



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 158-2023

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. VALERIANO B. MARIANO FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR TWO (2) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 04 August 2021 of the Court (Second Division) in A.C. No. 11267, titled "**Hobart Dator, Jr. vs. Atty. Valeriano B. Mariano,**" to wit:

WHEREFORE, Atty. Valeriano B. Mariano is found **GUILTY** of violating Canons 1 and 12 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. Accordingly, he is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for a period of two (2) months effective upon receipt of this Resolution, with a **STERN WARNING** that a repetition of the same or similar acts will be dealt with more severely.

Atty. Mariano 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 a copy of this Resolution be furnished the Office of the Bar Confidant to be entered in Atty. Mariano's personal record as a member of the Philippine Bar. Further, let copies of this Resolution be furnished the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and the Office of the Court Administrator, which is directed to circulate them for their information and guidance.

In a Resolution dated 06 February 2023, the Court **NOTED WITHOUT ACTION** the letter dated 29 July 2021 of Director Avelino V. Sales, Jr., Commission on Bar Discipline, Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), in compliance with the Resolution dated 12 May 2021, and **NOTED** the manifestation dated 06 September 2021 of respondent.

17 April 2023



RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator

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