



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

**OCA CIRCULAR NO. 76-2023**

**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. PABLITO M. CASTILLO FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) MONTH**

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 28 August 2019 of the Court (First Division) in A.C. No. 10588, titled "Atty. Pablito M. Castillo vs. Attys. Jonathan Acosta, Abdiel Dan Elijah S. Fajardo, and Regina C. Batac); and A.C. No. 10589, titled "Attys. Abdiel Dan Elijah S. Fajardo and Regina C. Batac vs. Atty. Pablito M. Castillo," to wit:

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Court resolves to **AFFIRM** Resolution No. XX-2013-404 dated April 15, 2013 of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines Board of Governors. Accordingly, Atty. Pablito M. Castillo is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for **ONE (1) MONTH** with a **STERN WARNING** that a repetition of the same or similar offense shall be dealt with more severely.

The disbarment complaint against respondents Attys. Jonathan Acosta, Abdiel Dan Elijah S. Fajardo and Regina C. Batac is **DISMISSED** for lack of merit.

The suspension in the practice of law shall take effect immediately upon receipt of this Resolution by respondent. He is **DIRECTED** to immediately file a Manifestation to the Court that his suspension has started, copy furnished all courts and quasi-judicial bodies where he has entered his appearance as counsel.

Let copies of this Resolution be furnished to the:  
(a) Office of the Court Administrator for dissemination to all courts throughout the country for their information and guidance; (b) the Integrated Bar of the Philippines; and (c) the Office of the Bar Confidant. Let a copy of this Resolution be attached to the personal records of all the respondents.

20 February 2023



RAUL B. VILLANUEVA  
Court Administrator