



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 282-2022

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

SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF ATTY. VIRGILIO R. BATALLA 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 November 2021 of the Court (Second Division) in A.C. No. 12828, titled "Alfredo Q. David vs. Atty. Virgilio R. Batalla," to wit:

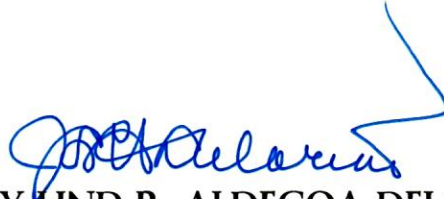
ACCORDINGLY, Atty. Virgilio Batalla is found **GUILTY** of Gross Misconduct and violating Rules 1.01 and 7.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, and of the Lawyer's Oath. He is thus **SUSPENDED** for one year from the practice of law effective immediately upon receipt of notice. Further, he is **STERNLY WARNED** that commission of the same or similar acts in the fixture shall be dealt with more severely. He is **DIRECTED** to immediately file a manifestation to the Court that his suspension has started, copy furnished all courts and quasi-judicial bodies where he has entered his appearance as counsel.

Let a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant to be entered into Atty. Virgilio Batalla's records. Copies shall likewise be furnished to the (a) Integrated Bar of the Philippines for dissemination thereof to all its Chapters; and (b) the Office of the Court of Administrator for circulation to all courts for information and guidance.

In a Resolution dated 15 June 2022, acting on respondent's motion for reconsideration of the Resolution dated 15 November 2021, the Court

(Special Second Division) resolves to DENY the motion with FINALITY for lack of merit.

11 October 2022



JENNY LIND R. ALDECOA-DELORINO

Deputy Court Administrator

and

Officer-in-Charge

Office of the Court Administrator

(Per Memorandum Order No. 147-2022

dated 05 October 2022)

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