



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

**OCA CIRCULAR NO. 84-2021**

**TO : THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARĪAH DISTRICT COURTS, METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, SHARĪAH CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF ATTY. PAULA DIMPA\*\* BEATRIZ DEFENSOR-VELEZ FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) YEAR**

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 05 December 2019 of the Court (First Division) in A.C. No. 12202, titled "Jerry F. Villa vs. Atty. Paula Dimpa\*\* Beatriz Defensor-Velez," to wit:

ACCORDINGLY, respondent Atty. Paula Dimpa Beatriz Defensor-Velez is found GUILTY of:

(1) violating Rule 1.01, Canon 1 of the Code of Professional Responsibility for which she is **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for one (1) year to commence immediately from receipt of this Decision. She is **DIRECTED** to immediately manifest to the Court the date that she has commenced to serve her suspension, copy furnished all courts and quasi-judicial bodies where she has entered her appearance as counsel; and

(2) violating Section 3, Rule 138 of the Rules of Court and Canon 11 of the Code of Professional Responsibility for which she is **ORDERED** to immediately pay a **FINE** in the amount of **Ten Thousand Pesos (₱10,000.00)** upon receipt of this Decision.

In both cases, respondent is **WARNED** that a repetition of the same or similar offense or offenses will warrant a more severe penalty.

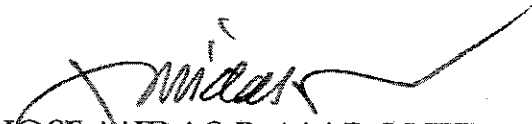
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\*\* Respondent's name in the roll of attorneys is spelled "Dimpna," but she is referred to as Paula "Dimpa" in the Rollo.

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

A copy of the Decision dated 05 December 2019 sent to respondent at her given address at No. 1209 Benrosi Suites, P. Ocampo St., Malate 1004, per Registry Receipt No. 358, was received by So Moroles.

28 June 2021

  
JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ  
Court Administrator

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