



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 129-2023

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. SYLVESTER C. PARADO FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR TWO (2) YEARS AND REVOCATION OF HIS NOTARIAL COMMISSION WITH PROHIBITION FROM BEING COMMISSIONED AS A NOTARY PUBLIC FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 16 September 2020 of the Court (Second Division) in A.C. No. 8116, titled "**Henrietta Piczon-Hermoso and Bezalel Piczon Hermoso vs. Atty. Sylvester C. Parado,**" to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court finds respondent Atty. Sylvester C. Parado **GUILTY** of violating the 2004 Rules on Notarial Practice and the Code of Professional Responsibility. Accordingly, the Court hereby **SUSPENDS** him from the practice of law for a period of two (2) years; **PROHIBITS** him from being commissioned as a notary public for a period of two (2) years; and **REVOKES** his incumbent commission as a notary public, if any. He is **WARNED** that a repetition of the same offense or similar acts in the future shall be dealt with more severely.

The suspension from the practice of law, the prohibition from being commissioned as notary public, and the revocation of his notarial commission, if any, shall take effect immediately upon receipt of this Decision by Atty. Parado. 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 Decision be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant to be appended to Atty. Parado's personal record as an attorney; the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for its information and guidance; and the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country.

In a Resolution dated 28 June 2021, acting on respondent's motion for reconsideration (with a motion to issue an order for the conduct of a forensic examination of the specimen signatures of Atty. Parado before the Regional Crime Laboratory of the Philippine National Police) of the Decision dated 16 September 2020, the Court resolves to **DENY** the motion for reconsideration with **FINALITY** for lack of substantial merit, and to **DENY** the motion to issue an order for the conduct of a forensic examination.

Accordingly, the Court **NOTES WITHOUT ACTION** complainant Henrietta P. Hermoso's motion to strike out respondent's motion for reconsideration dated 27 November 2020 in view of the respondent's failure to furnish complainant's counsel with a copy thereof and for non-submission of a proper affidavit of service.

21 March 2023



RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator