



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 344-2022

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. MARCEL G. SILVESTRE FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS AND REVOCATION OF HIS NOTARIAL COMMISSION AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM REAPPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 13 October 2021 of the Court (Third Division) in A.C. No. 12445, titled "**Brenda U. Castillo, complainant vs. Atty. Marcel G. Silvestre, respondent,**" to wit:

WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. Marcel G. Silvestre is found **GUILTY** of notarizing the April 13, 2012 Irrevocable Special Power of Attorney and Deed of Undertaking in the absence of the affiants. Accordingly, this Court **SUSPENDS** him from the practice of law for six months, **REVOKES** his notarial commission, if any, and **DISQUALIFIES** him from being commissioned as a notary public for two years. Respondent is also **STERNLY WARNED** that any similar infraction will be dealt with more severely.

Let copies of this Resolution be entered in the record of respondent and served on the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, as well as on the Court Administrator who shall circulate it to all courts for their information and guidance.

13 December 2022


RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator