



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 128-2023

TO : THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARIA DISTRICT COURTS, METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, SHARIA CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF ATTY. JOSE Q. LORICA IV FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS AND REVOCATION OF HIS NOTARIAL COMMISSION AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM REAPPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 09 September 2020 of the Court (Third Division) in A.C. No. 10306, titled "Fatima S. Ingram vs. Atty. Jose Q. Lorica IV," to wit:

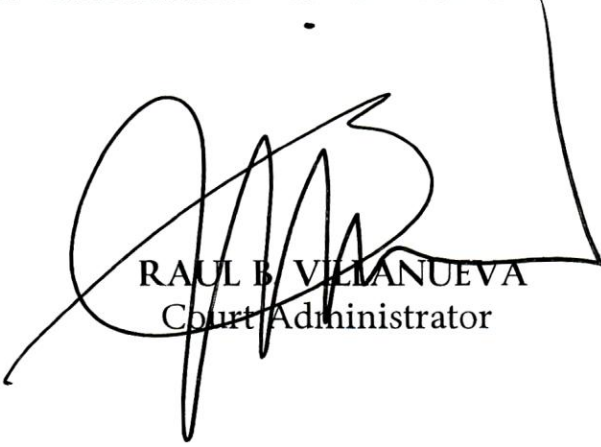
WHEREFORE, premises considered, Atty. Jose Q. Lorica IV is hereby found GUILTY of violation of Canon 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility for which he is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law for a period of six (6) months. He is likewise meted the penalties of immediate REVOCATION of his Notarial Commission if presently existing and DISQUALIFICATION from being commissioned as a Notary Public for a period of two (2) years. He is likewise hereby found GUILTY of violation of Rule 10.02 of the Code of Professional Responsibility for which he is hereby ADMONISHED. The penalties herein imposed come with a STERN WARNING that the repetition of similar violations will be dealt with even more severely.

Let copies of this Decision be attached to the personal records of respondent as attorney, and be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant, the Integrated

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Bar of the Philippines, and the Office of the Court Administrator for proper dissemination to all courts throughout the country. -

21 March 2023



RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator

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