



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 183-2022

**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 : LIFTING OF SUSPENSION FROM THE
PRACTICE OF LAW OF ATTY. RICARDO
ATAYDE, JR.**

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 23 March 2022 of the Court (Special First Division) in A.C. No. 9197, titled "**Damaso Sta. Maria, et al. vs. Atty. Ricardo Atayde, Jr.**," to wit:

The Court resolves to **NOTE** the:

- (1) respondent's *ex-parte* manifestation with motion dated February 4, 2021, stating that he has desisted from the practice of law and has not appeared in court as counsel from July 16, 2020 and in support thereof, he is submitting his Affidavit dated February 4, 2021 and certifications from the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, Nueva Ecija Chapter, among others; and
- (2) certification dated November 11, 2021 of the Provincial Human Resource Management Office, Provincial Government of Nueva Ecija, in compliance with the Resolution dated July 28, 2021, attesting that respondent Atty. Ricardo Atayde, Jr. desisted from officially discharging his functions as Provincial Legal Officer during the period of his suspension, and in fact filed a leave of absence from July 20, 2020 until January 22, 2021.

The Court further resolves to **LIFT** the order of suspension of Atty. Ricardo R. Atayde, Jr., and **ALLOW** him to **RESUME** his practice of law, effective immediately.

15 July 2022



RAUI B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator