



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 152-2020

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. ALFREDITO E. FORTEZA FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 21 January 2019 of the Court (First Division) in A.C. No. 9420, titled "**Patrolguard & Allied Services Corporation Rep. By Atty. Epafrodito Nollora vs. Atty. Alfreddito E. Forteza,**" to wit:

WHEREFORE, for his failure to file a Pre-Trial Brief and to attend the Pre-Trial Conference resulting in the declaration of the Complainant as in default, Atty. Alfreddito E. Forteza is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for six (6) months.

Let copies of this Resolution be furnished to all the courts, the Office of the Bar Confidant, and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for their information and guidance. The Office of the Bar Confidant is directed to append a copy of this Resolution to respondent's record as a member of the Bar.

The Notice of Resolution No. XXII-2016-627 dated November 29, 2016 of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines' Board of Governors which resolved to deny the respondent's motion for reconsideration and affirm his suspension from the practice of law for a period of six (6) months, there being no new reason nor argument adduced to justify the reversal of the decision of the Board of Governors, transmitted by letter

dated June 9, 2017 of Director Ramon S. Esguerra, Integrated Bar of the Philippines' Commission on Bar Discipline, together with the records and compact disc containing the PDF file of the case, are both NOTED.

In a Resolution dated 26 June 2019, acting on respondent's Motion for Reconsideration of the Resolution dated 21 January 2019, the Court DENIED the motion with FINALITY.

14 September 2020


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Court Administrator

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