

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

## OCA CIRCULAR NO. <u>38-2023</u>

TO

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

SUBJECT :

SUSPENSION OF ATTY. EDGARDO C. CORDEÑO FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR THREE (3) MONTHS AND REVOCATION OF HIS NOTARIAL COMMISSION WITH PROHIBITION FROM BEING COMMISSIONED AS A NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 09 March 2022 of the Court (Second Division) in A.C. No. 12817, titled "Edgardo Arellano-Singson vs. Atty. Edgardo C. Cordeño," to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court finds respondent Atty. Edgardo C. Cordeño GUILTY of violating the 2004 Rules on Notarial Practice. Accordingly, the Court hereby SUSPENDS him from the practice of law for a period of months; **PROHIBITS** him from commissioned as a notary public for a period of six (6) months; and REVOKES his incumbent commission as a notary public, if any. He is STERNLY WARNED that a repetition of the same or similar acts 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 his notarial commission, if any, shall take effect immediately upon receipt of this Resolution by Atty. Cordeño. 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 copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant to be appended to Atty. Cordeño's personal record as an attorney; the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for its information and guidance; and the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country.

<u>31</u> January 2023

RAULB. WILLANUEVA Court Administrator

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