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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 109-2020

TO : THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'A DISTRICT COURTS, METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'A CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF ATTY. RAYMUND G. HIPOLITO III FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 20 August 2019 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 8121 titled "**Francisco Chua Uy vs. Atty. Raymund G. Hipolito III**," to wit:

> **WHEREFORE**, **Atty. Raymund G. Hipolito III** is found **GUILTY** of violating Canon 1, Rule 12.04, Rule 10.03, Canon 18, Rule 18.04, and Canon 19 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, and the Lawyer's Oath. He is **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for two (2) years with **STERN WARNING** that repetition of the same or any similar act shall be dealt with more severely.
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> Atty. Raymund G. Hipolito III is required to inform the Office of the Bar Confidant of the exact date of receipt hereof for the purpose of reckoning the start of his two (2) year suspension from the practice of law.
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> To obviate any delay in the lifting of the two (2) year suspension after the same shall have been fully served, Atty. Raymund G. Hipolito III shall submit to the Office of the Bar Confidant the certifications from the Office of the Executive Judge of the court where he practices his legal profession and from the IBP Local Chapter where he is affiliated affirming that he has ceased and desisted from the practice of law and has not appeared in court during his two (2) year suspension.

Within two (2) weeks from submission of these certifications, the Office of the Bar Confidant shall submit the same to the court with its recommendation on whether the suspension may already be lifted.

In a Resolution dated 28 January 2020, acting on respondent's Motion for Reconsideration, the Court **DENIED WITH FINALITY** the said motion there being no substantial matters raised to warrant the reversal of the questioned resolution.

6 July 2020

JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

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