



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 178-2023

**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. FABIAN A. GAPPI FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR THREE (3) YEARS**

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 28 June 2022 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 13118, titled "**Monica M. Pontiano, et. al. vs. Atty. Fabian A. Gappi,**" to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Court finds respondent Atty. Fabian A. Gappi **GUILTY** of violations of Rule 1.01 of Canon 1, Canon 11, and Rule 18.03 of Canon 18 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. Accordingly, he is **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for three (3) years, effective upon his receipt of this Decision, with a **WARNING** that a repetition of the same offense shall be dealt with more severely.

Respondent is also **ORDERED** to pay a fine in the amount of ₱15,000.00 for failure to comply with the directives of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines - Commission on Bar Discipline.

Let a copy of this Decision be entered in the personal records of respondent as a member of the Bar, and furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant, the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, and the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country.

27 April 2023

  
**RAUL B. VILLANUEVA**  
Court Administrator