



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

**OCA CIRCULAR NO. 176-2023**

**TO : THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARIA DISTRICT COURTS, METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, SHARIA CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF ATTY. JERRY R. CENTRO FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR THREE (3) YEARS**

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 26 January 2021 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 12875, titled "**Prudencio B. Portuguese, Jr. vs. Atty. Jerry R. Centro**," to wit:

WHEREFORE, for violating the Lawyer's Oath and the Code of Professional Responsibility, Atty. Jerry R. Centro is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for there (3) years and **WARNED** that a repetition of the same or similar act shall be dealt with more severely. Respondent is **DIRECTED** to file a Manifestation to this 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 the Office of the Bar Confidant, to be appended to the personal record of Atty. Jerry R. Centro as an attorney-at-law; to the Integrated Bar of the Philippines; and to the Office of the Court Administrator for dissemination to all courts throughout the country for their guidance and information.

The March 12, 2020 Letter of Atty. Randall C. Tabayoyong, Director for Bar Discipline, is **NOTED**.

26 April 2023

  
RAUL B. VILLANUEVA  
Court Administrator