



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 41-2021

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 : SUSPENSION OF ATTY. VIRGILIO S. FERRER II FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 26 June 2019 of the Court (First Division) in A.C. No. 12461, titled "**Araceli Baniqued vs. Atty. Jeremy O. Panganiban, Atty. Agatha Christie Roxas-Rafael, and Atty. Virgilio S. Ferrer II**" to wit:

WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. Virgilio S. Ferrer II is found **GUILTY** of forum shopping. Accordingly, he is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for six (6) months for engaging in forum shopping, effective upon receipt of this Resolution. He is **STERNLY WARNED** that a repetition of the same or similar acts will be dealt with more severely. The case against Atty. Jeremy O. Panganiban and Atty. Agatha Christie Roxas-Rafael is **DISMISSED**.

Further, Atty. Virgilio S. Ferrer II is **DIRECTED** to report to this Court the date of his receipt of this Resolution to determine when his suspension from the practice of law shall take effect.


Let copies of this Resolution be furnished to: (1) the Office of the Bar Confidant to be appended to the personal record as an attorney of Atty. Virgilio S. Ferrer II; (2) the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for its information and guidance; and (3) the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country for their information and guidance.

In a Resolution dated 23 September 2020, the Court (Special First Division) **DENIED WITH FINALITY** the respondent's Motion

for Reconsideration there being no substantial matter raised therein to warrant a modification of the questioned Resolution dated 26 June 2019.

A copy of the Resolution dated 23 September 2020 sent to respondent at his given address at No. 14 Mahusay St., UP Village 1101 Quezon City per Registry Receipt No. 78645, was received on 16 November 2020.

18 March 2021


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

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