



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 27-2023

- 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. DIANNE KATRINE S. ARENAS FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS AND REVOCATION OF HER NOTARIAL COMMISSION WITH PROHIBITION FROM BEING COMMISSIONED AS A NOTARY PUBLIC FOR TWO (2) YEARS**

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 28 March 2022 of the Court (Second Division) in A.C. No. 12473, titled "Atty. Billy G. Fortes vs. Atty. Dianne Katrine S. Arenas," to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court hereby finds respondent Atty. Dianne Katrine S. Arenas **GUILTY** of violating Rule 8.02, Canon 8 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and Sections 4 and 6 (a), Rule IV of the Rules on Notarial Practice. Accordingly, effective immediately, the Court hereby: **SUSPENDS** her from the practice of law for six (6) months; **REVOKES** her incumbent commission as a notary public, if any; and **PROHIBITS** her from being commissioned as a notary public for two (2) years. She is **STERNLY WARNED** that a repetition of the same offense or similar acts in the future shall be dealt with more severely.

The suspension from the practice of law, the prohibition from being commissioned as notary public, and the revocation of her Notarial commission, if any, shall take effect immediately upon receipt of this Resolution by

respondent. She 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.

Let copies of this Resolution be furnished to: (1) the Office of the Bar Confidant to be appended to respondent's personal record as an attorney; (2) the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for its information and guidance; and (3) the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country.

25 January 2023



RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator