



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 120-2023

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. BERNARDINO M. MORTERA FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 17 February 2020 of the Court (Third Division) in A.C. No. 12667, titled "Ceferino B. Garay, Jr. vs. Atty. Bernardino M. Mortera," to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court **ADOPTS** and **AFFIRMS** the Resolution dated February 16, 2019 of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines Board of Governors in CBD Case No. 16-5155 and **ORDERS** the **SUSPENSION** of respondent Atty. Bernardino M. Mortera from the practice of law for **SIX (6) MONTHS** from finality of this Resolution, with a **STERN WARNING** that a commission of the same or similar acts in the future shall be dealt with more severely.

Let a copy of this Resolution be entered in the personal records of respondent as a member of the Bar, and copies furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant, the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, and the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country for their information and guidance.

20 March 2023


RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator