



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 69-2023

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. BRIAN B. PELLAZAR FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) YEAR

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 02 December 2021 of the Court (First Division) in A.C. No. 10739, titled "Eduardo G. Oncena vs. Atty. Brian B. Pellazar," to wit:

WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. Brian B. Pellazar is found **GUILTY** of violating Rule 16.01 of Canon 16, and Rules 18.03 and 18.04 of Canon 18 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. Accordingly, he is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for a period of one (1) year, effective upon his receipt of this Resolution, with a **STERN WARNING** that a repetition of the same or similar acts will be dealt with more severely.

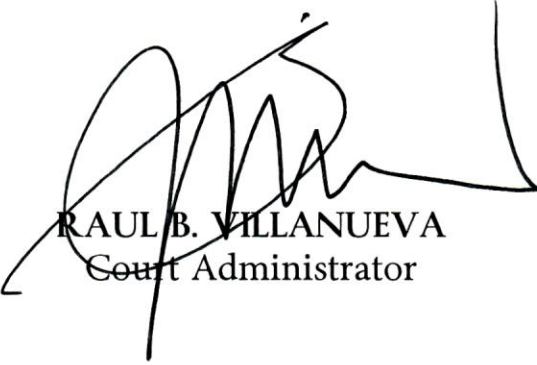
Furthermore, Atty. Brian B. Pellazar is **ORDERED** to return to the heirs of Eduardo Oncena the amount of ₱60,000.00 that he received, with legal interest at the rate of six percent (6%) *per annum* from the date of demand on February 1, 2014³⁶ until full payment. He is **DIRECTED** to submit to this Court proof of payment within ten (10) days thereof. Failure to comply with the foregoing directive will warrant the imposition of a more severe penalty.

Let a copy of this Resolution be furnished the Office of the Bar Confidant to be attached to respondent's personal record in this Court as an

³⁶ See *Rollo*, p. 4; pp. 13-14.

attorney. Further, let copies of this Resolution be furnished the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and the Office of the Court Administrator, which is directed to circulate them to all the courts in the country for their information and guidance.

20 February 2023



RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator