



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 81-2020

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 : SUSPENSION OF ATTY. DOLORSINDO I. PANER FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS AND REVOCATION OF HIS NOTARIAL COMMISSION AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM REAPPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 01 August 2018 of the First Division in A.C. No. 9738, titled "Heirs of the Late Guillerma Gayamo, et al. vs. Attys. Celia Closa and Dolorsindo I. Paner," to wit:

WHEREFORE, premises considered, respondent Atty. Celia N. Closa is hereby REPRIMANDED with a warning that repetition of the same or similar offense will warrant a more severe penalty.

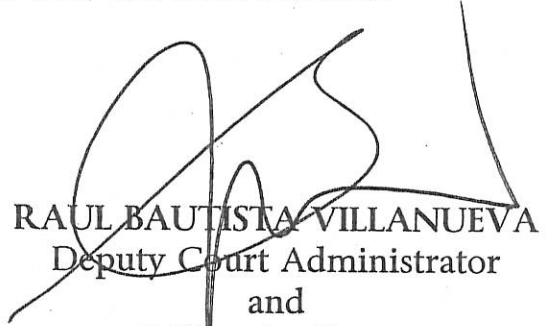
Moreover, respondent Atty. Dolorsindo I. Paner is SUSPENDED from the practice of law for six (6) months to commence immediately from receipt of this Resolution and DISQUALIFIED from being commissioned as notary public for two (2) years. His notarial commission, if any, is REVOKED.

Let copies of this Resolution be furnish [sic] all courts, the Office of the Bar Confidant, and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for their information and guidance. The Office of the Bar Confidant is directed to append a copy of this Resolution to respondent Atty. Paner's record as member of the Bar.

The copy of the Resolution dated March 19, 2018 which noted the Integrated Bar of the Philippines Board of Governors: (1) Notice of Resolution No. XXI-2015-161 dated February 20, 2015 which adopted and approved the Report

and Recommendation of the Investigating Commissioner dated November 27, 2014 with modification that the case against Atty. Celia Closa be dismissed considering that the Special Power of Attorney was executed regularly and the parties to the documents appeared before respondent Atty. Celia Closa. However, for her lapses on relying only on Rosima Alamo's identification of the signatories, she must be sternly warned that a repetition of the same conduct shall be dealt with more severely; Upon the other hand, respondent Atty. Dolorsindo I. Paner is disqualified from being commissioned as Notary Public for two (2) years and his notarial commission, if presently commissioned, be immediately revoked, and that he be suspended from the practice of law for six (6) months for violation of the 2004 Notarial Rules, Lawyers' Oath and Rule 1.01 of Canon 1 of the Code of Professional Responsibility; (2) Notice of Resolution No XXII-2016-420 dated August 26, 2016 which denied respondent Atty. Dolorsindo I. Paner's motion for reconsideration of the Resolution No. XXI-2015-161 dated February 20, 2015 there being no new reason and/or new argument adduced to reverse the previous findings and decision of the Board of Governors; and (3) Notice of Resolution No. XXII-2017-941 dated April 19, 2017 which denied respondent Atty. Dolorsindo I. Paner's second motion for reconsideration there being no new reason and/or new argument adduced to reverse the previous findings and decision of the Board of Governors, sent to respondent Atty. Dolorsindo I. Paner at his address at 350 Arroceros St. Malate, 1004 Manila, was returned to the Court on July 11, 2018 unserved with postal notation "RTS-Deceased," and the copy of the aforesaid Resolution dated March 19, 2018 sent to Atty. Norberto L. Martinez, counsel for respondent Atty. Celia N. Closa, at his given address at Unit 608 Cityland Pasong Tamo Tower 2210 Don Chino Roces Avenue 1231 Makati City, was returned to this Court on July 16, 2018 unserved with postal notation "RTS-Moved Out," are both NOTED.

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)