



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

**OCA CIRCULAR NO. 155-2023**

**TO : THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'AH DISTRICT COURTS, METROPOLITAN 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, PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF ATTY. HIPOLITO C. SALATAN FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) YEAR AND REVOCATION OF HIS NOTARIAL COMMISSION AND PERPETUAL DISQUALIFICATION FROM REAPPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC**

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 08 July 2020 of the Court (Second Division) in A.C. No. 12551, titled "**Valentino C. Leano vs. Atty. Hipolito C. Salatan,**" to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court finds respondent Atty. Hipolito C. Salatan **GUILTY** of violating the 2004 Rules on Notarial Practice and the Code of Professional Responsibility. Accordingly, his notarial commission, if still existing, is **REVOKED**, and he is hereby **PERPETUALLY DISQUALIFIED** from being reappointed as Notary Public. Respondent Atty. Hipolito C. Salatan is likewise **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for a period of one (1) year, effective immediately.

Let copies of this Decision be furnished the Office of the Bar Confidant to be appended to Respondent Atty. Hipolito C. Salatan's personal record, and the Office of the Court Administrator and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for their information and guidance.

11 April 2023

  
**RAUL B. VILLANUEVA**  
Court Administrator