



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 181-2020

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. ROMEO C. PLATA FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 26 February 2020 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 12701, titled "Francisco Pagdanganan vs. Atty. Romeo C. Plata," to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court ADOPTS and APPROVES the Resolutions of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines-Board of Governors dated February 22, 2018 and June 17, 2019. Accordingly, Atty. Romeo C. Plata is found GUILTY of violating the Lawyer's Oath, the Duties of Attorneys and the Code of Professional Responsibility. He is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law for two years with a STERN WARNING that a repetition of the same or a similar offense will warrant the imposition of a more severe penalty.

Let copies of this Decision be furnished: (a) the Office of the Court Administrator for dissemination to all courts throughout the country for their information and guidance; (b) the Integrated Bar of the Philippines; and (c) the Office of the Bar Confidant. Let a copy of this Decision be attached to the personal records of the respondent.

A copy of the Decision dated 26 February 2020 was sent to respondent at his given address at Ground Floor, Plata Bldg.

Velasquez St., Bangiad Dulo Brgy. San Juan, 1920 Taytay, Rizal, per
Registry Receipt No. 34014, which was received on 30 July 2020.

27 October 2020


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator


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