 February 2020)

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