



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 162-2023

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 FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW OF ATTY. SEVERO L. BRILLANTES FOR SIX (6) MONTHS AND LIFTING OF THE SAME

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 02 March 2020 of the Court (Third Division) in A.C. No. 11032, titled "Re: Order dated 01 October 2015 in Crim. Case No. 15-318727-34 [People v. William Ang Siy], RTC, Branch 49, Manila vs. Atty. Severo L. Brillantes," to wit:

WHEREFORE, the 26 November 2019 Letter of the IBP Commission on Bar Discipline and the 22 March 2018 Notice of Resolution of the Board of Governors of the IBP are NOTED. For violations of Canons 8 and 11 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, respondent **ATTY. SEVERO L. BRILLANTES** is **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for a period of six (6) months. He is likewise **WARNED** that a repetition of the same or similar act shall be dealt with more severely.

The respondent, upon receipt of this Resolution shall immediately serve his suspension. He shall formally manifest to this Court that his suspension has started, and copy furnish all courts and quasi-judicial bodies where he has entered his appearance, within five (5) days upon receipt of this Resolution. Respondent shall also serve copies of his manifestation on all adverse parties in all the cases he entered his formal appearance.

Let a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant to be attached to Atty. Severo L. Brillantes' personal record. Copies of this Resolution should also be served on the IBP for its proper disposition,

and the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country.

In a Decision dated 10 January 2023, the Court **GRANTED** respondent Atty. Severo L. Brillantes' Manifestation with Motion to Lift Order Suspending Respondent from the Practice of Law and **ALLOWED** him to **RESUME** his practice of law effective immediately.

17 April 2023



RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator