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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 59-2023

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 COURTS, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'AH CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF ATTY. LEONARDO B. PALICTE III FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 05 October 2021 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 10815, titled "**Atty. Vicente Roy L. Kayaban, Jr. vs. Atty. Leonardo B. Palicte III,**" to wit:
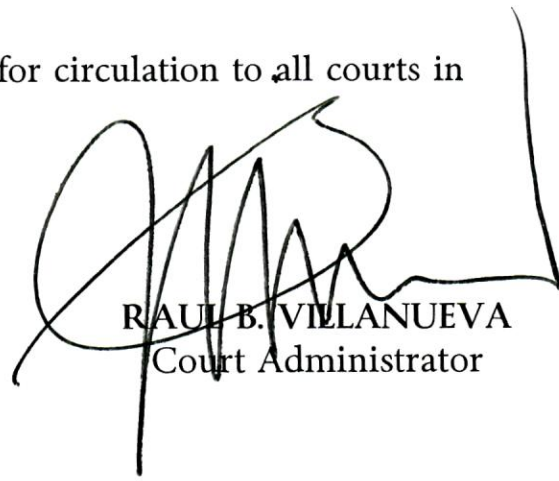
WHEREFORE, the Court finds respondent Atty. Leonardo B. Palicte III GUILTY of violating the Lawyer's Oath and Canons 1,7, 10 and 11 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. Accordingly, he is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law for a period of two (2) years. He is STERNLY WARNED that a repetition of the same offense or similar acts in the future shall be dealt with more severely.

Atty. Leonardo B. Palicte III, upon receipt of this Resolution, shall immediately serve his suspension. He shall formally manifest to this Court that his suspension has started, and copy furnish all courts and quasi-judicial bodies where has entered his appearance, within five (5) days upon receipt of this Decision. Respondent shall also serve copies of his manifestation on all adverse parties in all the cases he entered his formal appearance.

Let a copy of this Decision be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant to be attached to the personal records of Atty. Leonardo B. Palicte III. Copies of this Decision should also be served on the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for its proper disposition, and the Office

of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country.

14 February 2023

RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator

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