



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 205-2020

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

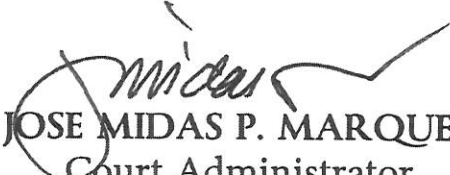
SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF ATTY. DIONISIO B. APOYA, JR. FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 23 July 2018 of the Court (Second Division) in A.C. No. 12044, titled "Martin J. Sioson vs. Atty. Dionisio B. Apoya, Jr.," to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court finds Atty. Dionisio B. Apoya, Jr. **LIABLE** for violation of Canon 1, Rule 1.01, Canon 16, Rule 16.01, Canon 18, and Rule 18.03 and Rule 18.04 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and he is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for six (6) months effective immediately upon receipt of this Decision. Atty. Apoya, Jr. is also ordered to return the amount of Ten Thousand Pesos (₱10,000.00) to complainant Martin J. Sioson within thirty (30) days from receipt of this Decision.

Let copies of this Decision be furnished the Office of the Bar Confidant, to be appended to respondent's personal record as attorney. Further, let copies of this Decision be furnished the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and the Office of the Court Administrator, which is directed to circulate them to all courts in the country for their information and guidance.

22 December 2020


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator