



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 136-2020

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. DIANA LYNN M.
ARELLANO FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW
FOR THREE (3) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 12 July 2016 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 10541, titled "Aurora Aguilar-Dyquiango vs. Atty. Diana Lynn M. Arellano," to wit:

WHEREFORE, we find Respondent Atty. Diana Lynn M. Arellano GUILTY of Violation of Rules 16.02, 16.04, and 18.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, and the Lawyer's Oath. We SUSPEND Respondent from the practice of law for a period of THREE (3) YEARS. We also ORDER respondent to return to Aurora Aguilar-Dyquiango the full amount of TWELVE THOUSAND PESOS (₱12,000.00) within 30 days from notice hereof and DIRECT her to submit to this Court proof of such payment. We STERNLY WARN Respondent that a repetition of the same or similar act will be dealt with more severely.

We also DIRECT Respondent to inform this Court of the date of her receipt of this Decision to determine the reckoning point of the effectivity of her suspension.

Let a copy of this Decision be made part of Respondent's records in the Office of the Bar Confidant,

and copies be furnished the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts.

In a Resolution dated 10 December 2019, the Court **CONSIDERED** as **SERVED** the Resolutions addressed to respondent Atty. Diana Lynn M. Arellano at her addresses, which Resolutions were returned unserved with similar notation on the letter-envelopes 'RTS-Moved, left no address'.

17 August 2020


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

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