

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. <u>108-2021</u>

TO

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

SUBJECT

SUSPENSION OF ATTY. AMADO O. IBAÑEZ FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 07 September 2020 of the Court (Second Division) in A.C. No. 10364, titled "James Harper vs. Atty. Amado O. Ibañez," to wit:

WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. Amado O. Ibañez is hereby found GUILTY of violating Canons 1 and 10, and Rules 1.01 and 10.01 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, and the Lawyer's Oath. He is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law for a period of six (6) months effective upon receipt of this Resolution with a STERN WARNING that commission of the same or similar offense will result in the imposition of a more severe penalty.

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.²⁵

Let copies of this Resolution be furnished to all the courts of the land through the Office of the Court Administrator, the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, the

²⁵ See Heirs of Unite v. Guzman, A.C. No. 12061, October 16, 2019.

Office of the Bar Confidant, and be recorded in the personal files of respondent Atty. Amado O. Ibañez.

<u>30</u> July 2021

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