

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 18-2023

TO

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

SUBJECT: DISBARMENT OF ATTY. NINI D. CRUZ

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 04 May 2021 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 11023, entitled "Gracita P. Domingo-Agaton vs. Atty. Nini D. Cruz," to wit:

WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. Nini D. Cruz, having clearly violated her Lawyer's Oath and the Canons of Professional Responsibility through her dishonest, deceitful and fraudulent conduct, is DISBARRED and her name is ORDERED STRICKEN from the Roll of Attorneys.

Atty. Nini D. Cruz is ORDERED to refund the amount of ₱2 Million representing complainant's manager's check, plus 6% interest *per annum* from October 12, 2015, until full payment.

Let copies of this Decision be served to the Office of the Bar Confidant, the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country for their information and guidance. Let a copy of this Decision be entered in Atty. Nini D. Cruz's record in this Court.

In a Resolution dated 14 June 2022, the Court CONSIDERED as SERVED the Notice of Judgment (with copy of the Decision dated 04 May 2021) addressed to respondent Atty. Nini D. Cruz, which

said Notice of Judgment was returned unserved with notations on the letter-envelope 'RTS-Moved-Out.'

<u>19</u> January 2023

AUJ B. VILLANUEVA Court Administrator

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