



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 09-2022

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 : SUSPENSION OF ATTY. RICARDO ATAYDE, JR. FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 12 February 2020 of the Court (First Division) in A.C. No. 9197, titled "Damaso Sta. Maria, et al. vs. Atty. Ricardo Atayde, Jr.," to wit:

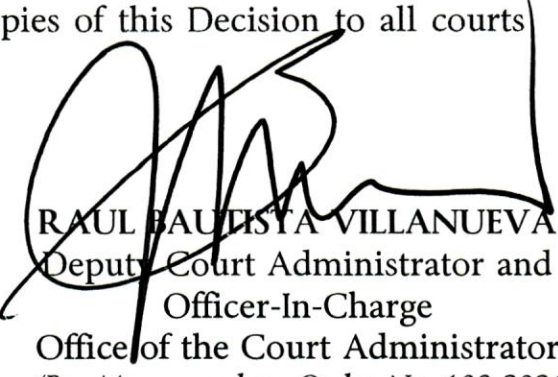
ACCORDINGLY, ATTY. RICARDO ATAYDE, JR. is found guilty of violation of Canon 18 and Rule 18.03 of the CPR. He is **SUSPENDED FOR SIX (6) MONTHS** from the practice of law with warning that a repetition of the same or similar acts shall be dealt with more severely.

This Decision takes effect immediately. Atty. Atayde, Jr. is ordered to inform the Court and the Office of the Bar Confidant in writing of the date he is notified hereof.

Let copies of this Decision be furnished the Office of the Bar Confidant, to be appended to Atty. Atayde, Jr.'s personal record, and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines. The Office of the Court Administrator is

directed to circulate copies of this Decision to all courts concerned.

17 January 2022



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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