



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 08-2021

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, SHARIAH 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. EDUARDO Z. GATCHALIAN

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 18 November 2020 of the Court (Special First Division) in A.C. No. 8371, titled "Spouses Gerardo Montecillo and Dominga Salonoy vs. Atty. Eduardo Z. Gatchalian," to wit:

The Court resolves to:

- (1) *NOTE* the sworn statement (In Re: Suspension Order) dated September 23, 2020 of respondent Atty. Eduardo Z. Gatchalian reiterating that he has not appeared in any court and/or have desisted from the practice of law during his suspension period until September 23, 2020 in full and sufficient compliance with the Resolution dated June 28, 2017;
- (2) *FURNISH* the respondent a copy of Atty. Paul Jomar S. Alcudia's letter dated February 15, 2018;
- (3) *REQUIRE* respondent to *COMMENT* on the letter within seven (7) days from receipt;
- (4) *HOLD IN ABEYANCE* the respondent's motion for issuance of clearance dated March 18, 2019

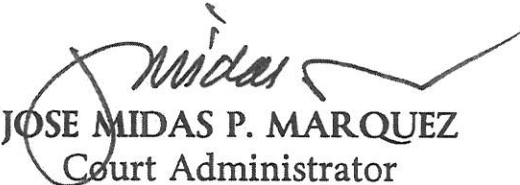
until the issue relating to Atty. Alcudia's letter is resolved; and

(5) *NOTE* the respondent's motion to lift the order of his suspension and certifications.

The Court further resolves to *LIFT* the order of suspension of Atty. Edgardo [sic] Z. Gatchalian and *ALLOW* him to *RESUME* his practice of law, effective immediately.

The Reports dated October 5, 2020 and October 14, 2020 of the Office of the Bar Confidant are *NOTED*.

18 January 2021


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator


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