



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 159-2020

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. JOAQUIN L. DELOS
SANTOS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 3 December 2019 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 11583, titled "Pilar C. Prospero and Clarinda P. Castillo vs. Atty. Joaquin L. Delos Santos and Atty. Roberto A. San Jose," to wit:

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Court hereby DISMISSES the case against Atty. Roberto A. San Jose, but DECLARES respondent Atty. Joaquin L. Delos Santos guilty of gross professional misconduct, deceit, malpractice as a notary public, and violation of the Code of Professional Responsibility and Lawyer's Oath. Accordingly, Atty. Delos Santos is DISBARRED from the practice of law, his name stricken off from the Roll of Attorneys, and is, likewise, PERPETUALLY DISQUALIFIED from being commissioned as a notary public.

Let a copy of this Decision be furnished the Office of the Bar Confidant, to be appended to Atty. Delos Santos' personal record. Further, let copies of this Decision be furnished the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and the Office of the Court Administrator for dissemination to all courts in the country for their information and guidance.

24 September 2020


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator