



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

**OCA CIRCULAR NO. 04-2021**

**TO : THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARIAH 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. ARLENE G. PILAPIL FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR TWO (2) YEARS**

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 21 January 2020 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 7075, titled "Joselito C. Caballero vs. Atty. Arlene G. Pilapil," to wit:

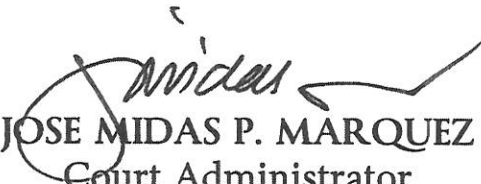
WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. Arlene G. Pilapil is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for two (2) years for violating Rules 16.01 and 16.03 of Canon 16, Canon 17 as well as Canon 11 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, effective from notice. She is **ORDERED** to **RETURN** to the complainant the sum of ₱53,500.00, with legal interest of six percent (6%) *per annum* reckoned from the date of the receipt of this Decision until full payment. She is further **ORDERED** to **RETURN** to the complainant the original copy of TCT No. 64507, the sketch plan and tax declaration which she took from complainant.

Respondent is also **ORDERED** to **PAY** the fine of ₱1,000.00 imposed on her in our Resolution dated October 18, 2010 within ten (10) days from receipt of this Decision, otherwise a more severe penalty will be imposed against her.

Let copies of this Decision be furnished the Office of the Bar Confidant, to be appended to respondent's personal record as an attorney; the Integrated Bar of the Philippines; and the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country for their information and guidance.

A copy of the said Decision sent to respondent at her given address at Poblacion, Occidental 6001 Consolacion, Cebu per Registry Receipt No. 14866, was received on 28 February 2020.

11 January 2021

  
JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ  
Court Administrator

  
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