



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

**OCA CIRCULAR NO. 268-2022**

**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. EVELYN BRUL-CRUZ FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS**

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 08 March 2022 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 7121, titled "**Emiliani Wilfredo R. Cruz and Carlos R. Cruz vs. Atty. Evelyn Brul-Cruz and Atty. Gracelda N. Andres,**" to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court finds respondent Atty. Evelyn Brul-Cruz **GUILTY** of grave misconduct in violation of Canons 1, 7, and 10, and Rules 1.01, 1.02, 7.03, 10.01, 10.02, and 10.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and the Lawyer's Oath. She is, thus, hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for a period of six months effective immediately upon receipt of this Decision. Respondent Atty. Evelyn Brul-Cruz is **DIRECTED** to immediately file a Manifestation to the Court that her suspension has started, copy furnished all courts and quasi-judicial bodies where she has entered her appearance as counsel.

The Court also finds respondent Atty. Gracelda N. Andres **GUILTY** of unauthorized practice of law for failure to acquire written authority from the House of Representatives. She is accordingly **REPRIMANDED** with a **STERN WARNING** that a commission of the same or similar offense would be dealt with more severely.

Let copies of this Decision be furnished the Office of the Bar Confidant, for recording in the personal files of respondents; the Office of the Court Administrator for dissemination to all the Courts of the Philippines; the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, which shall disseminate copies thereof to all its chapters; and all administrative and quasi-judicial agencies of the Republic of the Philippines.

05 October 2022



RAUL B. VILLANUEVA  
Court Administrator

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