



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 39-2023

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. JACINTO BLEST A. BRAGA FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 16 February 2022 of the Court (Second Division) in A.C. No. 13166, titled "Delia D. Josef vs. Atty. Jacinto Blest A. Braga," to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court finds respondent Atty. Jacinto Blest A. Braga **GUILTY** of violation of Rule 16.01 and Rule 16.03, Canon 17, Canon 18, Rule 18.03, Rule 18.04, and Canon 19 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and the Lawyer's Oath and hereby **SUSPENDS** him from the practice of law for a period of two (2) years. 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 shall take effect immediately upon receipt of this Resolution by respondent Atty. Jacinto Blest A. Braga. He is **DIRECTED** to immediately file a Manifestation with the Court that his suspension has started, copy furnished all courts and quasi-judicial bodies where he has entered his appearance as counsel. He is likewise **ORDERED** to return to complainant Delia D. Josef within five (5) days from receipt of this Resolution, the Transfer Certificate of Title No. N-77343 which complainant entrusted to him, as well as the balance of forty thousand pesos

(₱40,000.00) which shall earn legal interest at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum from his receipt of this Resolution until full payment. In case the title can no longer be located, respondent is further **ORDERED** to replace it by filing the appropriate petition for the issuance of a new Owner's Duplicate Certificate of Title with the proper Regional Trial Court.

Let copies of this Resolution be furnished the Office of the Bar Confidant to be appended to respondent Atty. Jacinto Blest A. Braga's personal record, the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for their information and guidance and the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country.

31 January 2023



RAUL B. MILLANUEVA
Court Administrator