



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 195-2020

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

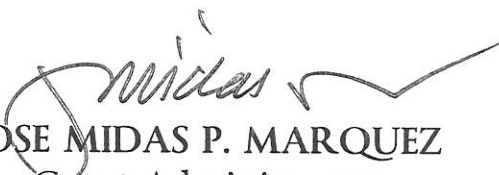
SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF ATTY. CECILIA S. SIOCO-FERNANDEZ FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) YEAR

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 14 August 2019 of the Court (First Division) in A.C. No. 11172, titled "Malabon Central Market Development Cooperative, represented by Edgardo F. Virtudes, Complainant vs. Atty. Cecilia S. Sioco-Fernandez, Respondent," to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court FINDS Atty. Cecilia S. Sioco-Fernandez GUILTY of representing conflicting interests in violation of Rule 15.03, Canon 15 of the Code of Professional Responsibility; and suspends her from the practice of law for ONE (1) YEAR, effective immediately upon receipt of this resolution; and DIRECTS her to file a Manifestation to the Court that she has already started with her suspension and to furnish with a copy of said Manifestation all courts and quasi-judicial bodies where she has entered her appearance as counsel.

Let copies of this resolution be entered in the personal records of Atty. Sioco-Fernandez in the Office of the Bar Confidant and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines; and a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the Court Administrator for dissemination to all courts in the country.

7 December 2020


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator