



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 198-2020

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. MARLOW L. LICUDINE FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 23 June 2020 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 12768, titled "Felicitas H. Bondoc, represented by Conrad H. Bautista vs. Atty. Marlow L. Licudine," to wit:

WHEREFORE, Atty. Marlow L. Licudine is GUILTY of violating Canons 1 and 16, and Rules 1.01, 16.01, 16.02, and 16.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and the Lawyer's Oath. He is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law for two (2) years with a STERN WARNING that the repetition of a similar violation will be dealt with even more severely. He is DIRECTED to report the date of his receipt of this Decision to enable this Court to determine when his suspension shall take effect.

Further, Atty. Marlow L. Licudine is hereby ORDERED to return to complainant Felicitas H. Bondoc the amount of CAD\$2,000.00, intended as payment for the legal fees in the civil case for annulment of marriage, with interest at the legal rate of six percent (6%) *per annum* from the date of demand until full payment, within ninety (90) days from the finality of this Decision.

Atty. Marlow L. Licudine is also hereby meted a FINE in the amount of ₱10,000.00 for disobedience of the orders of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines - Commission on Bar Discipline. Failure to comply with the foregoing directives will warrant the imposition of a more severe penalty.

Let a copy of this Decision be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant to be entered into Atty. Marlow L. Licudine's records. Copies shall likewise be furnished to the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts concerned.

A copy of the said Decision sent to respondent at his given address at 2nd Floor, Caremco Building, LMS Compound, 79 Diego Silang St., Baguio City per Registry Receipt No. 43228, was received on 23 September 2020.

14 December 2020


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator


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