



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 58-2023

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 : DISBARMENT OF ATTY. ANTHONY JAY B. CONSUNJI

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 04 January 2022 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 11439, entitled "**Bataan Shipyard and Engineering Company Inc. vs. Atty. Anthony Jay B. Consunji,**" to wit:

WHEREFORE, premises considered, respondent Atty. Anthony Jay B. Consunji is found GUILTY of violation of Rule 16.01, Canon 16, and Rule 18.01 and Rule 18.03, Canon 18 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. For reasons above-stated, he is DISBARRED from the practice of law and his name is ORDERED STRICKEN OFF from the Roll of Attorneys.

Further, he is ORDERED to Return to Bataan Shipyard and Engineering Company Inc. the amount of ₱12,312,781.42 intended for the payment of certain taxes to the Province of Bataan and the Bureau of Internal Revenue, the amounts of ₱3,150,000.00 and ₱2,530,000.00 as excess legal fees he received from the latter for his failure to complete his engagements which shall earn interest of six percent (6%) *per annum* from the finality of this Decision until full payment. He is further DIRECTED to submit proof of payment to the Court within ten (10) days from his full payment.

Let a copy of this Decision be furnished the Office of the Bar Confidant to be entered into the records of respondent Atty. Anthony Jay B. Consunji. Copies shall likewise be furnished the Integrated Bar of the Philippines


and the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts concerned.

In a Resolution dated 13 September 2022, and acting upon the respondent's motion for reconsideration dated 25 April 2022 of the Decision dated 04 January 2022, the Court resolved to **DENY WITH FINALITY** said motion for reconsideration, as no substantial matters were raised to warrant the reversal of the questioned Decision.

The Court further Resolved to **CONSIDER** as **SERVED** the Resolutions dated March 24, 2021 and December 7, 2021 addressed to Bataan Shipyard and Engineering Company, Inc., represented by Henry B. Aquende, Francisco G. Fuellas, Antonio P. Otayza, Conrado S. Anciado, Jr., Arnel P. Bacarra and Lester Alvarado Flores, at No. 82, IRC Building, EDSA, 1550 Mandaluyong City, and No. 82 EDSA, IRC Building, Mandaluyong City, respectively, which were returned unserved with similar notation on the letter-envelopes 'RTC-Moved-out'.

Finally, in a Resolution dated 18 October 2022, the Court likewise **DENIED** the respondent's Motion for Leave of Court to submit Supplemental to Motion for Reconsideration dated 24 August 2022.

14 February 2023



RAUL B. VILLANUEVA  
Court Administrator