



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 77-2021

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. GERARDO D. RABANES  
FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1)  
MONTH

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 23 November 2020 of the Court (Third Division) in A.C. No. 10741, titled "Atty. Grace Valentine Z. Merino, Atty. Ma. Lina Nieva S. Casals, and Atty. Portia Shirley V. Valencia-Bondoc v. Atty. Gerardo D. Rabanes," to wit:

WHEREFORE, for violating the Lawyer's Oath and the Code of Professional Responsibility, Atty. Gerardo D. Rabanes is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for one (1) month and **STERNLY WARNED** that a repetition of the same or similar act shall be dealt with severely.


Respondent is **DIRECTED** to file a Manifestation to this Court that his suspension has started, copy furnished all courts and quasi-judicial bodies where he has entered his appearance as counsel.


Let copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant, to be appended to the personal record of Atty. Gerardo D. Rabanes as an attorney-at-law; to the Integrated Bar of the Philippines; and to the Office of the Court Administrator for dissemination to all courts throughout the country for their guidance and information.

There being no motion for reconsideration or petition for review filed with the Court per records of the Office of the Bar Confidant, this case is declared **CLOSED** and **TERMINATED**.

The November 21, 2018 Letter of Atty. Marlou B. Ubano,  
Director for Bar Discipline is NOTED.

14 June 2021

  
JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ  
Court Administrator

  
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