



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 96-2021

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. JOSE L. ALVAREZ, JR. FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR THREE (3) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 1 September 2020 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 11058, titled "Rita P. Costenoble vs. Atty. Jose L. Alvarez, Jr.," to wit:

WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. Jose L. Alvarez, Jr. is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for three (3) years. He is **WARNED** that a repetition of the same or similar offense shall be dealt with more severely.

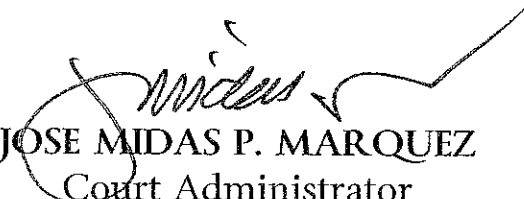
Atty. Alvarez, Jr. is also **ORDERED** to return the full amount of ₱115,000.00 and the documents he received from the complainant, Rita P. Costenoble, within thirty (30) days from the finality of this Resolution. The amount ₱115,000.00 shall earn legal interest of six percent (6%) *per annum* from the date of receipt of this Resolution until full payment.


Let a copy of this Resolution be entered in Atty. Jose L. Alvarez, Jr. 's record as a member of the Bar, and notice of the same be served on the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, and on the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country.

A copy of the Resolution dated 1 September 2020 sent to respondent at his given address at Room 202, Luna St., Fil-em Bldg.

4023 San Pedro, Laguna per Registry Receipt No. 14016, was received on 5 March 2021.

13¹ July 2021


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

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