



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 112-2020

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: DISBARMENT OF ATTY. DIEGO M. PALOMARES, JR.

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 14 August 2019 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 5285, titled "Judge Nimfa P. Sitaca vs. Atty. Diego M. Palomares, Jr.," to wit:


WHEREFORE, the Court finds respondent Diego M. Palomares, Jr. GUILTY of violation of Rule 1.01, Canon 1 and Rule 10.01, Canon 10 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. Accordingly, he is DISBARRED from the practice of law and his name is ordered STRICKEN OFF from the Roll of Attorneys effective immediately.

The Office of the Bar Confidant is required to attach a copy of this Decision to the records of respondent Diego M. Palomares, Jr.. Let copies of this Decision be furnished the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for their information and guidance and the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all the courts in the country.

In a Resolution dated 28 January 2020, acting on respondent's Motion for Reconsideration, the Court DENIED with FINALITY the said motion considering that the basic issues raised therein have been passed upon by this Court and no substantial matters were raised to warrant the reversal of the questioned Decision.

6 July 2020


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

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