



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 192-2020

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 : LIFTING OF SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW OF ATTY. AUGUSTUS SERAFIN D. AMADOR

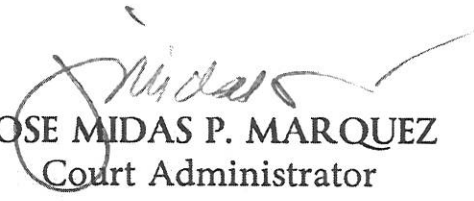
For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 14 September 2020 of the Court (Special Second Division) in A.C. No. 8962, titled "**Jildo A. Gubaton vs. Atty. Augustus Serafin D. Amador**," to wit:

The Court resolves to NOTE and ACCEPT the compliance with the Resolution dated 9 October 2019 by respondent Atty. Augustus Serafin D. Amador dated 28 April 2020, respectfully submitting the Certification dated 11 March 2020 issued by Hedeliza Q. Encabo, Acting Chief, Personnel Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ), Manila (which states that Atty. Augustus Serafin D. Amador, Prosecutor 1 [Associate City Prosecutor] in the Office of the City Prosecutor of Butuan City, National Prosecution Service, DOJ, was removed from the payroll effective November 2018 and has not received his salaries and allowances up to the present pursuant to the implementation of the decision of the Second Division of the Supreme Court of the Philippines in A.C. 8962 entitled, *Gubaton vs. Amador* dated 9 July 2018, suspending him for one [1] year from the practice of law), and stating, among others, that since the start of his suspension and up to said date, he has not reported for work at the Office of the City Prosecutor, Butuan City, or otherwise engaged in the practice of law; with prayer that the order of suspension from the practice of law for one (1)

year imposed upon him be lifted and that he be allowed to resume his practice of law.

Considering respondent's manifestation with motion to lift order of suspension dated 20 August 2019, stating that he received the Decision dated 9 July 2018 (which found him guilty of gross immorality and suspended him from the practice of law for a period of one [1] year) on 8 August 2018, and that he ceased reporting for duty as Associate City Prosecutor at the Office of the City Prosecutor, Butuan City on 9 August 2018; that respondent further stated that during his suspension from 9 August 2018 to 9 August 2019, he has not appeared as counsel before any court, tribunal or quasi-judicial body and he has not filed any kind of pleading nor engaged in the practice of law; that to support his claim, respondent attached certifications from the Office of the City Prosecutor of Butuan City, the Regional Trial Court (RTC) of Butuan City, Branches 1 and 2, the Office of the Clerks of Court of RTC and Municipal Trial Court in Cities of Butuan City, and the Local Chapter of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, all attesting that respondent has indeed desisted from the practice law nor appeared as counsel before any court, tribunal or quasi-judicial body during his suspension, and considering further the foregoing certification from the DOJ that respondent did not receive his salaries and allowances during his suspension, the Court further resolves to LIFT the order of suspension issued against respondent Atty. Augustus Serafin D. Amador, and to ALLOW him to resume his practice of law.

2 December 2020


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Court Administrator


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