

OCA CIRCULAR NO. <u>92-2023</u>

- TO THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, : COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'AH DISTRICT COURTS, METROPOLTAN 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, **ATTORNEY'S** OFFICE PUBLIC AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES
- SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF ATTY. FACUNDO T. BAUTISTA FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 19 June 2018 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 12033, titled "Emmanuel Meris and Teddy Soriano vs. Atty. Facundo T. Bautista," to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court finds respondent Atty. Facundo T. Bautista GUILTY of violation of Canon 16, Rules 16.01 and 16.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. He is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law for a period of two (2) years. Atty. Bautista is also ORDERED to return the amount of Two Million Pesos (₱2,000,000.00) to his clients, the dismissed employees of Electruck Asia, within thirty (30) days from notice plus six (6%) percent interest from the time this Resolution becomes final. Atty. Bautista is warned that a repetition of the same or similar acts will be dealt with more severely. This suspension shall immediately take effect upon notice.

Let a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant, to be appended to the personal record of Atty. Facundo T. Bautista as a member of the Bar; the Integrated Bar of the Philippines; and the Office of the Court Administrator for dissemination to all trial courts for their information and guidance.

02 March 2023

JENNY LIND R. ALDECOA-DELORINO Deputy Court Administrator and Officer-in-Charge Office of the Court Administrator (Per Memorandum Order No. 32-2023 dated 27 February 2023)

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