



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 102-2020

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. ORLANDO N. DE CASTRO, JR. FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 6 June 2019 of the First Division in A.C. No. 8117, titled "Eugenia T. Berroya vs. Atty. Orlando N. De Castro, Jr.," to wit:


WHEREFORE, we find respondent Atty. Orlando N. De Castro, Jr. GUILTY of violating Canon 18, Rules 18.03 and 18.04 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. He is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law for SIX (6) MONTHS effective upon receipt of this Resolution. He is also ordered to RETURN to complainant the amount of ₱300,000.00, with legal interest of 12% *per annum* reckoned from the time he received the amount on January 16, 2007 until June 30, 2013, and 6% *per annum* from July 1, 2013 until full payment thereof. Respondent is DIRECTED to submit proof of his compliance within 30 days from receipt of this Resolution.

Respondent is likewise DIRECTED to SHOW CAUSE within 10 days from receipt of this Resolution why he should not be further sanctioned due to his failure to indicate his Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Certificate of Compliance or Certificate of Exemption in his pleadings in this case, in violation of Bar Matter No. 1922.

Let a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant to be appended to respondent's personal record; the Integrated Bar of the Philippines; and the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country for their guidance.

A copy of the Resolution dated 6 June 2019 was sent to respondent at his given address at No. 988 J.P. Rizal Street 1200 Makati City per Registry Receipt No. 98280, which was received by Ms. Leonora U. Patolilic on 09 October 2019.

30 June 2020


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

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