



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 188-2023

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 : DISBARMENT OF ATTY. LADIMIR IAN G. MADURAMENTE AND ATTY. MERCY GRACE L. MADURAMENTE

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 14 July 2020 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 11118, entitled "Nenita Ko vs. Atty. Ladimir Ian G. Maduramente and Atty. Mercy Grace L. Maduramente," to wit:

WHEREFORE, Atty. Ladimir Ian Maduramente and Atty. Mercy Grace Maduramente are found GUILTY of violating Canons 7, 15, 17, and 18, and Rules 1.01, 7.03, 15.06, 16.02 and 16.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, and of the Lawyer's Oath. They are thus ordered DISBARRED from the practice of law and their names stricken off the Roll of Attorneys, effective immediately.

Moreover, Atty. Ladimir Ian Maduramente and Atty. Mercy Grace Maduramente are ORDERED to RETURN to complainant Nenita Ko the amount of Four Million Pesos (₱4,000,000.00), if it is still unpaid, with interest of six percent (6%) per *annum* reckoned from the date of finality of this Decision until full payment.⁴⁶

Let a copy of this Decision be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant to be entered into the respective records of Atty. Ladimir and Atty. Mercy. Copies shall likewise be furnished to the (a) Integrated Bar

⁴⁶ See *Domingo v. Sacdalan*, *id.* And *HDI Holdings Philippines, Inc. v Atty. Cruz*, *supra* note 32.

of the Philippines, which shall disseminate copies thereof to all its Chapters; (b) all administrative and quasi-judicial agencies of the Republic of the Philippines; and (c) the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts concerned.

In a Resolution dated 24 November 2020, the Court *En Banc* DENIED WITH FINALITY the Motion for Reconsideration (of the *Per Curiam* Decision dated 14 July 2020) with Motion to Allow the Court of Appeals or the Lower Court to Receive Evidence dated 21 September 2020 filed by counsel for respondent Mercy Grace Lee-Maduramente as no substantial arguments were presented to warrant the reversal of the questioned Decision.

05 May 2023



RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator