



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 72-2020

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. MARIANO B. BARANDA, JR.

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 06 January 2020 of the Special Second Division in A.C. No. 12041, titled "Julian T. Balbin and Dolores E. Balbin vs. Atty. Mariano B. Baranda, Jr.," to wit:

Acting on the compliance dated 17 October 2019 of respondent Atty. Mariano B. Baranda, Jr., submitting certifications from the Executive Judge of the Regional Trial Court (RTC), Legazpi City, Albay and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), Albay Chapter, both confirming that respondent had not appeared as counsel for any party in any court proceedings in the said jurisdiction for six (6) months or from 26 November 2018 to 29 May 2019, pursuant to the Decision dated 11 November 2018 which suspended respondent for the period of six (6) months, revoked his notarial commission and disqualified him for being commissioned as notary public for a period of two (2) years, the Court resolves to:

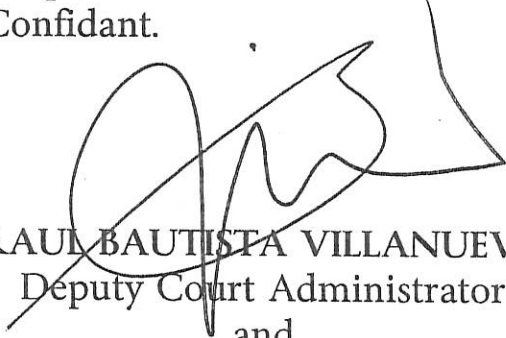
1. LIFT the order of suspension of respondent Atty. Mariano B. Baranda, Jr., and ALLOW him to resume his practice of law; and

2. REMAIN EFFECTIVE the order of disqualification of respondent for being commissioned as a notary public until he has fully served the two (2) years

of disqualification and thereafter, to submit similar certifications from the Executive Judge of the RTC, Legazpi City, Albay and the IBP, Albay Chapter, both affirming his full service of the disqualification order.

The Court NOTES the Report dated 5 November 2019 of the Office of the Bar Confidant.

06 March 2020



RAUN 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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