



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 140-2021

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. JONATHAN A. CRISTOBAL FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR THREE (3) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 10 November 2020 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 12702, titled "**Divine Grace P. Cristobal v. Atty. Jonathan A. Cristobal**," to wit:

WHEREFORE, premises considered, respondent Atty. Jonathan A. Cristobal is found **GUILTY** of violating Rules 1.01 and 7.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, and is hereby **SUSPENDED** for a period of three (3) months from the practice of law, with a **WARNING** that a repetition of the same or similar offense will warrant a more severe penalty.


Let copies of this Decision be furnished all courts, the Office of the Bar Confidant and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for their information and guidance. The Office of the Bar Confidant is **DIRECTED** to append a copy of this Decision to respondent's record as a member of the Bar.

Respondent Atty. Jonathan A. Cristobal is **DIRECTED** to inform the Court of the date of his receipt of this Decision, so that the Court could determine the reckoning point when his suspension shall take effect.

This Decision is immediately executory.

12 November 2021


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

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