



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 12-2022

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. CARLOS P. RIVERA FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR THREE (3) YEARS AND PERPETUAL DISQUALIFICATION FROM BEING COMMISSIONED AS NOTARY PUBLIC

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 3 November 2020 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 8968, entitled "Atty. Antonio B. Manzano vs. Atty. Carlos P. Rivera," to wit:

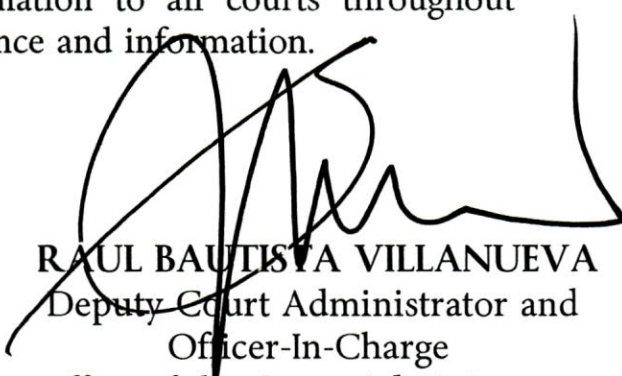
WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. Carlos P. Rivera is found **GUILTY** of violating the 2004 Rules on Notarial Practice, Canon 7, and Rules 1.01 and 7.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, and the Lawyer's Oath. Accordingly, he is **PERPETUALLY DISQUALIFIED** from being commissioned as a notary public. Atty. Rivera is likewise **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for a period of **three (3) years** and is **STERNLY WARNED** that a repetition of the same will be dealt with more severely.

Respondent is **DIRECTED** to file a Manifestation to this Court that his suspension has started, copy furnished all courts and quasi-judicial bodies where he has entered his appearance as counsel.

Let copies of this Decision be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant, to be appended to the personal record of Atty. Carlos P. Rivera as an attorney; to the Integrated Bar of the Philippines; and to the Office of the Court

Administrator for dissemination to all courts throughout
the country for their guidance and information.

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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