

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 146-2020

TO

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

SUBJECT: DISBARMENT OF ATTY. LEOVIGILDO H. MIJARES III

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 26 July 2016 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 11145, titled "Catalino Q. Quincela, Jr. vs. Atty. Leovigildo H. Mijares III," to wit:

WHEREFORE. the Court finds respondent Leovigildo H. Mijares III GUILTY of violation of Canon 18, Rule 18.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and imposes on him the penalty of DISBARMENT. However, in light of the Decision in A.C. No. 8380, the penalty of disbarment may no longer be implemented. Nevertheless, respondent is hereby directed RESTITUTE complainant Catalino Q. Quincela, Jr. the amount of Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (\$\mathbb{P}2.200,000)\$ plus 12% interest per annum counting from April 4, 2013, which is the date of respondent's receipt of said amount from complainant, until June 30, 2013; and 6% interest per annum counting from July 1, 2013 until full payment. Respondent is ordered to pay complainant within sixty (60) days from receipt of this Resolution. Otherwise, respondent may be held liable for contempt.

Let a copy of this Resolution be furnished the Office of the Bar Confidant, the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, and the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country, for their guidance and information.

This Resolution shall be immediately executory.

In a Resolution dated 10 December 2019, the Court considered as SERVED the Resolutions addressed to respondent Leovigildo H. Mijaress III at his addresses, which Resolutions were returned unserved with similar notation on the letter-envelopes "RTS-Moved Out since 2015 & unknown at given address".

25 August 2020

JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

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