



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 183-2020

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

SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF ATTY. ERWIN V. BELLEZA FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) YEAR

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 6 March 2019 of the Court (First Division) in A.C. No. 12113, titled "Leo Lumbre, Lejohn L. Lumbre, and Rufrex L. Lumbre vs. Atty. Erwin V. Belleza," to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court FINDS and DECLARES respondent Atty. Erwin V. Belleza GUILTY of GROSS MISCONDUCT for his violation of Canon 1, Rule 1.01, Canon 7 and Rule 7.03 of the *Code of Professional Responsibility*, and, accordingly, IMPOSES on him the penalty of SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW for a PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR effective from notice.

Let this decision be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant to be appended to the respondent's personal record as an attorney; to the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for its information and guidance; and to the Office of the Court Administrator for dissemination to all the courts of the Philippines.

A copy of the Decision dated 6 March 2019 sent to respondent at his given address at Real St., Buntay Abuyog 6510 Leyte, per Registry Receipt No. 57817, was received on 19 July 2019.

28 October 2020


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator