



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 154-2023

**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. PORTIA F. DIESTA FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) YEAR

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 29 March 2022 of the Court (First Division) in A.C. No. 13139, titled "Emily M. Aquino vs. Atty. Portia F. Diesta," to wit:

WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. Portia F. Diesta is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for a period of **ONE (1) YEAR** effective immediately with **STERN WARNING** that a repetition of the same or similar offense shall be dealt with more severely.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately. Respondent Atty. Portia F. Diesta is **DIRECTED** to **INFORM** this Court of the date of her receipt of this Resolution for the purpose of reckoning the period of her penalty.

Finally, let copies of this Resolution be furnished the Office of the Bar Confidant for the updating of the respective personal records as attorney of Atty. Portia F. Diesta; the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, for information and guidance; and the Office of the Court Administrator, for dissemination to all the courts in the country.

11 April 2023

  
RAUL B. VILLANUEVA  
Court Administrator