

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. <u>164-2023</u>

- 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. REYNALDO A. VITORILLO FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR THREE (3) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 04 January 2022 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 10897, titled "Tony Peter Partsch vs. Atty. Reynaldo A. Vitorillo," to wit:

WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. Reynaldo A. Vitorillo is found GUILTY of deceitful conduct, gross misconduct, violation of Canons 1 and 7, Rules 1.01, 1.02, and 7.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, and violation of the Lawyer's Oath. Respondent Atty. Reynaldo A. Vitorillo is SUSPENDED for three years, effective upon receipt of this Decision. Atty. Vitorillo is STERNLY WARNED that a repetition of the same or a similar act shall be dealt with more severely.

Respondent Atty. Vitorillo 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 copies of this Decision be furnished to: (1) the Office of the Bar Confidant to be appended to Atty. Vitorillo's personal record as an attorney; (2) the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for its information and guidance; and (3) the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all Philippine courts. In a Resolution dated 11 October 2022, the Court Resolved to:

(a) TREAT as a MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION (of the Decision dated January 4, 2022) the Motion for Leniency of Period of Suspension dated May 10, 2022 filed by respondent Atty. Reynaldo A. Vitorillo; and

(b) DENY WITH FINALITY the aforesaid Motion for Reconsideration there being no substantial matters raised to warrant the reversal of the questioned Decision.

<u>17</u> April 2023

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