



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 70-2023

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. LUEL C. MENDEZ FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) YEAR

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 14 October 2020 of the Court (Second Division) in A.C. No. 12017, titled "**Roger B. Dap-Og vs. Atty. Luel C. Mendez,**" to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court finds Atty. Luel C. Mendez **GUILTY** of violating the Lawyer's Oath and Canon 1, Rule 1.01 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. He is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for a period of one (1) year effective immediately. Atty. Mendez is **WARNED** that a repetition of the same or similar acts will be dealt with more severely.

Respondent is **DIRECTED** to file a Manifestation to this Court that his suspension has started, copy furnished all courts and quasi-judicial bodies where he has entered his appearance as counsel.³⁹

Let a copy of this Decision be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant, to be appended to the personal record of Atty. Luel C. Mendez as a member of the Bar; the Integrated Bar of the Philippines; and the Office of the Court Administrator for dissemination to all trial courts for their information and guidance.

20 February 2023


RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator

³⁹ *Heir of Unite v. Guzman*, A.C. No. 12061, October 16, 2016