



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 143-2021

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

SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF ATTY. ROBERTO B. ARCA FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) YEAR AND REVOCATION OF HIS NOTARIAL COMMISSION WITH PROHIBITION FROM BEING COMMISSIONED AS A NOTARY PUBLIC FOR TWO (2) YEARS

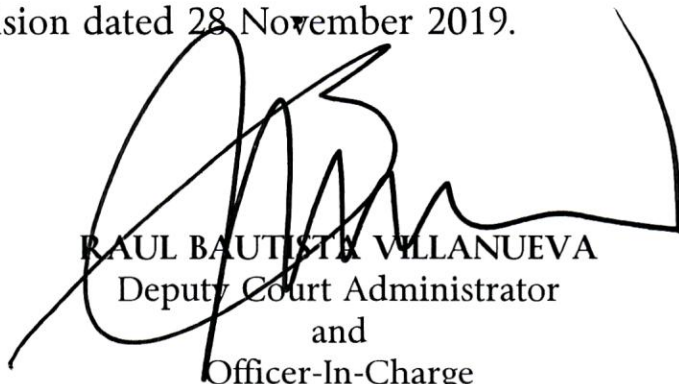
For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 28 November 2019 of the Court (First Division) in A.C. No. 10540, titled "**Spouses Elmer and Mila Soriano vs. Atty. Gervacio B. Ortiz, Jr. and Atty. Roberto B. Arca,**" to wit:

WHEREFORE, with respect to respondent Atty. Gervacio B. Ortiz, Jr., Court resolves to **DISMISS** the complaint against him for insufficiency of evidence. With respect to respondent Atty. Roberto B. Arca, however, the Court finds him **GUILTY** of breach of the 2004 Rules on Notarial Practice and the Code of Professional Responsibility. Accordingly, the Court **SUSPENDS** him from the practice of law for one (1) year; **REVOKES** his incumbent commission, if any; and **PROHIBITS** him from being commissioned as a notary public for two (2) years, effective immediately. He is also **WARNED** that a repetition of the same or similar act in the future shall be dealt with more severely.

Let all the courts, through the Office of the Court Administrator, as well as the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and the Office of the Bar Confidant, be notified of this Decision and be it entered into respondent Roberto B. Arca's personal record.

In a Resolution dated 15 July 2020, the Court (Special First Division) **DENIED WITH FINALITY** the respondent's Motion for Reconsideration there being no substantial matters to warrant the reversal of the questioned Decision dated 28 November 2019.

24 November 2021



RAUL BAUTISTA VILLANUEVA
Deputy Court Administrator
and
Officer-In-Charge

Office of the Court Administrator
*(Per Memorandum Order No. 108-2021
Dated 17 November 2021)*


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