



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 144-2021

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. FRANCISCO H. ESCAÑO, JR. FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) YEAR

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 15 July 2020 of the Court (Third Division) in A.C. No. 12785, titled "**Lydio Z. Sison v. Atty. Francisco H. Escaño, Jr.**," to wit:

The Court **NOTES** the letter dated November 28, 2019 of Atty. Randall C. Tabayoyong, Director for Bar Discipline of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) Commission on Bar Discipline, transmitting to this Court the documents pertaining to this case.

The June 29, 2018 and May 27, 2019 Notices of Resolution¹ of the Board of Governors (*Board*) of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (*IBP*) in CBD Case No. 16-5172 are **NOTED**. Considering that the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation of the Investigating Commissioner in the attached September 26, 2017 Report and Recommendation,² as approved by the Board, are supported by the evidence on record and by applicable laws, the Court **ADOPTS** and **ACCEPTS** these findings and recommendations and resolves to **SUSPEND** respondent Atty. Francisco H. Escaño, Jr. from the practice of law for a period of one (1) year. Respondent is also **ORDERED** to return to Lydio Z. Sison the full amount of Nine Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Pesos (₱994,000.00) plus legal interest at the rate of six percent (6%) *per*

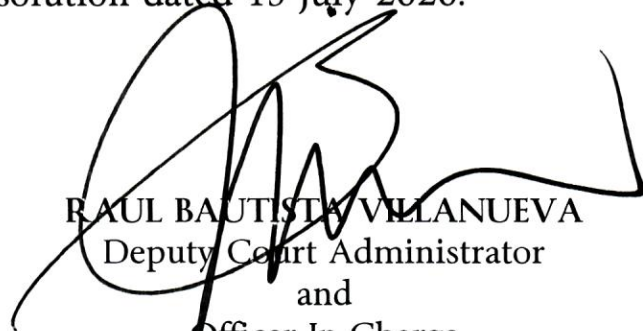
¹ Rollo, pp. 134-135

² Id. At 101-107

annum within thirty (30) days from notice hereof. Respondent is also directed to **SUBMIT** to this Court proof of such payment.

In a Resolution dated 1 March 2021, the Court (Third Division) **DENIED WITH FINALITY** the respondent's Motion for Reconsideration there being no substantial matters to warrant the reversal of the questioned Resolution dated 15 July 2020.

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)