



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 36-2023

- 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. ROBERTO I. ACDA 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 22 July 2019 of the Court (First Division) in A.C. No. 8894, titled "Jocelyn S. Acosta vs. Attys. Jose S. Alvarez, Jr., Roberto I. Acda, and Delfin Agcaoili, Jr.," to wit:

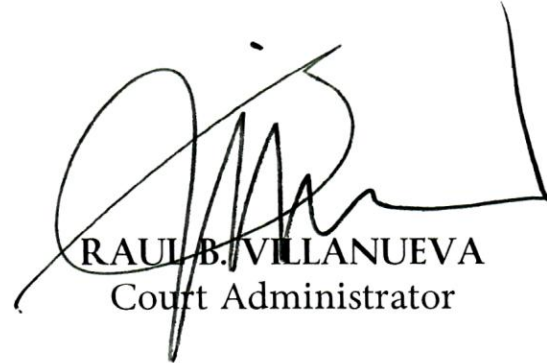
Considering that the findings of fact and recommendation of the Investigating Commissioner in the attached report and recommendation, as approved by the IBP Board of Governors, are supported by the evidence on record and applicable laws, the Court **ADOPTS** and **ACCEPTS** these findings and recommendation to: (i) **DISMISS** the case against Atty. Jose S. Alvarez, Jr., there being no showing that he violated the Lawyer's Oath and the Code of Professional Responsibility; and (ii) **SUSPEND** Atty. Roberto L Acda from the practice of law for six (6) months, immediately revoke his notarial commission and **DISQUALIFY** him from being appointed as notary public for two (2) years for his deplorable laxity in the administration of his office.

There being no motion for reconsideration or petition before the Court, the complaints against Attys. Alvarez and Acda are deemed **CLOSED** and **TERMINATED**.

RE: *SUSPENSION OF AT SUSPENSION OF ATTY. ROBERTO I. ACDA 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 TY. ROBERTO I. ACDA 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*

In a Resolution dated 16 June 2021, the Court (Special First Division) **DENIED WITH FINALITY** the respondent's Motion for Reconsideration there being no substantial matter raised therein to warrant a modification of the questioned Resolution dated 22 July 2019.

31 January 2023



RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator

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