

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. <u>132-2023</u>

- TO : THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS. **SHARI'A** DISTRICT COURTS. METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL MUNICIPAL COURTS. CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS. SHARI'A CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC **ATTORNEY'S** OFFICE AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES
- SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF ATTY. REGULO B. COLOMA FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 13 February 2019 of the Court (First Division) in A.C. No. 5961, titled "Atty. Regulo B. Coloma vs. Atty. Benedicto B. Ulep," to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court DISMISSES the complaint against ATTY. BENEDICTO B. ULEP for lack of merit and considers the same as CLOSED and TERMINATED; FINDS ATTY. REGULO B. COLOMA GUILTY of violating Canon 1, Rule 1.01, Canon 10, Rule 10.01 of the *Code of Professional Responsibility* and the Lawyer's Oath; IMPOSES upon Atty. Regulo B. Coloma the penalty of SUSPENSION from the practice of law for SIX (6) MONTHS; and ISSUES a STERN WARNING upon Atty. Coloma that a repetition of similar conduct in the future will warrant a more severe penalty.

Let a copy of this resolution be entered in the personal records of Atty. Regulo B. Coloma as a member of the Philippine 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 proper dissemination to all courts in the country.

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