



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 113-2020

- 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. PACIFICO M. BANTANG, JR.

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 19 February 2020 of the Special First Division in A.C. No. 9283, titled "Rosario F. Fabriquier vs. Atty. Pacifico M. Bantang, Jr.," to wit:

The Court resolves to *NOTE* the following:

- (1) the letter dated November 14, 2019 (with enclosures) of Grace Fabriquier-Parson, daughter of complainant, inquiring whether notarial acts are within the bounds of the law and duties of a lawyer, with the information that respondent has notarized documents during the period of his suspension;
- (2) the respondent's compliance with the order of suspension dated November 28, 2019, submitting certification from the Integrated Bar of the Philippines-Romblon Chapter and the Office of the Clerk of Court of Regional Trial Court, Odiongan, Romblon, both affirming that respondent has not appeared as counsel in any cases nor filed any pleadings and/or motions before the said court which covered the period from October 1 to 30,

2019, and also attaching therewith certifications from the Department of Agrarian Reform that the respondent has retired from the service effective July 9, 2014;

- (3) the respondent's comment dated November 18, 2019, praying that the letter-complaint by the alleged daughter of complainant be ruled upon the soonest possible time considering that he is already in the twilight years;
- (4) the reply dated November 27, 2019 of Grace Fabriquier-Parsons to the aforesaid respondent's comment; and
- (5) the respondent's submission of CD to support compliance requirement on lifting of suspension dated December 20, 2019.

The Court further resolves to *LIFT* the order of suspension of Atty. Pacifico M. Bantang, Jr. and *ALLOW* him to *RESUME* his practice of law, effective immediately.

The Report dated January 14, 2020 of the Office of the Bar Confidant is *NOTED*.

6 July 2020


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator